

Whangaroa Papa Hapū ***Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa***

February 2025

Tino nui te mihi mahana ki ngā hapū o Whangaroa!

In our August / September issue of this newsletter, we introduced you to Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa. Briefly, We are a rūpū 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.)

Why are we sending out this information? So you will 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 375

Wai 375 is a claim brought by Anaru Kira, on behalf of the Whakarara Maori Committee, who represent the people of Takou Bay, Matauri Bay, Te Ngaere Bay, Wainui Bay and Mahinepua Bay. These were the physical and spiritual owners of the Sacred Mountain, Whakarara that the Crown took possession of and sold to private owners without the authority of Māori in 1933. Māori had no knowledge or understanding of the transaction. An irrevocable alienation.

They are seeking to have the Sacred Maunga Whakarara returned to Māori. The private owners at the time, had the land valued and agreed to return the land to Māori at market value. The Whakarara Māori Committee asked the Crown to purchase the land and convey the title to the Whakarara Māori Committee. They have not replied.

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



The quiz question was: Which person led the claim for Wai 1666?
The Answer is: Ani Taniwha, who has sadly passed away.

The winner of the \$50 Prezzie card was Wihiria Mark. Congratulations Wihiria!!

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 31st January 2025.

Go here: [Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa – Whangaroa Papa Hapū \(whangaroapapahapu.org.nz\)](http://Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa – Whangaroa Papa Hapū (whangaroapapahapu.org.nz))

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What are the types Inquiry are there?

1. **District Inquiry:** Is an Inquiry based on an area or a group of areas. For instance, Wai 1040. Is a group of areas within Tai Tokerau.
2. **Kaupapa Inquiry.** These have a national central theme that affect Māori. Military Veterans, Mana Wāhine, Justice System are just a few of the Kaupapa Inquiries at the moment.
3. **Urgent Inquiry.** There are currently many Urgent Inquiries such as the Treaty Principles Bill, Identity and Culture and many, many more.

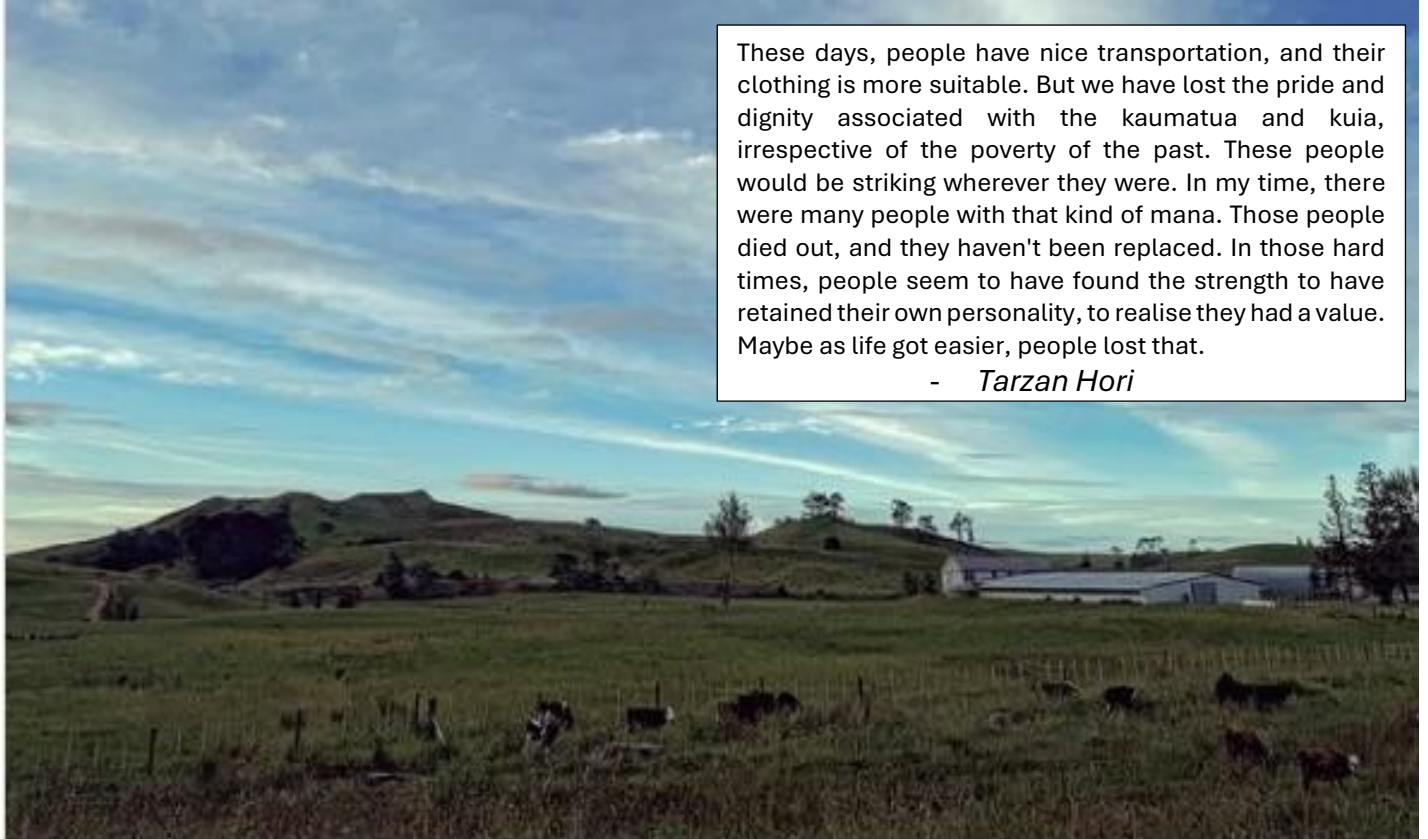
Go here and click Inquiries to find out more:

<https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/>

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.

These days, people have nice transportation, and their clothing is more suitable. But we have lost the pride and dignity associated with the kaumatua and kuia, irrespective of the poverty of the past. These people would be striking wherever they were. In my time, there were many people with that kind of mana. Those people died out, and they haven't been replaced. In those hard times, people seem to have found the strength to have retained their own personality, to realise they had a value. Maybe as life got easier, people lost that.

- *Tarzan Hori*





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We now have monthly updates on the website!

You'll find them here:

[Monthly Updates](#)



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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Wai 45 Te Kahui o Whangaroa will begin regular workshops on March 11th, from 11 - 12 noon

The first workshop is an overview of the six claims in Whangaroa taking part in the Wai 45 Inquiry.

These will be held at
8 Waikare Ave Kaeo



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

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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 the Treaty 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.

Excerpts are taken from: [Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry | Waitangi Tribunal](#)