Whangaroa Papa Hapū

Whakapakari – Whakamua - Whakawhanake

E ngā tongarerewā kua nunumia ki te pō, hoki wairua mai. E ngā piki kotuku o ao, o awatea, o ata — tui, tui, tuituia. Tēnei a Hine-te-raumati, a Tamanuiterā e whakamahana ake ana i a tātou, e whakawhiringa-ā-rangitia ai tātou katoa.

Tē taea te karo i ngā tohunga kōkōrangi e kite ai ngā whetū hou kua whakaaria mai ngā ripeka ki runga te mata o tēnei whenua. Koutou katoa kua nunumia ki tua, koutou katoa kua āhuhua ki te pō, haere atu rā.

Tiro ki te whenua, tiro ki te tangata, mā te aha rā i te tiro ki ngā kāhui i te rangi e kore ai a wawata e wawata, a manako e manako, a moemoe e moemoeā!

E rere ana ngā mihi ki ngā kaikerēme katoa e pitau whakarei ana, e pikau tonu ana ngā kōrero a o tātou mātua tūpuna. I te Akuhata kua pahure, kua oti kē ngā huihuinga a Te Paparahi o Te Raki mo ngā kaikerēme te whakataki i ngā kōrero ki mua i te Taraipiunara. Ā, i te wiki tuatahi o Noema kua aukatingia te wā takoto pukapuka kōrero ki te Taraipiunara anōki. Nā reira, tēnei a te Whangaroa Papa Hapū e tuku marika ana ngā mihi manahou ki a koutou katoa.

Ā, e tuku tonu ana ngā mihi ki ngā kairangahau e rapuhia, e taunakitia, e hurahurahia ai, pau te kaha. Koutou hoki ngā rōia o tēnā kerēme, o tēnā kerēme. Nei anō ngā tūtohunga ki a koutou katoa. E rangatira ana mātou o Whangaroa i o koutou mahi katoa.

Hei whakamutua, ko ngā aumihi ki te whānau whānui o Whangaroa. Kua roa mātou e takatakahī ana i tēnei huarahi. E hia kē ngā kanohi kua ngaro i te tirohanga, e hia kē ngā toto kua taka, te werawera kua rae, me ngā roimata kua pōringiringitia. Kua whakamanatia tātou katoa i tō tātou rohe, kua whakatangatatia ai tātou i ngā ōhākī o rātou mā, ā, e whakatinanahia ai i ngā kupu mā ***Whangaroa anō a Whangaroa e kōrero, kāua mā tētahi atu.***

Hoinānō, ahakoa kua tūtakitaki tēnei wahanga o te huarahi, me mārō tonu tātou mo te wahanga kua whai mai. He roroa tonu te huarahi kei mua i a tātou. Me whakakaotia tātou ki raro i te kōtahitanga, kia hīkina tonutia te manuka a o tātou tūpuna, kia ū, kia māia, kia noho haepapatia te Karauna ki te tiaki, ki te whakatairanga anō hoki i ngā mana, I ngā reo o tō tātou iwi.

Ka mutu, ko āpōpō te take. Kia āheia te whakawhanaketanga o a tātou tamariki, a tātou mokopuna, me ngā reanga kei te haere mai.

Me whakamua, kia whakawhanake.

"Kei konā koe, māu a konā e tiaki mō tātou. Kei konei mātou, waihō mā mātou konei tiaki mō tātou"

The Whangaroa Papa Hapū wishes to acknowledge and show our appreciation to all our Whangaroa claimants. Over the past few years our Claimants have represented their claims and the Whangaroa rohe with the highest degree of mana and dignity.

Since 2013 there have been 22 Waitangi Tribunal Hearings held at marae throughout the regions of Ngāpuhi including three here in Whangaroa, monthly meetings between Claimants, frequent meetings with respective Counsel, countless hours and hours of preparation and numerous Ngāpuhi wide forums. These meetings culminated in the last Claimant specific hearing held at Tauteihiihi Marae in Kohukohu Hokianga in August. Although there are a number of hearings to come, the hearing in Kohukohu signalled a completion for many Claimants and their unsurmountable effort over these past few years. Congratulations to all our Whangaroa Claimants who have presented their evidence before the Waitangi Tribunal, nei anō ko ngā mihi whakamānawa ki a koutou katoa.

Building on the hearing in August the Whangaroa PH has been very busy, and in an effort to engage more and more of our Whangaroa whanaunga held our first Whangaroa Urban Hui in early September. The open hui called for our urban living relations that do not get a chance to attend our meetings at home. The hearings process and development was discussed, many of the attendees not aware of the Tribunals independence and the role the Whangaroa PH plays in supporting our Whangaroa Claimants. Maranga Mai was also discussed, explaining to our urban-living whanaunga the complexities of the settlement negotiation phase and the recommended approaches for Whangaroa going forward. The hui was a complete success and the Whangaroa PH hope to hold more over the foreseeable future and encourage our Tāmaki based relations to meet as often as possible.

September also saw the third Community Information Evening where special guest Rakihia Tau of Ngāi Tahu joined a hall full of Whangaroa, Pākehā mai, Māori mai, and presented some very enlightening kōrero around settlements and settlement negotiations and what Ngāi Tahu learnt through their experiences. All those who attended left with a sense of belief and optimism in what Whangaroa can achieve in working together for our betterment and the betterment of our future generations. The Whangaroa PH thanks Mr Tau for making the trip up and giving such an insightful presentation. The thoughts of all Whangaroa are with those in Te Waipounamu, mā te wāhi ngaro koutou e manaaki, e karapoti ki te aroha.

Over the last two months the focus of the Whangaroa PH has been the submissions in writing to the Waitangi Tribunal. The Whangaroa PH whilst supporting and guiding our Claimants to submit, also took upon a project that sought to include the Whangaroa stories from the many hapū and whānau that do not have a claim. We are delighted to say that the submission was a success and copies can be requested from the Whangaroa PH. We thank the many that attended wānanga, held interviews and allowed the Whangaroa PH to share your kōrero—ko koutou tonu ā-runga!

With the final date for submissions now passed, Whangaroa must now think of its closing statements, and the overall finality of the hearings process. A Whangaroa wide hui has been called for Friday 25 November at Otangaroa Marae to discuss this notion, and decide on the best option for Whangaroa and present the best justification of Whangaroa grievance to the Waitangi Tribunal.

2017 will see the end to a process that has, for the better part of three years (and decades for some), seen a great amount of struggle for a purpose that seemed unreachable. We, as Whangaroa must continue forward together, and together what seemed unreachable can be achieved. ***Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata. Whāia ko te pae tata ki a mau***

Te Ope Whangaroa ki Tauteihiihi Marae: The group of Whangaroa Claimants that travelled to Tauteihiihi Marae in Hopuhopu for Week 20 of (the) Te Paparahi o Te Raki (Northland) District Inquiry.

Whangaroa me te Kairangahau a Alexandra Horsley: The group of Whangaroa Claimants at Hearing Week 21 in Kerikeri where Alexandra Horsley presented her report – A History of the Otangaroa, Te Pupuke and Waihapa Blocks (Whangaroa) 1874-1990.