

# Te Tūkaiāia

## Te Karanga o te Iwi

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*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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## Hapū make a stand at the homeland Of Te Iwi O Ngātiwai

On Saturday, August 20, a pou whenua was erected at dawn in Mimiwhangata by the hapū and marae of Ngātiwai. This pou was raised to protest against and signal dissatisfaction with the Government's proposed marine legislation at Mimiwhangata.

The pou, named Manaia, was carved by Ngātiwai Tohunga whakairo Te Warihi Hetaraka. The name is significant, as Mimiwhangata is the ancestral homeland of Ngāti Manaia and Ngātiwai.

Whanau gathered at 4am, in the early morning darkness, at Mimiwhangata ready to unveil the pou Manaia. It was a cold and wet morning, but this did not deter whanau. About 120 people gathered, with hapū from all of Ngātiwai present, to mark this memorable day.

The karakia and korero were led by Aperahama Edwards, Hori Parata and Te Warihi Hetaraka, with all those present responding when Aperahama called "Ko wai te ingoa o tenei pou?" "Ko Manaia!" This was said three times to affirm the name of the pou as Manaia.

After karakia, everyone took turns at touching or giving a hongi to Manaia, after which some beautiful korero, mihi mihi and waiata were had. The day was completed with a hangi and whanaungatanga.

Kaumātua Kathy Caldwell said "Today was such a lovely and special day for me. When we all come together on a kaupapa such as this, it shows that all of Ngātiwai can be united as one. The wairua that I felt today was beautiful. I hope that today can be the beginning of Ngātiwai truly unifying



Te Pou whenua "Manaia".

together as an iwi. The memories of today will stay with me forever."

Carmen Hetaraka and Hone Matenga, Rangatira and Kaumatua of Te Uri O Hikihiki, led the organising of the day.

Carmen said "by planting this pou we are telling the Government that if they want a marine reserve, we have to be involved. We want to see it under traditional management. We will develop and submit a model that suits us, this being Rahui tapu. We want to create a co-governance and co-management plan which is led by us."

"The rahui tapu that we want to see in place is that which Te Houpeke Piripi laid the foundation for by way of karakia over a decade ago," she says.

"Today our hapū followed through on his dreams and aspirations for this place by planting te pou whenua Manaia."

Chairman Haydn Edmonds says Ngātiwai Trust Board supported the action taken and led by the local hapū of Ngātiwai.

"Mimiwhangata is the ancestral homeland of Ngāti Manaia and Ngātiwai. Manaia is the founding ancestor of Te Iwi o Ngātiwai. The kaitiaki of this homeland, Te Whanau Whero, Tiakitai, Te Uri o Hikihiki, Ngati Rehua ki Whananaki and Ngātiwai have made a stand against the Government's proposed marine legislation, and as an iwi we fully support them," he says.

"Our hapū exercise kaitiakitanga in this area on behalf of all of Ngātiwai. Over many years there have been discussions with the Crown around their proposed legislation at Mimiwhangata. We are now signalling to the government that this is our whenua and our moana and we will manage it how we see fit. So we absolutely support our hapū in erecting this Pou for all of Ngātiwai."

"As Ngātiwai, people of the sea, a strong message is being given to the Government that we are dissatisfied with their proposed marine legislation, not only in Mimiwhangata but also the proposed marine legislation for the Hauraki Gulf and their plans for an ocean sanctuary around the Kermadec Islands," Haydn says.

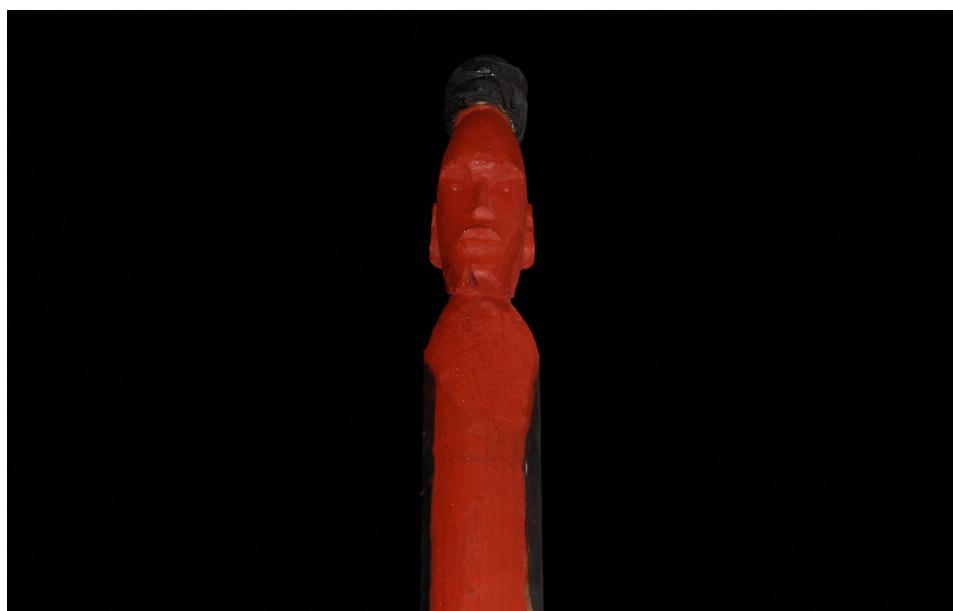
"The government has a track record of not consulting fully with all interested parties on these important issues. These types of legislation they are trying to introduce will extinguish and expropriate Māori customary and commercial fishing rights, and sever our relationship with Tangaroa.

