



REPORT FROM TRUST BOARD MEETING: October 26th 2018

The Kahukuraariki Board would like to keep beneficiaries informed of our work, and will publish a newsletter like this, whenever possible. It has been sometime, aroha mai, but we have been very busy working on projects that we believe will bear fruit for our Iwi, and particularly for our whānau in the rohe.

Our New Administrator

We are very pleased to announce that we have engaged an Administration Officer. Haere mai, naumai, Mike Erihe. Many of you will know Mike from his extensive work in our community. Mike returned home from Australia recently, and he has agreed to work with us. No doubt, those whānau at home will have the chance to meet him sometime soon. In the new year we will be looking to secure an office space somewhere close to the Rohe.

Trust Meetings

In the first six months, the Trust Board has met every second month in person (in Auckland), and every other month through an online teleconference, to save money. This is because only two Trustees in the Rohe, three in Auckland, one in Palmerston North, and the other in Wellington. However, we plan to have our December meeting at Waitaruke Marae. More about that later when we have confirmed the date and time. In the coming year, we hope to have more meeting in our rohe, so we can meet with our whānau, and share our plans and strategies.

Rōpu Kaumātua

We now have two members appointed from most of our Marae, and look forward to a full Rōpu before the end of the year. The role of the Rōpu Kaumātua is stated in the Deed of Trust as:

- 4.1 On request from the Trustees, Te Rōpu Kaumatua will be responsible for advising the Trustees on matters relating to the tikanga, reo, kawa, korero and whakapapa of Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa and protection of the Mauri of Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa provided that nothing in this Deed shall be deemed or construed so as to make the seeking or following of advice obtained from Te Rōpu Kaumatua as binding upon the Trustees.

These wonderful people have put their names forward to join the Rōpu Kaumātua:

Mangatowai Marae: Dave Henare, Ani Shortland Henare

Waitaruke Marae: Miriama Nelson, Raiha Larkins

Komanga Marae: Rawiri Timoti, Charlie Tua

The Rōpu will be invited to two Special Meetings with the Trust Board, but may attend any meetings, if they are able.

Finance & Investment Sub-Committee

This Committee has been working on a budget for the coming year, and also an investment strategy. We are pleased to announce that the bulk of our capital is being invested with Milford Asset Management, who are highly regarded, and have a long record of excellent returns on investment, which we believe will fund the next stage of tribal development, as well as ensuring the Trust can operate effectively and efficiently.

We are currently preparing applications for help, from the MBIE Commercial Advisors Scheme, to assist in the development of a strategic plan for economic and business development opportunities.

We are also exploring the possibility of a Regional Growth Fund application, to contribute to the Billion Tree planting kaupapa.

The Trust received a proposal for a joint venture in a Honey initiative, with a company that has an established market in China. We will keep you posted on this

Communications Sub-Committee

Mike Erihe is further developing our Communications Strategy. We are looking to upgrade our website and Facebook page. We are also looking at ways, beyond the website, Facebook, and this newsletter, that we can keep you all posted on activities, through our Marae. So, watch this space!

Meeting with OTS and Ministers

Even though our claim was enacted in 2017, we are continuing to discuss matters of concern with OTS, and with the appropriate Ministers, to ensure that our Iwi has access to the best resources and support in the Post-Settlement era. We will keep you posted.

Resource Management

The Trust has adopted a resource consent strategy, so that we can ensure we are represented when resource consents are required. Also, there has been much debate in the Trust over the controversial 1080 drops in our Rohe, and the issue is still really relevant and important. If you have views on this matter, please feel free to share them, and we will take them into consideration as we move forward.

Deed of Trust Review

There was a lively discussion about amendments to the Deed of Trust, which can only be done at an AGM. The next AGM should be in May 2019, as that was the date of the 2018 AGM.

The following were some of the issues raised at the last meeting:

1. The Sub-Committee wanted a note that Waitaruke and Waimahana have raised concerns about the validity of all the Marae listed in the Trust Deed, which could be ameliorated with an appropriate history of each Marae, refer the Fifth Schedule.

2. The kōrero being shared by some is that the recognised Marae should be Taemaro, Waitaruke, Waimahana, Taupo and Waihapa. The marae being challenged are, Mangatowai, Otangaroa and Te Komanga, which suggest these people are unfamiliar with the history of these Marae, and their place in the tribe, where records of the activities at these Marae go back to 1917.
3. There is a view by some, which can be voted for at the AGM, that Trustees may only be nominated and appointed through their respective Marae. This will require an amendment to the Trust Deed, the Second Schedule 3.1 to 6.8
4. It needs to be clarified that our tūpuna is Kahukuraariki, as verified to OTS through the whakapapa presented during the Treaty Claim process, not Ngāti Aukiwa. It should be noted this was Waitāruke korero, not from Waimahana.
5. The Trust should consider amending the DOS to ensure that whānau can attend meetings, and may have speaking rights at the Chair's discretion;

It was a full day of meeting in Auckland, but very fruitful, and the Trust is quietly optimistic that we are moving in the right direction, and want to make sure our beneficiaries are confident that they can see progress, and that they will benefit in some way from our progress. This will be my last email. In the coming months, Mike will take more responsibility for communications, but, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the Trustees, to send you our best wishes and hopes for the future.

Ella Henry
Chair, Kahukuraariki Trust