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Whangaroa
Papa Hapū



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“Mā Whangaroa anō a Whangaroa e kōrero”

KEI TĒNEI PUTANGA/THIS ISSUE

Ngā Mihi Manahou

Tēnei a Orongonui, a Hine-raumati e whakapēpuereere nei te tangata. Kia honi te matao, kia tau a Rehua kai raro, kua tae, kua wehe atu ai te haka a Tānerore.

E rere tonu ana ngā mōteatea, ngā apakura ki ngā mate maha kua tangihia i ngā marama tata ake nei. Haere whakahuihui atu rā koutou katoa ki ō koutou tūpuna, ki tērā reanga i whāriki te reo hora hei tūrangawaewae mō mātou ngā uri whakati-pu. Mauri ora ki a tātou.

The Whangaroa Papa Hapū wishes to commend all claimants and whānau on their strength throughout 2015. It was a year in which we attended five hearing weeks (one of which we hosted), countless preparation hui, and many more Ngāpuhi wide meetings. It is very pleasing to recognise that we continue together to strive for a better and brighter future.

As we continue, the principles that our tūpuna imparted us with provide the strength needed to continue to the end.

During the final weeks of 2015 the Whangaroa Papa Hapū heard from many people around Whangaroa who shared their stories, ideas and vision of a better future for our community.

Mā Whangaroa anō a Whangaroa e kōrero

We hold fast to these words of our tūpuna - that Whangaroa speaks for itself, and that Whangaroa has its own voice. A basis which, when the time comes, will ensure a sustainable structure and foundation to build and progress our whānau, our hapū and our people.

With the release of the Ngāpuhi Mandate Inquiry Report and the recommendations the Waitangi Tribunal made to the Crown; patience is required. With the large number of factors and issues still needing ‘fine-combing’, our representatives ask for understanding while those who represent us confer over the tasks and recommendations that many of us in Whangaroa demanded.

The current ‘Hapū Engagement process’ is coming to an end and the outcomes should be released soon after.

Hei whakamutunga—kua mutu te wā o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou Pākehā. Ko te tūmanako ma harihari me koakoa kē tātou e whakakōtahi kua ā rororori me wairangi rāini tātou e whakawehewehe.

Haramai 2016

Ngā mihi manahou ki a tātou katoa.



Military Veterans Kaupapa Inquiry

An update on the Military Veterans Kaupapa Inquiry and the Oral Hearings being held in March 2016 see page 2



Not our Settlement

Information that all Whangaroa claimants need to know with regard to the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa settlement see page 2



Haramai 2016

A report detailing what lies ahead in 2016 for the Whangaroa Papa Hapū and the Claims process. see page 3

He Karanga Ki Ngā Tamaiti a Tū



Te karakia haeata i te rā whakamaumahara o ANZAC i te tau 2015 i tū ki Matangirau Marae. Me kaha tautoko tātou o nāia i ngā morehu katoa a ngā pa-kanga katoa.

The Waitangi Tribunal's Kaupapa Inquiry program concerns nationally significant claim issues that affect Maori as a whole across Aotearoa. The Wai2500 Military Veterans Inquiry will be the first of its kind, and will hear all claims involving the military service of Māori veterans on behalf of the Crown, and in some cases, goes back as far as the New Zealand Wars. The Tribunal have recently published issues that they are interested in hearing, being: enlistment, soldier resettlement, pensions, rehabilitation, and the provision of support during and after the Maori Veterans returned from War. Over the past 115 years, more than 300 Whangaroa men and women have served our country in the military, therefore there are many ex-servicemen and women, and/or their descendants, who have indicated their desire to provide evidence.

There are three stages for this Inquiry are:

1. Stage 1 – Oral Presentation;
2. Stage 2 – Research Stage; and
3. Stage 3 – Hearings.

The Oral Presentations have been set aside for elderly and/or sick Veterans and other witnesses – the aim is to prioritise their evidence over other witnesses to ensure that their korero is documented. Once these oral hearings are completed, the Inquiry will move to the research stage where technical witnesses will research into particular issues to assist the Tribunal (e.g. historians on Crown policies, scientists on Agent Orange etc.). Lastly, Stage 3 will be a final round of hearings where the remainder of witnesses will give evidence (tangata whenua and expert witnesses).

The Inquiry is currently in Stage One with two Oral Presentations already held in Gisborne (Aug 2015) and Hastings (Oct 2015).

