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TE MARU O NGATI RANGIWEWEHI NEWS



**TANIWHA AND
HAMURANA
SPRINGS TO
RETURN UNDER
NGATI
RANGIWEWEHI
OWNERSHIP
ENDING A LONG
STRUGGLE**

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIR

Tena tatou katoa Ngati Rangiwewehi

E nga Kahui rangatira tena koutou katoa. E mihi ana kia koutou e pou kaha ana, e tautokohia ana e matou e mahi ana kia kite ai nga hua hei whakahokia mai kia matou, hei whakapiki ake aua hua hei painga mo te hunga e whai panga ana. Kei te hanga tonu e matou te anga Whakamua.

My thoughts turn to all those whose mahi, over countless years and even generations, brings us to this point in time. We are on a count-down to a 'final offer' from the Crown for

200 years of injustice, Crown breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi, institutionalised racism, and the breakdown of traditional practices of tangata whenua.

The apology and cultural redress aims to achieve 'forgiveness' but will never adequately meet the loss of cultural integrity. In many instances, that requires to be reclaimed and rebuilt. It requires more than just a quantum settlement for the sake of a settlement. There was a view suggested that we should take the offer from the Crown of \$4.1m because that was all we were going to get. We said that the initial offer does not sufficiently take into account the history of our Iwi; including loss of blood and lands, and that the Historical Account is the basis on which we approach the settlement. Those views were put to Minister Finlayson in July 2010.

The 'political willingness' and responsibility sits with the Crown for settlement purposes with respect to Taniwha Springs, and the agreement of RDC to engage in order to give effect to the Environment Court decision, in our view does not absolve the Crown from the original act of taking. It was taken under a Crown Act, funded by and gazetted following all the rules and regulations as set by Crown policy. The MOU signed with Rotorua District Council does, however, provide a positive starting point.

Cultural Redress component significantly ignored in the recent Crown offer was the vast tracts of land sitting in Conservation and RDC reserves throughout the Mangorewa Kaharoa, Maraeroa Oturoa and Hamurana areas. Access to these through

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various instruments as Cultural or Commercial redress has seen a significant mind set shift. Not only Te Waerenga Reserve and Penny Road but also Mangapouri and other Conservation land. Commercial redress over Mamaku North Forest, Otanewainuku Peak and Te Matai Forest Blocks already offered, could include first right of refusal over the ex CYFS property on Te Waerenga Road, Kaharoa School and the Fish and Game property at Awahou.

We are currently working towards an MOU with Tauranga Moana Iwi regarding a collective regional approach to the Conservation areas in our rohe.

There is a lot more work to be done around the Crown 10% forest proportion offer, the water claim and the re-organisation of trusts. These elements are key to our comprehensive settlement and we have the option to continue to work towards resolution that will be identified in the 'final offer' in a way that does not hold up our AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE and the ability to go to Deed of Settlement.

Tena ano tatou

Te Rangikaheke Bidois

Chairperson;

Te Maru o Ngati Rangiwewehi Iwi Authority, Rangiwewehi Charitable Trust

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CEO REVIEWS RANGIWEWEHI CHARITABLE TRUST OPERATIONS



***Notwithstanding
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Notwithstanding a recent review sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri under its Strengthening Management and Governance programme completed in June 2008 by Parearau Group and the engagement of Kahui Tautoko to assist with the implementation of those recommendations the Rangiwewehi Charitable Trust (RCT) has again been asked to review its operations to satisfy members of the Iwi who have repeatedly questioned Financial reporting at Hui a Marama.

The operations of the office of Rangiwewehi Charitable Trust, manages parallel works-streams:

- Iwi Development
- Claims Administration
- Rangiwewehi entity financial management

RCT affirm the work-streams contribute to the future positioning of the Iwi to assert rangatiratanga over its social, economic and cultural revitalisation. Your Governance group has focused and supported the management team to invest in building Rangiwewehi capability and skills and source opportunities to build on that investment.

