

Te Tūkaiaia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

Mahuru - Whiringa-ā-nuku / September-October 2017

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

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

*Beware!
When Tūkaiaia calls at sea,
Ngātiwai are at sea;*

*When Tūkaiaia calls
inland, Ngātiwai are inland*

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Positive times ahead for Oceans Resort Hotel, Tutukaka



The Oceans Resort Hotel is often referred to as the "Jewel in the Crown" of the Ngātiwai Trust Board. However, the hotel has operated through tough financial times and understandably, there have been calls for the Board to sell.

The Oceans Resort is a strategic investment where the Board is committed to turning around its performance and for the first time since owning the hotel, the Board is forecasting a break even position for the 2017/18 financial year.

Oceans General Manager, Craig Walker says, "During the past year I have worked closely with the Ngātiwai Trust Board where some big decisions have been made, which will set us up to put the hotel where we all want it to be."

The most significant of these decisions was in November 2016 when the hotel's restaurant was leased to Restaurateur Nick Keene. Nick and his team have taken on the exciting challenge and have rebranded the restaurant as "Wāhi". Craig is confident the relationship

between Oceans and Wāhi will be of benefit to both.

Nick is a familiar face in Tutukaka, as he has owned and operated the Schnappa Rock restaurant in Tutukaka for the past eight years. He prides himself on providing a unique ambience and quality food.

Craig says "The leasing of the food and beverage operation will make a significant impact on our costs as we are able to cut back on housekeeping and reception staff during the quieter months. With a restaurant to run, it was difficult to contain these staff costs as we always had to maintain a minimum head count. hotel management can now focus solely on improving the hotel's operations and occupancy."

Other improvements include the purchase of four apartments to add to the hotel room pool, air conditioning units have been installed in the garden facing rooms resulting in comfortable temperatures for guests in the summer months and painting has begun on the exterior of

the garden facing side of the building to match the front. This will complete the vibrant outside look of the building.

Craig and the Ngātiwai Trust Board have worked closely with the Body Corporate Property Manager, who has overseen remedial work on the hotel's water supply, an upgrade of the security camera operating system, the purchase of new pool furniture and the repainting of the pool. This area is now looking great, just in time for summer.

Another positive initiative being worked on is how to tell the Ngātiwai story and

the history of the area, reflecting the hotel's Ngātiwai ownership.

Craig says "this would be a great story to tell and I look forward to working with the Board to make this happen."

A major focus for Craig this year has been to employ staff from within the Ngātiwai whānau and to date the hotel has employed front office staff and housekeeping staff who are all Ngātiwai.

"I am really looking forward to the upcoming summer. We have a number of weddings booked and there is a positive



feeling around the hotel with the changes that have been put in place. The Oceans team continues to make the property the best it can be in our slice of paradise. The Tutukaka Coast is special to all of us."



Ngātiwai Kāhui Kaumātua Update

The Kāhui Kaumātua Hui are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Ngātiwai Trust Board. These hui are an opportunity to have updates and discussion regarding the kaupapa of Ngātiwai.

Ngā Kaumātua, ō Mātou Taonga

The Kāhui Kaumātua will be participating in a co design 'Ageing Well' Research Project called Ngā Kaumātua, ō Mātou Taonga: Supporting kaumātua health in a changing world with the James Henare Māori Research Centre.

It is a pilot study that will examine the reciprocal and interdependent nature of Māori society and will describe inter-generational relationships that enhance the well-being of kaumātua.

A trip to the James Henare research centre is planned for the future.

Brightspot

Last month whānau celebrated the 93rd birthday of Atareiria Blair.

Mana moana a Ngātiwai

The Kāhui Kaumātua participated in a workshop with Phil Lyver, a researcher with manaaki whenua who has been working with Ngātiwai for years to help capture the essence of our mana and relationship to the wai and offshore islands. This workshop was an opportunity for kuia and kaumātua to discuss aspirations and articulate the identity for our iwi.

Upcoming Christmas Event

A Kāhui Kaumātua Christmas event is being planned for mid December. The details will be discussed at the November Kāhui Kaumātua meeting and a pānui for this event will be released shortly.



Members of the James Henare Māori Research team attending our hui are Dr Tia Dawes, Dr Hilary Lapsley, Dr Mere Kepa, Mr Edgar Wallace and Ms Ngahua Harrison.



Atareiria Blair celebrating her 93rd birthday

Next Kāhui Kaumātua Meeting

11.00am Tuesday 21st November at Ngātiwai Trust Board.

Treaty Settlement Update

UPDATE

Hauraki Urgent Hearing Application - Wai 2666

The Ngātiwai Trust Board's urgent hearing application into the "Hauraki Settlements" was filed with the Waitangi Tribunal and served on the Crown on Monday, 24th July 2017. The Crown responded to the application on 6th October 2017. In summary the Crown's response is the Board's application for urgency, more specifically:

- The process the Crown has followed in dealing with overlapping claims has been fair, robust and in accordance with its overlapping claims process, whilst being Treaty compliant. The Crown say that although Ngātiwai is not satisfied with the outcome, they have no basis for challenging the process;
- Ngātiwai has not provided any information as to how the urgency criteria apply to each of the various Treaty settlements or redress deeds from which prejudice is said to arise;
- Ngātiwai is unlikely to suffer prejudice because the redress is:
 - a. not exclusive redress; or
 - b. not within the Ngātiwai area of interest; or
 - c. is exclusive redress that does not prevent the Crown from

providing redress to settle the claims of other iwi such as Ngātiwai in the same area.