"This is a clear signal to the Government that as a treaty partner, Māori are not happy with the process that they have gone through in the past and that they need to up their game. We are telling the Government that we are reclaiming Mimiwhangata. We will be seeking the return of this place, the Homeland of Ngātiwai, as part of any Treaty Settlement we enter into with the Crown. We want everyone to know, Ngātiwai have come home!" he says.

"Today has been a wonderful day. History has been re-written. Ngātiwai has come back to Mimiwhangata, our ancestral home, by planting this pou. Those that know our history, know what I am referring to. It is wonderful to see so many of our whanau, hapū, iwi and supporters here to celebrate this day."



Aperahama Edwards, Hori Parata and Te Warihi Hetaraka led the karakia and whaikōrero.



The first sighting of the pou Manaia before the first light of day



Whanau all gather to touch Manaia on this memorable day.

# Parāoa

## Sperm Whale – Physeter Macrocephalus

Parāoa are purplish-brown or dark grey in colour, with a white underbelly. They have wrinkly skin and a large, rather square head making up around one third of their body length. Females are smaller than males with a proportionately smaller head. The dorsal fin has been reduced to a low hump and there is only one, slit-like blowhole, situated on the top left side of the snout.

New born parāoa are between 3.5 and 4.5 metres long and they grow up to 18 metres in length as adults.

Parāoa are one of the easiest whales to identify at sea. Their angled, bushy blows make them easy to spot even though they rarely show much more above the surface.



### Parāoa ki a Ngāti Wai

Parāoa are considered a kaitiaki to the people of Ngāti Wai. Many people tell of the feeling they have been cared for by these giant mammals while they have been at sea. Others tell of a feeling that the parāoa are communicating with them, warning them of dangers at sea or merely swimming up to their boats to interact.

A Ngāti Wai legend tells of our tupuna Manaia being escorted by parāoa on his journey from Hawaiki, and at many of the Ngāti Wai places Manaia stopped when he arrived in Aotearoa, there are rocks that represent those parāoa.

Terenga Parāoa (Whangarei) was a well-known gathering place for parāoa. Our tupuna Manaia's rocky stance overlooks what was a harbour often filled with these magnificent mammals.

Kōrero from Ngāti Rehua whalers from Aotea about tohorā is that they won't go back to places in the ocean where their tupuna have been killed.

Ngāti Wai in the past would be warned of a rangatira's death by a whale stranding. This monumental and beautiful beast would provide food for the many who would come to pay their respects to the rangatira.

Compare what happens to stranded whales now, to what happened in the past. In Northland, Ngāti Wai work alongside the Department of Conservation to rescue as many whales as possible and to ensure that dead whales are dealt with according to tikanga.<sup>2</sup>

### Where to find them

These whales are widespread around the world, but have a patchy distribution. Although Kaikoura is home to the main New Zealand population of parāoa, they are also often seen along the Ngāti Wai coastline.