All representatives on Rangiwewehi entities are nominated from the floor by the Iwi at the respective Annual General Meetings. As Iwi representatives we do have potential conflicts of interest and there are risks in the work that we undertake on behalf of the Iwi because of

those very conflicts and our unique decision making arrangements. There appears to be covert action to undermine the Governance arrangements of RCT and its management and operations, seemingly to usurp Rangiwewehi iwi decision making which highlights tension between New Zealand Law and Tribal Lore in which we choose to operate.

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Rangiwewehi has a unique structure and it works for us because your elected representatives, notwithstanding the RCT Trustees 'by law responsibilities' and fiduciary duties, have embraced the Iwi under tribal lore full participation in who, what, and how decisions are made for the benefit of Ngati Rangiwewehi whanau whanui.

Rangiwewehi must take advantage of the political environment and opportunities that are offered by a variety of Crown agencies to assist Maori realise their potential, contribute to Maori succeeding as Maori, research and development, partnerships, joint ventures and access the tools and fiscal support available to accelerate Rangiwewehi development.

Rangiwewehi business activity, Iwi Development, Office of the Claims Team, Te Tari Taiao, Special Projects and Iwi communication and co-ordination is managed through the Office of the CEO and Operations management. All activity under one administration makes sense in that it eliminates replication of positions and roles.

The past 24 months has seen exponential growth in financial management responsibilities due in part to Claims funding contracts and yes there has been a huge learning curve along the way. The volume of work and subsequent personnel to assist with this work is expected to tailor off as we conclude a robust AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE and progress to Deed of Settlement. By

natural attrition positions that become vacant will be reviewed, considered and recommendations made to the Governance group and ultimately you the Iwi.

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Account Payment'. You will recall Rangiwewehi rejected the first offer by the Crown because of omissions for cultural redress and the quantum offer amongst other elements of the offer.

POUWHENUA:



Left: The Rangiwewehi pou after the dedication, below left the Pouwhenua after the destruction

Right: the Ngai Tamarawaho Pouwhenua stands after the dedication on the same day and below it the fallen taonga.

Two weeks after the dedication of both these Pouwhenua on Highway 36 between Rotorua and Tauranga someone attacked and destroyed

them with a chainsaw. Members

of both Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngai Tamarawaho met with members of Rotorua District Council and Transit New Zealand to discuss the future of both taonga. Prior to meeting with the District Council the members of both Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngai Tamarawaho met at the Rangiwewehi offices at Ngongotaha to discuss how to address the problem. At the hui both Iwi decided that the pou would be re-carved, reinforced and put back on the same site. Some time ago Transit New Zealand had planned to widen the highway and bridge at that particular part of the Highway 36 before the plans began however, a landslide occurred and both tribes were asked to recite karakia on the site before Transit New Zealand would start work. When work was completed, the



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Pouwhenua were placed at their respective areas as symbolic connection of both Iwi to the area. The area has traditional and customary history for Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngai Tamarawaho. In the background of both pou is the Taumata Block part of the Ngati Rangiwewehi WAI 1200 comprehensive land claim. The pou, stand at the junction of the Mangorewa and Te Ohaupara rivers. Both rivers form the boundary between the Mangorewa Kaharoa and Te Taumata Blocks. Kereru, son of Rangiwewehi placed a pou in the same area after a war between Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngati Ranginui, the pou was symbolic of his protection over the people on the Te Taumata block from the Te Arawa people. It was through Kereru that Ngati Rangiwewehi gained traditional and customary ownership in the area.