The Board now have until Monday, 6th November 2017 to respond to the Crown's submissions after which it is anticipated that the Tribunal will make a determination whether an urgent hearing will be granted.

Overlapping Claims Engagement

Hauraki Iwi Settlements

Despite the Board's best efforts, there has been no progress with the Crown in establishing hui to discuss the disputed redress as offered to Hauraki. The Board sent a letter to the then Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Chris Finlayson, in August 2017 including a letter to the then Prime Minister, Bill English, in early October 2017 seeking facilitation of a tikanga-based process to resolve the disputed redress, however no response has been received.

With the new Government now in place, the Board is pleased with the appointment of Andrew Little as the new Treaty Negotiations Minister. With Mr Little's background, we believe that he will take a positive and fair approach to negotiations. The Board are very optimistic that Mr Little and new Attorney-General, David Parker, will provide a fresh approach to how they

handle Treaty Settlements and overlapping claims. We look forward to working with them both over the next three years.

Ngāti Whātua Settlement

The Board received a letter from the Crown on 31st August 2017 setting out the proposed redress for Ngāti Whātua and the timeframes for overlapping claims engagement, with written feedback due to the Crown by 13th October 2017.

On 4th October 2017 the Board responded to the Crown that from its experience in dealing with the Crown's overlapping claim process to date (i.e. the Hauraki and Marutūāhu experience), the process has not worked and consequently the Board would not engage in such a process again.

Instead the Board made direct contact with Ngāti Whātua to discuss and work through any issues together. Since then two very constructive hui have occurred with more to follow.

Important Dates 2017



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Board Meeting of Trustees	Ngātiwai Trust Board, Whangarei	Friday 24th November 2017, 10am
Ngātiwai Trust Board Trustee Meeting	Annual General Meeting, ARC Lounge, Toll Stadium, 51 Okara Drive, Whangarei	Saturday 25th November 2017. 10am
Ngātiwai Kāhui Kaumātua monthly hui (every 3rd Tuesday of the month)	Ngātiwai Trust Board, Whangarei	Tuesday 21st November 2017, 11am
Ngātiwai Waiata Classes	Level 1, Toll Stadium, Whangarei	Every Tuesday 10am, Ngātiwai Education. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.
Ngātiwai Kāhui Kaumātua Christmas Celebration	Oceans Tutukaka	Tuesday 19th December 2017
Mokau Marae Rebuild Fundraising Tournament (Netball & Basketball)	Kensington Stadium, Whangarei	29 & 30 December 2017
Mokau Marae Rebuild Touch Tournament	Whangaruru Sports Fields	2nd January 2018

Pānui: Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 29 September 2017

- **NTB Policies:** - Our Lawyer Hayley MacDonald to distribute an index of NTB policies to Trustees for review.
- **Oceans Hotel:** - A meeting of the Oceans Chair and Directors with the Copthorne and Marlborough Executives will be arranged by the 19th October at 11am by Martin Cleave.
- **Ngātiwai Story:** - Kris MacDonald will research information from locals regarding the Ngātiwai story and show case it to kaumātua so they have an understanding of what the region has to offer.
- **James Street Carpark:** - Discussion around potential development. Discussed that NTB make a submission to Council regarding the potential development of James Street Carpark.

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Pānui:

Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 27 October 2017

- **Bland Bay Campground:** - Had a busy September and is tracking on budget.
- **Charter School Facility:** - The Board has agreed to submit a training facility proposal to the Trustees of the Charter school.
- **Consolidated Group Financials 30th September 2017:** - It was reported that 6 months into the year, we are on track to meet forecast.
- **Draft Policies:** - A series of governance draft policies and procedures were approved in principal by the Board.
- **Finance and Executive:** - Is investigating an investment opportunity on behalf of the Trust Board, further information will be made available pending progress.
- **Land Navigation Programme:** - Joeann Waata gave a brief presentation regarding a programme designed to help our people engage and navigate Maori Land Court processes.
- **Marae Funding and Grants:** - The Operations Team will look into the possibility of increasing the current marae grants for the 2018 financial year.
- **Marquee purchase:** - A Marquee has been purchased to be used at Ngātiwai Trust Board events and lent to Ngātiwai marae when required.
- **NTB Parking:** - Staff have been asked to park on the roadside whilst there are large hui and gatherings being held at the Trust Board.
- **Oceans Resort Hotel Tutukaka:** - Concern was raised regarding the losses which have occurred at the resort since it was purchased. It was reported that the right people are in place to move things forward in the right direction and that the financials are expected to show a break even for the first time in the 2018 financial year.
- **Sponsorships:** - Were approved for Whangaruru School Festival and tā moko artist Paitangi Ostik.
- **Tuparehuia marae:** - The License to Occupy agreement will be signed off by the Board shortly.
- **Waitangi Tribunal Report:** - Is due for release on Monday 30th October embargoed until 4.00pm Tuesday 31st October.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Board will be held in the Level 2 Lounge, Toll Stadium, 51 Okara Drive, Whangarei on Saturday 25 November 2017 commencing at 10.00am.

Agenda:

Karakia and Mihi

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2017
4. Chairman's Report
5. General Business

Closing Karakia

Note: Morning tea will be available at the commencement of the Meeting. A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm

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