



Ngātiwai first Iwi to sign MoU with Ministry for Primary Industries



MPI officials with Ngātiwai staff and Kaumatua at the MoU signing.

Ngātiwai has become the first Iwi to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and its approved contractor AsureQuality, for providing operational capability for biosecurity responses.

In 2009, AsureQuality was selected by MPI to build and manage a network of resources to respond to biosecurity emergencies.

The system supporting this is the National Biosecurity Capability Network (NBCN) of which their main objective is to build one nationwide team capable of dealing with biosecurity incursions.

Ngātiwai Trust Board (NTB) has agreed to look at providing trained manpower and operational capacity, if and when required in a biosecurity emergency.

"This is an important step forward for us and it reflects the emphasis Ngātiwai places on environmental issues across our rohe and beyond," Resource Management Assistant Dane Karapu says of the MoU.

"It shows the interest and involvement

we constantly have in environmental issues like the recent Queensland Fruit Fly scare, the current problems around the Kauri Dieback and other pests like the Sea Squirt, Manchurian Rice and the Mediterranean Fan Worm infestations."

"So, I was delighted to be invited to the National Response Training (NRT) earlier this year and it gave me a great insight into how MPI's biosecurity systems work and this MoU takes it a step further personally, and for Ngātiwai."

National Biosecurity Capability Network (NBCN) manager Andrew Sander says "for MPI and AQ, this as an exciting and significant step in both growing our response capability and building our valued relationship with Iwi. Ngātiwai brings expertise and knowledge that will build a stronger team to respond to biosecurity incursions at an operational level."

"I am personally proud to be involved in a partnership with both AsureQuality and Ngātiwai. We are honoured that Ngātiwai have joined the NBCN as the first Iwi to do so."



Chairman Hadyn Edmonds and MPI's Andrew Sander sign the MoU with CEO Jim Smillie looking on.

The NBCN is unique and the only response network in the world which relies on a 'New Zealand INC' approach to biosecurity. Working closely with Iwi gives MPI a fantastic opportunity to further understand Iwi cultural values, protocol and priority to their people, land and future."

The MoU, the first of its kind, was signed on Wednesday 3 September at the Ngātiwai-owned Quality Hotel Oceans at Tutukaka.

*Kia Tūpato!
Ka tangi a Tūkaiāia kei
te moana, Ko Ngātiwai
kei te moana e haere ana;*

*Ka tangi a Tūkaiāia
Kei tuawhenua, ko Ngātiwai kei
tuawhenua e haere ana*

*Beware!
When Tūkaiāia calls at sea,
Ngātiwai are at sea;
When Tūkaiāia calls
inland, Ngātiwai are inland*

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Treaty Claims co-chair acknowledges past Ngātiwai leadership as submissions period closes



Treaty Claims committee co-chair Kris MacDonald.

Ngātiwai Treaty Claims Committee co-chair Kris MacDonald says it is time to acknowledge the efforts of the Iwi leadership in the past after the submissions period for the Deed of Mandate (DoM) closed on Saturday, 6 September.

The Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) granted the extension period at the request of the Ngātiwai Trust Board (NTB), a move which took the submission period to a total of eight weeks.

Mr. MacDonald says as Ngātiwai goes through the Treaty settlements process it is important to recognise the mahi of its past leadership in bringing it to the current point.

"This is a continuation of the process which started when Ngātiwai Rangatira Te Witi McMath lodged the first Treaty of Waitangi claim which has since seen the settlement of fisheries assets. I acknowledge his work and the efforts of our past leaders like, Waipu Pita, Kahutai Rapata, Pat Hoskings Laly Haddon, Hori Parata, Howie Reti, Whetu McGregor and Himiona Munroe, and many others" he says.

"I also want to mention the sacrifices that their families made to ensure Ngātiwai was well placed to arrive at this point where today we are having submissions being made on our Deed of Mandate."

Mr. MacDonald says co-chairing the Treaty Claims committee and working on the Deed of Mandate had required a concentrated effort which he is confident will prove to be rewarding for Ngātiwai in the long term.

"We have spent an intensive focused period of work and engagement with our people to seek their mandate and we were pleasantly surprised by the level of support we have received from our people," Mr. MacDonald says.

The Ngātiwai Trust Board's mandate proposal received 82% of the vote in favour of by-passing the Waitangi Tribunal and dealing directly with the Crown to secure a settlement offer.

"We do have to recognise that not everyone is supportive of the Trust Board proposal but despite that we are working hard to try getting them onboard with us," he says.

"What we want to say to them is that our doors are open and will remain open, and we welcome the participation of all our members as we got through this process."

He adds that Ngātiwai Trust Board has taken steps to better engage with its Ngātiwai membership.