THE TAPUIKA POUWHENUA

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TMONR CLAIMS:



Top Row: Te Rangikaheke Bidois (TMONR, RCT Chair/Head Negotiator), Kahuariki Hancock (CEO), Toro Bidois (Head Researcher/Negotiator) Rikihana Hancock (Research), Gina Mohi (Tari Taiao/GIS), Arthur Warren (Negotiator)

Second Row: Dennis Polamalu (Research), Carolyn Flavell (Iwi Development), Rawinia Mitai-Ngatai (Admin Team Leader), Lilliette Mohi (Administrator), Heeni Taukamo (Archivist), Karina Hodge (RCT Administrator),

Bottom: Anaru Bidois (Communications)

Absent: Tauri Morgan (Kaumatua/Negotiator), Harata Paterson (Negotiator), Norah Scandlyn (OSH, Relationship Manager)



The three team members shown here have moved on to further their careers we wish them well.

Far left - Katerina Pihera, Middle - Michael Lane, Right - Michael Hancock

Absent: Leanne Bidois

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On 12 June 1991 Sam Hahunga lodged WAI 218 on behalf of the Ngati Rangiwewehi Pekehaua Trustees and WAI 219 on behalf of Ngati Rangiwewehi. On 14 August 2008 Te Maru o Ngati Rangiwewehi Iwi Authority (TMONR) signed Joint Terms of Negotiations with the Crown and on 28 October 2008 signed the Deed of Mandate.

At this point we would like to pay respect to three of our kaumatua who back then assisted us toward the signing of our Deed of Mandate and securing the 2.5 million dollar on account payment of 2.5 million to progress our comprehensive claim; Sam Hahunga, Meihana Tuhakaraina and Hukarere Mohi.

The TMONR claims team negotiated the Ngati Rangiwewehi comprehensive claim and were successful in securing a cultural redress agreement on the Hamurana Block. This completed the Sam Hahunga double with the Taniwha Springs Environmental Court decision. The team have also secured commercial redress on several of the Mangorewa Kaharoa Department of Conservation Blocks, and, a Quantum offer. Today the team is close to signing an Agreement in Principle with the Crown after which, negotiations proper and the fine tuning of the Agreement in Principle agreement will take place, followed by the signing of the Deed of Settlement.

TARI TAIAO / GIS:

Between 2008-2010 Tari Taiao/GIS expert Gina Mohi was authorised by TMONR Office as Ngati



Rangiwewehi representative on the following projects;

MANGOREWA GORGE/SHway36 UPGRADE

> Consultation with Tangata Whenua groups initiated in September 2008

 <p>Pre-works blessing ceremony included Iwi members and kaumatua including Ngati Ranginui, Ngati Tamarawaho, Waitaha, Tapulka - April 2009</p>	 <p>Gorge landslides closes road and delays work - August 2009</p>
 <p>Blessing ceremony to acknowledge the works & relationships forged during the project - 27th Sept 2010</p>	 <p>Post-works unanimous decision to re-instate carwings - 21 Oct 2010</p>

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MANGOREWA GORGE POUWHENUA

RAWI MEDIA STATEMENTS

The pouwhenua installed by Ngāti Rangiwewehi is in remembrance of Kereu, the eponymous ancestor through whom the hui gained its interests in to the Mangorewa-Kaharoa and Taumata land blocks, and is a symbolic representation of safe passage through the Mangorewa Gorge for all travellers using this road. The piece also celebrates the work and dedication of the many people who have been involved in the development of the road from its earliest beginnings in the late 18th Century when it was first constructed to follow the ancient walking tracks developed in pre-European times connecting the Lakes District and the Mākeku-Tauranga coastlands.

Carved by Robert Rika, the pouwhenua incorporates designs depicting a way forward and into the future, including designs known as "higao Tu" translated as "to stand up right and staunch, and display pride in who you are" which is what Ngāti Rangiwewehi has always done, and will continue to do for many generations to come."



SHWAY 36 / AWAHOU VILLAGE INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Works to discuss the realignment and construction of right turn bay on Hamurana road (State Highway 36) into Gloucester road, Awahou and widening of Awahou Bridge initiated in September 2008, to improve vehicles safety when entering and exiting Awahou Village off State Highway 36



Pre-works: No turn-bay!



Right hand turn-bay scheme plan



Completed works:
No more 'dances with cars' for our people!



