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!

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.

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***