"We are committed to communicating better with our members over the coming years and we look forward to holding regular Hui and providing regular progress reports on negotiations," Mr. MacDonald says.

"When all the work is done we will be bringing a Crown offer back to the people consider and We will have to traverse some tricky constitutional issues as we develop a proposal for a new entity to receive any settlement assets we secure.

"Our approach to this will be to have plenty of informed debate as we have set up a great team of technical advisors to help with this process."

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Opera singer Kawiti Waetford graduates with Masters Degree



Kawiti Waetford.

Young Ngātiwai opera singer Kawiti Waetford has graduated with a Masters Degree in Advanced Vocal Studies from the Wales International Academy of Voice in the United Kingdom.

He now intends to remain in Wales and continue a further second year of post-Masters study with Dennis O'Neill in 2014/15.

“Our final semester assessments covered a range of written components as well as two major recital performances. These written components included assignments on critical analysis of operatic productions, auditioning skills and practices, biographical notes and personal marketing, and identification and demonstration of future career pathways and goals,” Kawiti reported from Wales.

Currently mentored by Dame Kiri te Kanawa Kawiti says he had overcome adversity to get through the year.

“It was unfortunate that in May this year I suffered a severe antibiotic reaction that stripped my esophagus tract and inhibited me from singing for a number of weeks. However I managed to persevere through my final performances and assessments and am now fully recovered with my voice functioning as it should. “

His other achievements this year have included singing for the UK launch of Eleanor Catton's book 'The Luminaries' at the Australian & New Zealand Festival of Literature & Art in London, with New Zealanders Thomas Atkins and Somi

Kim; a number of university related performances for graduation ceremonies and dinners across western Wales, hosted by the Vice Chancellor; and Welsh music and art festivals such as the Lower Machen Festival and the Dylan Thomas Centenary.

This year he was also presented with the Ngarimu VC and Maori Battalion Masters Award, received on my behalf by my family at a presentation ceremony held at Parliament in Wellington.

He remains indebted to Dame Kiri for her support.

“I am grateful for the continued mentorship of Dame Kiri who is in regular contact and generously shares her advice and time, with visits to her home in Lewes for working weekends and the occasional afternoon of oil painting. Most recently the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation (UK) has provided funding for professional assistance with essential visa advice and applications. “

Kawiti intends remaining in the UK and continuing his post-graduate studies into his second year.

Experienced new manager for Quality Oceans Hotel



New Quality Ocean Hotel Manager Craig Walker with his family.



Quality Ocean Hotel manager Craig Walker.

The Ngātiwai-owned Quality Oceans Hotel has secured the services of a highly experienced new manager, Craig Walker, who comes to Tutukaka from his previously role as resort manager in Wanaka.

The hospitality specialist who originally hails from South Africa believes in “pleasing guests rather than talking about clients” says he is excited about taking up his new role.

He brings with him over 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry and says he has some initial ideas in driving up business at the picturesque hotel.

“The hotel is located at a very beautiful place and I think there are quite a number of opportunities to create a resort atmosphere

there” Mr Walker says.

“I think the room-rates are very reasonable and I'd like to see Kiwi families use those rates and enjoy the spectacular scenery and the services the hotel offers.”

He says one of his goals is to achieve a triple bottom-line success.

“Apart from creating profits I'd also like to get the community involved and give something back to them while at the same time keeping our carbon-footprint as small as possible,” Mr Walker says.

“I do have some ideas but before you go about looking at making changes it is important get a feel for the hotel, the area and the people.

“I'd also like to build a good relationship with all the other local businesses, the community and the Marae that are in the area.

From a business point of view I would want to strengthen the ties with the Choice hotel group and see how we can build the synergies.”

Also among his initial priorities is to drive marketing and sales by promoting the hotel both locally and internationally on the tourism trail.

“I look forward to starting at the Quality Oceans Hotel and getting my feet on the ground there and driving the business.”

Mr Walker succeeds Steve and Sarah Shields in his new role.

Work to upgrade Bland Bay Campgrounds for the summer is underway

Work to improve facilities at the Ngātiwai-owned Bland Bay campground at Whangaruru (approximately 60km north-east of Whangarei) for the summer is currently underway.

Campgrounds manager Wayne Johnstone says stage 2 of the project was essential to cater for visitors during the peak holiday period.

"Construction began with earth works in late August on a new ablution block for the Bland Bay campgrounds," Mr. Johnstone says.

"The new block at the northern end of the campground will house toilets, showers and a laundry facility. The old toilet block is currently being demolished."

The upgrade comes on the back of the completion of stage 1 which saw the construction of a new ablution block, laundry, kitchen and store near the entrance and reception to the grounds.