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TARIMANO MARAE TRUSTEES-WHAREKAI DRAINAGE PROJECT

An investigative report into utilities and infrastructural issues/problems at Tarimano Marae was carried out by the Tari Raio in Aug-Sept 2008 revealed:

- On-site wastewater treatment systems failing
- Surface flooding of driveways, parking and greased areas
- Gas cooking appliances un-certified (and in safety)
- Dining room floor-boards need repairing
- Air vents in need of cleaning
- Lack of secure storage facilities
- Solid waste / recycling facilities needed

The failing wastewater system was identified as urgent due to Health & Safety issues!



ENHANCING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CROWN ENTITIES & REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

- Hamurana Springs Recreation Reserve
- Conservation Reserves within the core and ancestral rohe areas including Mangorewa-Kaharoa; Taumata; Otanewainuku; Mangapouri land blocks

ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

- Iwi Environmental Management Plan
- Roads & Infrastructure Developments
- District Plan Review Consultation
- Memorandum of Understanding Accord

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

- All-Terrain TECT Park Iwi Consultation

ENVIRONMENT BAY OF PLENTY

- Rotorua Lakes Strategic Action Plan – Iwi Consultation
- Iwi Environmental Management Plan
- Regional Policy & Planning – Iwi Consultation

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HAMURANA SPRINGS CONCESSION AREAS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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HAMURANA SPRINGS BUSINESS PLAN

OBJECTIVES:

- To re-establish the presence of Ngati Rangiwewehi at the Hamurana Springs reserve
- To provide training and employment opportunities for Ngati Rangiwewehi descendants, including the care of our Puna and surrounds under the guidance of Department of Conservation staff
- To develop the Hamurana lodge as a multi-functional information, historical, cultural and hospitality centre available for the enjoyment of the general public as well as iwi groups.

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TE MAHI KOKAKO – SUBMITTED BY RIKIHANA HANCOCK



Tena koutou ngā uri maha o Ngāti Rangiwewehi

He paku mihi tenei kia koutou e te whānau e whai ma tuahine ma, tuakuna ma teina hoki ara na kia koutou katoa ngā hunga e aro mai ki tēnei panui e pa ana wētehi o ngā tamariki o Tane Mahuta ara ki ngā manu tuturu o Kaharoa ki ngā Kokako me nga mahi i tautokohia e mātau wo koutou roopu a iwi, na ka hurihia ahau ki te reo tauiwi.

The relationship between Te Maru o Ngāti Rangiwewehi and the Kaharoa Kokako Trust has developed further this year with the Iwi Authority having hui at Tarimano Marae with the Kaharoa Kokako Trust who along with the Otago Conservation who asked Ngāti Rangiwewehi to tautoko further

transfers of Kokako, which was duly agreed to and mandated at that hui. There were two proposed transfers of kokako from Kaharoa Forest within Te Ika a Maui were;

- ❖ Te Maunga o Otago
- ❖ Pukaha Mount Bruce Reserve

The planned capture and transfer of 10 pairs Kokako from Kaharoa to the above locations was to take place during September of this year with representatives of TMONR being asked to participate by formerly opening the programme with mihimihi and karakia. Unfortunately mainly due to the rough weather pattern Aotearoa suffered during this period the teams were only able to capture 4 birds of which two were a breeding pair, with the other two being male birds. With this being the first transfer of Kokako to Otago the Pukaha team graciously agreed to the release of the breeding pair of Kokako onto Otago, with the two male's being transferred to the Pukaha Mount Bruce Reserve with the hope they will mate with female birds located there. The transfers took place and to date appear to have been successful in that the birds have survived the transfers to their new homes however it is too soon to know if the birds are likely to mate but the people involved in the programme hope that it shall continue to be a success.



In that only 4 birds were captured the discussion has begun between those groups involved in this programme on whether a further capture and release plan needs to be considered however that discussion is yet to be concluded although February has been suggested by the Pukaha team as a date suitable to them, however that discussion hasn't been concluded and I will update the progress regarding the Kokako through the Hui a Marama.