The next will be held at **Otiria Marae, in Moerewa, from 22-24 March 2016**. We hope to hear evidence from several Whangaroa witnesses, including Karanga Pourewa, Mio Williams, Eric Albert, and Moana Wood outlining their experiences as Māori, and the experiences of their whanau and hapū, both during and after military service.

Evidence includes the disregard for Māori tikanga and customs during military service, the wider social, political and economic impacts of service on hapū, whānau and rohe, as well as the differing treatment provided to Māori, both during and following their service.

E Ngē!

On 18 December 2015, a Deed of Settlement was signed by the representatives of Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa and the Minister Chris Finlayson. Whilst the Whangaroa Papa Hapū generally celebrate the achievement of Treaty Settlements, there are a number of reasons for the discontent felt towards this particular settlement.

The inclusion of up to twenty-five Whangaroa claims, without the knowledge or consent of the claimants in the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa Deed of Settlement left a very sour taste with a large proportion of our Whangaroa claimants, which include:

- Wai58** – Whangaroa Lands and Resources claim;
- Wai230** – Matauri and Putataua Bays claim;
- Wai1661** – Ngāti Rua claim;
- Wai1666** – Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kawau, Ngāti Kawhiti and Ngā Uri o Te Pona (Taniwha) claim;
- Wai1832** – Hapū o Te Rohe Pōtae o Whangaroa (Kingi) claim;
- Wai1846** – Ngāti Ruamāhue claim; and
- Wai1848** – Ngāti Miro and Ngāti Kura (Paki) claim.

Several Whangaroa marae and hapū were also included in the Deed of Settlement without full and proper consultation or consent of the marae and hapū members, including Otangaroa Marae, Ngāti Rangimatamomoe and Ngāti Rua.

All affected parties who have been included in this settlement, without their knowledge or consent, should seek legal advice urgently. The Whangaroa Papa Hapū also strongly urges those claimants affected to seek further legal advice and clarification on the Māori Select Committee process in order to make submissions of objection, which will follow the now inevitable introduction of the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa Settlement Bill.

Due to the closure of the Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa website, copies of all settlement documentation, including the full list of Whangaroa claims affected, can be obtained from the following website - <https://www.govt.nz/treaty-settlement-documents/ngatikahu-ki-whangaroa/>



Ngā whānau no te hau kāinga o Mangawhero e kaha whakahē i te taunga kereme a Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa Trust Board.

He inoi tēnei ki ngā kaikerēme, me ngā kai whakaatu i tū ki mua i te Tāraipunara i te tau 2015 ki Te Tāpui Marae. Corrections to Week 15 Transcripts;

- Corrections must be submitted by Friday 25 March 2016
- Copies are available from your respective Counsel
- Unrepresented witnesses may acquire a copy from the Whangaroa PH Tari Āwhina, or alternatively at the Waitangi Tribunal website www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz

The Whangaroa PH encourages all witnesses during the Whangaroa Hearing Week 15 at Te Tāpui Marae to ensure the transcripts of their presentations are correct.

Me Ngana ki Pae Tawhiti

“Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tina”

Ngāpuhi Engagement Process

Following the controversial recognition by the Crown in February 2014 of the Ngāpuhi mandate to Tūhoronuku, on behalf of all Ngāpuhi claims, numerous objections were filed, and an Urgent Inquiry into that Mandate was held. Several Whangaroa claimants filed and presented evidence in opposition of the Tūhoronuku mandate, including Owen Hape-Kingi, Ani Taniwha, Arena Heta, Bill Hori and Pat Tauroa. Their opposition was based on a number of factors, including:

- the Crown’s pre-determination to recognise Tūhoronuku as the mandated authority,
- that Tūhoronuku was not supported by the majority of Ngāpuhi claimants,
- the structure and processes of Tūhoronuku undermined hapū rangatiratanga, and
- that there was not process that allowed hapū to withdraw from Tūhoronuku, should they wish to do so.

In November 2015, the Waitangi Tribunal released its Inquiry Report, which confirmed that there were issues within the Tūhoronuku structure and processes that needed to be addressed, and that the negotiations process should cease until they have been addressed.

Since then, a small group of representatives from Ngāpuhinuitonū, including Anaru Kira and William (Bill) Hori, both claimants from Whangaroa, have been meeting twice a week with representatives of Te Kōtahitanga o Ngā Hapū Ngāpuhi, Tūhoronuku and the Crown. This Ngāpuhi Engagement Committee have been discussing strategies that will allow Ngāpuhi to work in a unified and coordinated approach towards settlement, while addressing the issues and upholding our hapū rangatiratanga.