They prefer deep water (>200m) and so are usually found offshore and in areas with submarine canyons such as Tawhiti Rahi and Aorangi islands. They generally move towards the poles in summer, males more so than the females and juveniles. Females usually inhabit water deeper than 1000m at latitudes less than 40-50°. Male distribution extends to more temperate latitudes.<sup>1</sup>

### Lifespan

Parāoa are long lived and do not reach physical maturity until about 30 years old (females) and 50 years old (males). Females reach sexual maturity at around 9 years old and give birth roughly once every 5 years to one calf. Gestation lasts for approximately 14-16 months. Males appear to not reach full sexual maturity until their late twenties.<sup>1</sup>

### Menu

Parāoa are toothed whales and dive to great depths to feed. They eat large organisms, mainly squid, but males are also likely to eat demersal fish (fish that feed on the ocean floor) including sharks and rays. They are thought to feed using clicks, which can both locate and possibly stun their prey. Dives have been known to last for over one hour and can be deeper than 1000m. Most dives tend to last around 35 minutes, extending down to 400 m.<sup>1</sup>



### Endangered?

Parāoa were one of the most heavily exploited of all the world's whales, although they are still relatively abundant.

In the past whaling stations were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of parāoa. Today, threats to parāoa include entanglement in fishing gear and collision with ships. Studies on the effects of tourism on parāoa have found they react negatively to rapid approaches by vessels, sudden changes in speed, and close approaches. These whales respond by spending less time at the surface, and so tourism has an impact on their normal behaviour. The Department of Conservation undertakes management and monitoring of whale-watching operations in an attempt to lessen the negative effects of tourism on this species.<sup>1</sup>

Killer whales have been seen attacking parāoa, but usually unsuccessfully. Pilot whales are also known to harass them. Younger animals are at risk of attack by large sharks. When confronted with predators, individuals are known to form a defensive cluster.<sup>1</sup>

1 Department of Conservation  
2 Ngāti Wai whānau

# Pānui:

## Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 26 August 2016

- **Aqua-cultural Settlement:** - TOKM have advised the policies regarding the distribution of the aqua-cultural settlement are being rewritten. The funds will continue to be held for iwi not willing to sign however those that have signed may receive their distribution by March 2017.
- **Board Policy Review:** - A committee will meet to commence the review of the NTB policy manual.
- **Consolidated Financials:** - NTB group consolidated financials for month ended 30th June are running reasonably on budget.
- **Education:** - The Education Unit is awaiting a response regarding the Manaaki marae proposal. The Ma te Reo contract is being delivered through Education unit as a series of 3 weekend wananga which commenced on Friday 19th August.
- **Governance and Management Training:** - Trustees and staff attended a Governance and Management Training course during the month. The key topics were Governance, Management and Strategy, the programme was facilitated by the NZ Institute of Directors and sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri.
- **Honey:** - Legal due-diligence is being completed on the NTB honey proposal/contract.
- **Hui-A-iwi:** - Arrangements are underway for the next Hui-A-iwi on 9th and 10th of September at Ngunguru Marae.
- **Marae Insurance:** - A brief presentation regarding Marae insurance was given by Jo Kiro from Kiro Insurance Claim Management Broker Servicing. Jo works one-on-one with marae and insurance underwriters to reduce their misunderstandings relating to insuring marae. She is happy to meet with Ngātiwai marae individually to discuss insurance options.
- **Marae Reports:**
  - **Kawa:** - Quiet during the winter season. Kaumatua have had a series of discussions regarding unity.
  - **Matapouri:** - The marae is applying for basic funding with Foundation North to install a wheelchair ramp and complete other basic renovations. Also looking to purchasing a shipping container for extra mattress storage. The committee meets regularly to discuss marae and hapū matters especially relating to Ngātiwai treaty claims and the Ngāti Rehua settlement.
- **Mokau:** - The rebuild is on schedule and target. The marae will be hosting a fund-raiser at the end of year.
- **Motairehe:** - Funding applications are being secured to install power generators/solar units. Marae whanau are focusing on reaffirming and aligning with Ngātiwai kaupapa, a kaumātua meeting will be held shortly to discuss the topic of unity.
- **Ngaiotonga:** - A defibrillation course was held during the month which was attended by 30 people. The marae has formed a sub-committee to assist with the community's civil defence. Also a Rangitahi rōpu has been established to host activities at the marae, so far they have hosted recent events such as table tennis and indoor bowls.
- **Ngunguru:** - No report.
- **Oakura:** - The marae committee will be holding a meeting on 7th September to discuss ongoing maintenance, pest eradication, funding for mattresses and also reducing our NTB registered members GNA's. The marae committee will also be selecting 3 whanau members to represent the marae on the Oakura Coastal Beachfront Reserve and Hall Committee and the wider Whangaruru Coastal rate payers committee.
- **Otetao:** - The marae is seeking funding to install extra storage space, improvements to the dining area and then the ablutions.
- **Omaha:** - Marae bookings are still closed until October 2016. The next marae committee meeting is scheduled for next week.
- **Pataua:** - No report.
- **Punaruku:** - The marae committee is looking to gazette land behind the school for Punaruku marae, since the Whenua Topu Trust has declined our request to locate the marae at Waikaramihi.
- **Tuparehuia:** - No report.
- **Whananaki:** - Plans and a feasibility study to redevelop and upgrade the marae dining area and then ablutions are well underway. Also Whanau whero were honoured to be involved in the pou placement at Mimiwhangata which occurred on Saturday 20th August.