In addition, a retaining wall is also being built, also at the northern end of the camp which will create additional camp sites. The entire northern end will also be leveled using sand from existing hills and mounds within the campground area.

"The new facility and associated earth works are designed to enhance the campers' experience and represents another significant investment by the Ngātiwai Trust Board to bring the campground up to campers and visitors expectations," Mr. Johnstone says.



Bland Bay Campgrounds undergoing stage 2 development.

Ngātiwai want answers on government plans for recreational fishing parks

Ngātiwai Trust Board chairman Haydn Edmonds says the government must answer questions on its proposal to create a recreational fishing park in the Hauraki Gulf.

Prior to the election the Government announced plans for the park which would cover the inner gulf, including Omaha Bay, and exclude all commercial activity.

"The National party's plan for a one-off compensation package for commercial fishers up to \$20 million is an inadequate brush-off for a pan-Maori fisheries settlement that is supposed to be full and final; and there is no mention of the fate of customary fishing in the area," Mr. Edmonds says.

"And, what about those who earn their livelihood through commercial fishing in the Hauraki Gulf? These plans, if they go ahead, will significantly affect Ngātiwai customary fishing rights as they relate to both the commercial and non-commercial components of the 1992 Fisheries Settlement.

"We need to get some clear answers on when Article III right of citizens under the Treaty of Waitangi took precedence over Article II rights that promised Maori the full, 'exclusive and undisturbed possession of our fisheries'.

"That Treaty promise was never honoured, and after many years of arguing and trips to the Privy Council in London it was finally resolved in the 1992 Fisheries settlement.

That settlement now looks set to be unravelled with this proposal to claw back hard won rights awarded to Iwi/Maori in compensation for the original theft of our customary rights.

"This National government's proposal will set a dangerous precedent and send a clear message to all those with property rights, including home owners, that National is happy to unilaterally extinguish your ownership rights for a few extra votes from



Recreational fishing.

Auckland recreational fishermen.

"As far as I am aware there have been no discussions with Iwi about such plans so this announcement has come as a complete shock to us. It is dishonourable to the Treaty partner and speaks volumes about the direction that National is moving in."

He added that Ngātiwai are far from content with the ad hoc regulatory regimes applied in its territory on the whim of subsequent governments.

"The Ngātiwai Trust Board is not satisfied

with the implementation of the customary non-commercial fishing regulations within our rohe which have lingered in disputes for many years while a number of Marine Reserve proposals have progressed and threatens to extinguish our access rights to traditional fishing grounds," Mr. Edmonds says.

"Nor are we happy with the Government of the day constantly meddling with the customary commercial component through populist election promises that threaten to unravel the supposed Full and Final 1992 Fisheries Settlement.

"Ngātiwai Trust Board is poised, awaiting Crown recognition of a Deed of Mandate which will give the Ngātiwai Trust Board the ability to enter into negotiations with the Crown to discuss these and broader Treaty matters that we consider need fixing up.

"Commercial and customary fishing is the Ngātiwai lifeblood and not to have this properly discussed with us doesn't stack up," Mr. Edmonds says.

"At the minimum we would expect to be properly consulted, and these plans discussed with us, other affected Iwi and commercial fishing operations.

"We have a number of questions over this proposal and we would want answers on if it progresses."

If re-elected the government says it will put up a discussion paper on the proposed reserve in November.

Treaty Settlement Update

The Ngātiwai Trust Board's Deed of Mandate was publically notified by the Office of Treaty Settlements on 12 September 2014 calling for submissions over a six week period which was then extended to 8 week ending on 6 September.

As submissions are now being considered by the Crown the NTB are waiting for OTS to advise us on the next steps to achieving a Crown recognised mandate.

In the mean time please feel free to update us with your current contact details so we can keep you posted on developments.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We are updating our tribal database. Please make sure we have the correct details for you.

If any of your contact details have changed since you registered please call Toni-Marie Sweeney on 09 972 7347 or email tsweeney@ngatiwai.iwi.nz to let us know.

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Important Dates

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?
R Tucker Thompson for Tamariki	Opua to Aotea	6 Oct - 12 Oct
Ngātiwai Trust Board AGM	NorthTec	11 Oct
7s Rugby Whangaruru/Waka	Tuparehuia	Labour weekend 25 Oct - 27 Oct

Panui: Ngātiwai Trust Board Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Board will be held in the Te Puna o Te Matauranga, Northtec, Raumanga Valley Road, Whangarei on Saturday 11th October 2014 commencing at 10.00am

Agenda

- Karakia and Mihi
- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising
- Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2014
- Chairman's Report
- Confirmation of Trustees
- Trust Deed Review
- General Business

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