A series of Regional Hui are being hosted by the Ngāpuhi Engagement Committee’ and two of these are in Whangaroa – Friday 26th February and Monday 18th March 2016. All claimants, whanau and hapū are encouraged to attend these hui, to enable input into the strategies that are being addressed by the committee.

For more information, please contact either the Whangaroa Papa Hapū office, Anaru or Bill.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū Goals for 2016

Recently the Whangaroa Papa Hapū received approval to continue as the Crown Forestry Rental Trust Approved Client for the Whangaroa region, following a rigid assessment of policies and processes that met the requirements of CFRT.

This decision is welcomed as it enables the Whangaroa Papa Hapū to continue working with Whangaroa Claimants to collate, develop and prepare evidence for submission to the Waitangi Tribunal,

keeping in mind that the current deadline is October 2016.

In line with this, the Whangaroa Papa Hapū 2016-17 goals are;

Goal 1 – Complete an analysis of evidence.

This goal concerns the evidence that has been presented by Whangaroa Claimants to date, and aims to identify any gaps in relation to the Issues being heard. This is currently being undertaken by a small team of Whangaroa-based researchers, and their report is due for dissemination to claimants by early April.

Goal 2 – Complete Claimant evidence research

This will include facilitating a local ‘gap-filling’ research project aimed at assisting Claimants in developing their evidence, and will be conducted between April–September 2016. Strategies for this will include claimant hapū-whanau wānanga, focus group and individual interviews, and if resources allow, document and archival research at specific repositories identified as holding relevant information. This project is currently being negotiated with CFRT, with the specific objectives being guided by the analysis of evidence report.

Goal 3 – Support Whangaroa hapū participation and registration

This goal concerns asserting and strengthening our hapū identification as tangata whenua of Whangaroa. It includes encouraging hapū, whanau and individuals, whom descend from Whangaroa tūpuna, to create and maintain centralised hapū and/or whanau databases, to register as Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa/Ngāpuhi ki Whangaroa whenever completing forms required by the Crown or any of its’ agencies, and to understand and promote our Whangaroa whanaungatanga with one another, in order to seek the best possible outcomes from the Tribunal process, for our rohe as a whole.

Each of the above goals require constant, reliable communication and the Whangaroa Papa Hapū currently have a number of methods of dissemination to whanau, including the technologies of telephone, SMS (text messaging), emails, Facebook and Twitter. We will also ensure our Papatuhi and articles in Whangaroa Whispers are maintained regularly. If you would like to add any of your whanau to these communications list, or have any contributions to make please contact the Whangaroa Papa Hapū office.

As well, the Whangaroa Papa Hapū are embarking on a number of Information Hui, aimed at informing and updating our Whangaroa community of the overall picture of Te Paparahi o Te Raki – a term given to the Ngāpuhi claims region, the Waitangi Tribunal process, and how the Whangaroa Papa Hapū are currently working within that prescription.

The first of these will take place on Monday 14th March from 5-7pm at Kaeo War Memorial Hall. Nau mai haere mai, one and all.



Whakahāereere

Left: Ngā whaea ki te Hui-ā-tau o Te Rōpū Wahine Toko i Te Ora i tū ki Whangārei i tērā tau.

L-R - Mā Tūkariri, Babe Baker, Reremoana Renata, wrapped in our patipati paraikete from Hearing Week 2014 at Otangaroa Marae.

Right: Te Pō Waiata Kirihimete—Kaeo Carols in the Churchyard 2015, and the Rōpū Ukulele including a number of our Whangaroa Claimants and whānau



Left: Robyn Tauroa me te whanaunga a Claire Morgan ki te hui Te Kōtahitanga o Ngā Hapū Ngāpuhi i tū ki Kaeo RFC i te Tīhema kua pahure.

Below: The unveiling of the Whangaroa Mural last December. Created by the Whangaroa College Art Class under the tutelage of Yazma Smith and Alistair Kay. Congratulations to all that were involved. Haramai tētahi āhua!



Rauika Calendar

Maehe

14 Whangaroa Papa Hapū Information Meeting, 5-7pm Kaeo Memorial Hall

14-18 TPPA Urgency Hearing Waitangi Tribunal, Wellington

18 Ngāpuhi Engagement Regional Meeting 10am-1pm, Kaeo RFC

22-24 Military Veterans, Kaupapa Inquiry Oral Presentation Week, Otiria Marae

Aperira

18-22 Hokianga Hearings, Week 18 Mangamuka Marae. For transport, please contact Te Tari Āwhina—09 405 0825



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