Whangaroa Papa Hapū
Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa

January 2025

E moe e te whaea, Ani Taniwha.

He tino taumaha te mate o to tatou whaea, Ani, ka rongohia puta noa i Whangaroa.Tino nui te aroha mo te whanau pani. Ani was the lead claimant for Wai 1666 who presented evidence for claims within Whangaroa and beyond. She is greatly missed. E moe, e moe, e moe I roto I nga ringaringa o te Atua mo ake tonu ra.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou pakeha ki te rohe o Whangaroa!

Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangarora are a rōpū set up to look after the six Waitangi Tribunal claims, who are eligible to take part in the current Renewed Wai 45 Muriwhenua Land Inquiry. (See the last page to see what that actually is.) This newsletter lets you know that there is a claim going on for your hapū and to keep you updated. Nothing worse than other people knowing about these things, and not you.

The six claims taking part in the Wai 45 Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry are Wai 58, Wai 375, **Wai 1666**, Wai 1684, Wai 1832 and Wai 1843. Our second claim is Wai 375 whom we introduce today.

Wai 1666

To honour our whaea, Ani Taniwha, we bring her claim to your attention. Ani led the claim, Wai 1666, on behalf of Ngāti Haiti, Ngāti Kawau, Ngāti Kawhiti and Ngā Uri o Te Pona, whose lands were wrestled from them by a system of land control that ignored their right to live undisturbed in a safe and secure manner in accordance with their tikanga and kawa; the loss of their tenure to their lands, waters and other taonga which has prevented the proper appreciation of the same by the current generation and those yet to come; the Crown through legislation, policy and practice has prevented the retention of Ngāpuhi tupuna reo, the result of which is that many of the claimant's mokopuna are unable to participate in any meaningful way in their tikanga and cultural practices. Rivers, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga to their foreshore and seabed and the surrounding environs have been expropriated. The welfare of settlers was put before that of the claimants which resulted in the loss of the claimants' economy. Ani fought tirelessly for her claim and hapu.

We will also have a draw for a **$50 PREZZIE CARD**

The quiz question was: Which is the oldest claim in Whangaroa?
The Answer is: Wai 58. They have been waiting 37 years, so far, for justice for Whangaroa.

The winner of the $50 Prezzie card is Jacinda Selman. Congratulations Jacinda!!

To win one for yourself, all you have to do is answer one question on our website.

- You can only enter once with your phone number.
- The prize can be sent digitally, so you can win this anywhere in NZ!
- Must have your answers in by the 28th February 2025.

Go here: Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa – Whangaroa Papa Hapū (whangaroapapahapu.org.nz)

WHAT?

What happens after the Statement of Claim has been filed?

1. **It is assigned a Wai Number that allows your claim to be entered in the Register of Waitangi Claims. It is also an easy reference point for all concerned.**

2. **It is grouped with similar claims according to the claim inquiry:**
   a) **District Inquiry**
   b) **Kaupapa Inquiry**
   c) **Urgent Inquiry**

This is a page set aside to remember our kaumatua and kuia who have now passed away, waiting for the justice they fought so long for, who gave evidence for Waitangi Claims they took part in. Just a snippet of their korero.

Kei mau ki te kura whero,

Kei mau ki te kura tawhiwhi,

Kei waiho koe whakamomona mo te whenua tangata.

Hold on to the precious treasures, to the ancestral treasures.

Leave alone what is harmful to the people enriching the land today.

Hold fast to the genuine and true, do not be beguiled by what is spurious and deceptive.

- ***Ani Taniwha***

E moe whaea x

Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa Notice Board

We invite claimants, hapu and whanau to attend a hui for the Wai 45 Inquiry on

The 28th January at
The Church in the middle of Kaeo
at 10 am

Zoom capability available. Please email wphclaims@gmail.com for details

If you would like your whanau to get a copy of this newsletter, please give them the email address below, with 'Newsletter' in the subject line, and I'll add them to the emailing list. That would be awesome!!

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We will be starting our Oral History project some time in the next three months. If you have korero tuku iho you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Please email me at

wphclaims@gmail.com

and I'll have a korero with you.

What is the Wai 45 Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry?

The original Muriwhenua Land Inquiry inquired into 24 claims brought primarily by five Te Hiku (Far North) iwi: Te Rarawa, Ngāi Takoto, Te Aupouri, Ngāti Kurī and Ngāti Kahu. The original Tribunal's approach was to focus on the collective under the rūnanga rather than inquiring closely into the groups' separate interests. The exception was Ngā hapū o Whangaroa, about whose claims the Tribunal made separate findings.

Ngāti Kahu entered settlement negotiations with the Crown, but in 2007 filed an application with the Waitangi Tribunal seeking a remedies stage of the inquiry into their claims. Ngāti Kahu decided to challenge the Waitangi Tribunal's approach to the remedies they sought. In 2015, they filed an application in the High Court for judicial review of the Tribunal's decision not to make binding recommendations in favour of Ngāti Kahu.

The Court of Appeal upheld the High Court's judgment and affirmed that section 8HB(1) of theTreaty of Waitangi Act 1975 obliged the Tribunal to make a recommendation if the prerequisites are met. The Tribunal was found to have erred by adopting the middle ground urging the parties to negotiate settlement of their differences themselves.

The Court of Appeal ordered the Tribunal to reconsider the application for remedies and make fresh decisions about what recommendations to make.

Later in 2017, after the original panel recused themselves, the Chairperson appointed Judge Wainwright as Presiding Officer of the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Tribunal (see Wai 45, #2.584).

The Tribunal is currently undertaking preparatory work to commission reports on the history of the land blocks in the Renewed Muriwhenua Inquiry district. Once commissioned, this work is expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete (see Wai 45, #2.912).

The research for Stage One is currently progressing with a view to starting hearings in 2025.

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