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# Waitangi Tribunal Hearings - Update from Chairman, Haydn Edmonds

UPDATE

Recently the Treaty Claims Committee and I invited all claimants involved in the upcoming Waitangi Tribunal hearing opposing the Crown's recognition of Ngātiwai Trust Board's Treaty Settlement Mandate to a hui to see if we could find a way forward and, ultimately, unite in order to prosecute the Crown.

While all those contacted initially said they were keen on the idea, only Carmen Hetaraka and Elvis Reti (by phone from Australia) attended, with the suggestions being that the others declined to attend based on legal advice, given the upcoming hearing.

Discussions at this hui were very positive and constructive, and I think they provide a good example of progress we could make if we were talking to each other kanohi ke te kanohi instead of through lawyers, the Crown and the Tribunal.

Among the topics discussed:

- The need to advance discussions about the shape of a Ngātiwai Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) ahead of a settlement, and how that entity can reflect and give our Mana Māori Motuhake.
- The need for well-resourced, rock solid research to underpin our negotiations and to educate our people, including looking at who is Ngātiwai, who lost what, and who took it and therefore who has the right to be talking.
- The idea of establishing a Ngātiwai tribal taumata to maintain oversight over Board decisions was discussed and the progress of negotiations.

Our hui concluded with a commitment, based on the goodwill displayed, to workshop the PSGE at the next hui-a-iwi at Ngunguru and at future hui.

While the Board will continue to defend the Mandate, we are very open to working with all our claimants to develop a solid research basis for our claims, involving our people with their local issues and input before negotiations begin. We will also support the idea of a Ngātiwai taumata, which we will work to establish before negotiations begin.

We are committed to holding more hui, like the one recently held, and following through on those discussions.

Last month a pou whenua was laid by our hapū at Mimiwhangata. This pou is called Manaia and he once again stands on the homeland of Ngātiwai.

It was Manaia who set the boundaries of the Ngātiwai rohe with five Tohora being set in place. It is the moana that gives us mana, as well as the offshore islands which belong to us all. The resources in our rohe belong to all of us, and have done so for generations. I do not believe that these claims are about Ngātiwai versus Ngātiwai. My fight is, and has always been, with the Crown.

Kia kaha Ngātiwai! There is safety in numbers and the future is bright if we stand as one. The Board is only a vehicle that can carry us all into negotiations with the Crown, and the outcome of those negotiations must benefit us all in the 21st Century. It will not be the Ngātiwai Trust Board who handles and manages the putea and resources we get back from the Crown as part of any settlement. That will be the new PSGE, and what that looks like is up to you to decide.

To the claimants, kia kaha. We will continue with an open door policy inviting continued kōrero and positive hui with you all.

We have already come home to Mimiwhangata with the planting of the



pou Manaia. Together, let's start from here to reclaim all that is ours.

I, therefore invite you and your whanau to attend the upcoming Waitangi Tribunal Hearing into the Crown's recognition of the Ngātiwai Trust Board's Treaty Settlement Mandate that is being held at Toll Stadium – 51 Okara Drive, Whangarei, from Tuesday, October 4 and concluding on Thursday, October 6.

If you have any enquiries about this hearing or need assistance with travel arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the Trust Board office on (09) 430 0939.

Nau mai piki mai e nga iwi e!

Naku, noa na

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haydn Edmonds".

**Haydn Edmonds**  
Chairman

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# Important Dates



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Waitangi Tribunal Urgency Hearing	The Ngātiwai Mandate Inquiry, at Toll Stadium, Whangarei	4-6 October 2016
Ngātiwai Trust Board Trustee Meeting	NTB Office, 129 Port Rd, Whangarei	7 October 2016
Mokau Marae Rebuild Sports Fundraising Tournament	ASB Stadium, Kensington Park, Western Hills Drive	28-29 December 2016
Ngātiwai Waiata Classes - Please bring a plate for shared lunch	Ngātiwai Education – Level 1, Toll Stadium	Every Thursday 10am
Ngaiotonga Valley Community Centre Market Day	Ngaiotonga	First Saturday of every month, 9am-12pm

## He Tangata

