

**Te Runanga o Ngai Tumapuhia a Rangi ki Wairarapa**

**Chairman's Report**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

Kia ora Tatou.

Ka nui nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Runanga to present the following report on the activities of the Trust over the past year 2013/14.

The Runanga has held 8 constituted meetings throughout the year. Hui a Hapu have also been held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2013 and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014.

Activity has centred on managing the Treaty Settlement process, but significant progress has also been made in areas surrounding our collectiveness; i.e. all the Marae are now constituted as part of the Runanga. Three new Trustees have now been appointed to the Runanga representing each Marae with full voting rights. This is a significant advancement for our Hapu.

This gives us a much stronger voice moving forward on a number of fronts.

Another take that we are continuing to work on is the Customary Fishing kaupapa. This is a huge kaupapa for us as a Coastal Hapu. We again need to be united on this and speak as one. The Waitangi Tribunal has made recommendations that we must consider. This includes a complete Customary Fishing Management Plan.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees; Bob Hill, Marie Collin, Geoff Perry, Sam Morris, Leah Bain, and recently appointed Marae Trustees; Missy Rutene, Hoani Paku and Takirangi Smith for their work during this period.

Thank you Debbie Donaldson who takes care of our Secretarial/Financial matters.

Finances continue to be an ongoing issue, but thanks to our Secretary we have received ongoing support from COGs (Community Organisation Grants) to allow us to cover our expenses.

Ongoing reviews of our Trust Deed has been carried out by our Settlor, Bob Hill. Thanks Bob.

As your representative on the Kahungunu Settlement Collective (KKWTNAR) working alongside Bob Hill and Jack Morris we have maintained our Hapu's rights within this collective. There is ongoing work to protect these interests. The Post Settlement Governance soon to be established is the major area of work required.

There is always a considerable amount of work that goes on within any Trust. This work along with Settlement Negotiations work has demanded many hours by Trustees on your behalf.

The work we do is our future generations. We must work together to achieve our hapu aspirations in a considered approach with integrity. Our old people who have passed on would demand this of us.

He awahi tetahi I tetahi I tetahi

Me noho tahi tena pea

He kotahi te korero

Kua whakakotahi

Me pupuritia nga taonga tuku iho o tatou Tipuna mai rano.

Kia ora tatou.

Ian Perry

Chairman