E te whānau ka mutu au te purongo korero nei na ko te tumanako e tau ai te rangimarie o te runga rawa ki runga koutou katoa e panui mai ana te korero nei na reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

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MANGOREWA KAHAROA TE TAUMATA TRUST:

Tena tatou katoa.

Greetings and welcome to you.

As the current chairman of Mangorewa Kaharoa Te Taumata Trust I take this opportunity to share with you information about the Trust.

The Trust is about you and our future generations. We (the Trust) are current caretakers of our whenua tikanga, use our combined skills as trustees to ensure that we leave the land in a better state than when we were entrusted with it. The board of Trustees are:- George Barry; Tauri Morgan; Rereamanu Wihapi, Te Wharekonehu Te Moni, Ngahihi O Te ra Bidois; Te Rangikaheke Bidois, John Ransfield; Jenny Nock.



Our current vision statement is:

“To maximise the potential of the land and people for future generations”

It is with this vision that the trustees strategic thinking emanates from. The key drivers being *maximisation – potential – land and people*.

Mangorewa Kaharoa Te Taumata Trust (MKTT) is a trust that has 3,245 hectares planted in pinus radiata. Our main income is derived from the lease of this land to Ontario Teachers Provident Pension (OTPP) Fund who own the cutting rights to the trees grown on our land. The forest is managed by PF Olsen who are employed by Hancocks to be the forest managers and responsible for the tending of the forest. Hancocks are employed by OTPP. MKTT do NOT have a share in stumpage, instead we

have a lease agreement which is reviewed on ten year basis and paid annually 6 months in advance. The lease expires in 2095. Annual rents are \$288,000 + GST.

In 2005 the trust purchased as an investment, a property known as the Brady block. 154 hectares which had mature pines and we milled in 2007-2008. We are looking at options as to the best use of this block mindful of the Climate Change Response Act 2002. This act is about Emissions Trading, and there is an amendment bill before parliament that will affect the allocation of New Zealand Units (NZU's) to pre 1990 forest lands which our forests are.

MKTT being tied to the forest sector through its lease arrangements and the current ‘Climate Change’ legislation going through parliament, does not allow the trust many opportunities to diversify. In fact our land usage, whether we like it or not, will be in the forest sector until 2095. The current legislation before parliament re Climate Change reinforces our status to remain in forestry.

The trusts other income source is rental income via “Legal Chambers” property at 1231 Haupapa Street, Rotorua, which up until last month was fully tenanted. The Trust has received notice that its 2 long term tenants are to terminate their leases as soon as possible and we are working on a ‘month to month’ rental agreement through our secretariat, Guardian Trust. The short term plan is to renovate and upgrade the building to attract suitable tenants with a long term view to selling the

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property. At this time the trustees have sought to have a feasibility study done as to what is /are the best options to pursue.

The Trust has purchased the vacant doctors surgery on 12 Western Road and currently has Rangiwewehi Charitable trust as a tenant.

This year the trust has supported applications for Ngati Rangiwewehi senior Kapa Haka to perform at regional and nationals (Matatini 2011); Manu Korihi to attend Indigenous conference in Hawaii (Aug 2010); TeKura O te Koutu taura to attend education + learning in Mexico(Feb 2011) plus annual education grants and kaumatua grants.

To apply for grants please make contact with Angela Wharekura at Guardian Trust, Pukaki Street or email Angela_Wharekura@nzgt.co.nz

Arthur Warren
Chairman

THINGS TO WATCH FOR NEXT ISSUE:



TARIMANO MARAE
21 NOV 2010
CEO PRESENTATION
RCT OPERATIONS REVIEW

TARIMANO MARAE
TMONR AGM
12 DECEMBER



MATATINI ACCOMODATION
RAWINIA MITAI-NGATAI



HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2011
FOR 11-17
CAROLYN FLAVELL
CAROLYN FLAVELL

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WI MAARA

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