

Chairman's Report – Te Runanga o Ngai Tumapuhia-a-Rangi

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Whaia whaia ki te uru tapu nui o Tane
Tane te wairoa, Tane te kupenga Tane te toko rangi.
Putā ki te whaiao, ki te ao Maarama
Tuu te ngana, tuu te maranga, te tuhi te raramaa
E noho te mataara nei.
E rongo whakairia ake ki runga.
Kia tina! Tina! Hui e! Taiki e!
Kumea ake te taura o te waka o Ngai Tumapuhiaarangi.
Kia tutaki mai tatou.
No reira,
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.
Tena koutou kua tae mai nei koutou nga uri o tatou tupuna Tumapuhiaarangi.
Tena koutou kua hui hui mai nei tatou mo te kaupapa rongonui o te ra nei.
E kui ma, e koro ma, nga pakeke, nga rangatahi, tena koutou katoa.
Tena koe tou tatou kaumatua mo te karakia tapu ki te timata te hui mei.
Kanui te koa me te hari kua hui hui mai tatou, kei te mauria mai o koutou
korero o koutou whakaaro i tenei ra.
Pupuritia e tatou nga taonga tuku iho a o tatou matua tupuna mai rano, ka tika,
He whanaungatanga, he manaakitanga i waenganui i a tatou.
Etahi wa he rereke nga whakaro
Engari, me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa.
Ka nui te mihi, Ka nui te hari o te ngakau kua tae mai nei koutou.
Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa taki tini
Ahakoa he torotoru aku nei kupu kanui te mihi
Kanui te hari o te ngakau kau toee mai nei koutou.
No reira, Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou katoa

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Chairman's Report for 2012/13.

This period has been another busy year for the Runanga. We have held monthly meetings and two hui a hapu and as Claim representative on behalf of the Runanga I have attended a further 18 hui of the claims Collective of Kahungunu. Bob Hill has been present at a number of these hui.

I want to acknowledge the Trustees who have carried out a number of duties throughout the year; Bob Hill, Marie Collins, Geoff Perry, Sam Morris and Karen Metcalf – Morris. Both Sam and Karen resigned during the year.

We lost our dear cousin Tom earlier this year. Tom, as most of you are aware, dedicated himself to our hapu over a long number of years. He is missed immensely at every hui.

Jack Morris continued to provide a lot of direction in the Treaty Claims Process for the Runanga. Thank you Jack.

I'd like to thank Debbie for her work throughout the year. Debbie, largely by herself keeps everything in order for us. It is an important mahi and one we appreciate.

I'd like to acknowledge all of you who continue to provide support at our hui and in the wider community.

The Runanga has produced a working document for direction in the Claims Settlement Process. Bob and Jack put this paper together as a starting point in the Settlement Negotiations. There has been a lot of input from various quarters but now there is a real need for us as a hapu to really focus on what our aspirations are. What are our bottom lines in the Settlement as a hapu?

We must put our "shoulder to the wheel" and work together to for a collective view on this. The Runanga is determined to ensure that our hapu has a "foot in every door" of the Settlement Process. Apart from Chairing the Kahungunu Collective of hapu I also lead the Commercial Group to negotiate out a commercial Settlement with the Crown. Jack Morris is my 2IC.

Bob Hill is on the Cultural Group and its pleasing to know that Sam has indicated that he too will be part of this group to seek settlement for all Cultural matters in the Negotiation Process. I believe we can be confident that our hapu's interest can be protected with members of our hapu within these groups

We must be cautious in our work as we move forward in this process as all groups will be looking to maximise their own interests within the Large Natural Grouping. We are endeavouring to keep our website updated. I encourage you to also attend our Runanga meetings if you so wish. WE need your feedback. It's important to us as a Runanga.

This will be a significant year for Ngai Tumapuhiaarangi. The negotiation out of our interests in the Waitangi Tribunal Claim and the eventual return of and management of those interests is going to require a lot of debate and action.

This Runanga was set up to carry out this function but as you all know all those processes and structures require management. They require input. They require people involvement. Are we ready? Are you ready to step up and accept that challenge?

Together we can achieve much. Divided we will be weakened. Let us work together and be proud of our heritage and our future.

It has been a busy and challenging year for the Runanga with the passing of our whanaunga Tom, resignations and the demands placed on us with the Claims Process. It's also been very satisfying.

Remember we are there to represent you. We don't take that duty lightly and rest assured we will always be conscious of the fact that we are your ears and voice in the wider community. We will always endeavour to uphold our hapu's tikanga.

Thank you,

Ian Perry

Chairman – Te Runanga o Ngai Tumapuhiaarangi o Wairarapa