

*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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Newly elected Chairman to lead the Ngātiwai Trust Board

A Ngātiwai Trust Board hui was held on the 31st July 2020 at which the Trustees elected Aperahama Edwards (Trustee for Matapouri Marae) as the new Chairman of the Ngātiwai Trust Board.

Aperahama has been a Trustee of the Board for the last four years and is the current Chairman of the Ngātiwai Treaty Claims Committee. Aperahama is well known to the iwi and has represented Ngātiwai on several Boards, organisations and forums both at a local and national level.

Newly elected Ngātiwai Trust Board Chairman, Aperahama Edwards says, "I am humbled to be elected as the person to lead our iwi Trust Board. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Haydn Edmonds for his dedication, passion and commitment to serving our iwi as Chairman over the past ten years. Ngā mihi ki a koe e Rangatira to mahi mō tō tatou iwi. Ngā mihi hoki ki to whānau kua noho hei pou tuara mou i roto i ngā tau."

Outgoing Chairman, Haydn Edmonds says, "It has been a privilege and an honour for



New Ngātiwai Trust Board Chairman, Aperahama Edwards, Trustee for Matapouri Marae

me to represent my iwi over many years and I would like to wish Aperahama all the best as our new Chair. I know Abe is the right person to lead our iwi and he will have my full support. I look forward to continuing to work positively with him and my fellow Board members as the Trustee for my marae, Punaruku."

Acting General Manager, Jim Smillie says, "We welcome the appointment of Aperahama as our new Chair. I know he will be well supported by the Board, staff and the wider iwi."

Trustee for Motairehe Marae, Martin Cleave, was elected as Deputy Chairman.



The Ngātiwai Trust Board mihi to Haydn Edmonds, Trustee for Punaruku Marae, for his ten years service as Chairman of the Ngātiwai Trust Board

Motivated and moving forward together

E ai ki te kōrero 'ano nei te āhua reka o te noho tahi ā ngā teina me ngā tuakana i raro i te whakaaro kotahi'.

Since the appointment of Aperahama Edwards as the new Chairman, Ngātiwai Trust Board Representatives have met in person and via zoom to reflect, reset and recalibrate their next steps.

Chairman, Aperahama Edwards, said "A wānanga at Matapouri Marae was planned, however in the spirit of kotahitanga - we met in honesty with open hearts."

"As Trustees we discussed our shared aspirations for our uri and what will be our priorities moving forward."

"This will be the first of many Trustee wānanga. We have a shared unity of purpose and desire to move forward together. We plan to move forward with a kaupapa of taking our Trustee meetings onto our Ngātiwai Marae bi-monthly, bringing our Trust Board closer to our people."

A reminder on Saturday 5th September, 10am, the Ngātiwai Trust Board will host our next Hui-ā-Iwi at Matapouri Marae and invite all our uri to join us.

"E tātou mā, kua korikori nga Totorore a Te Rangihokaia, its our time to move forward in unity."



Trustees (left to right) William Sutherland, Haydn Edmonds, Gary Reti, Ropata Diamond, Aperahama Edwards (front) Kathy Caldwell, Merepeka Henley, Simon Mitchell

(Via Zoom due to lockdown restrictions - Martin Cleave, Jessie Chapman, Stuart Ngawaka and Ngawini Hall)



Hui-ā-iwi

Matapouri Marae
Saturday
5th September 2020
10am - 2pm

Please save this date in your calendar to join us for our next Hui-ā-iwi.

Please note this hui will be subject to change based on the Government Alert Level announcement due 26th August.

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Election of Marae Trustee - Mokau Marae

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEE MOKAU MARAE



Under the Ngātiwai Trust Deed notice is hereby given that an election will be held for one (1) Mokau Marae trustee of the Ngātiwai Trust Board.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form available:

- at the Ngātiwai Trust Board office (129 Port Road, Whangarei)
- by accessing www.ngatiwai.iwi.nz
- by telephoning 0800 922 822

To be eligible, nominations must:

- be registered adult members of the Ngātiwai Trust Board
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 - is not a person whose affairs are subject to the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988;
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 - has never been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty as defined in section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961;
 - has never been convicted of an offence under section 373(4) of the Companies Act 1993;
 - is not a person disqualified from being registered as an officer in accordance with section 16 of the Charities Act 2005.
- be accompanied by a brief statement containing details of experience and objectives relevant to the position of trustee
- include the name of the Marae to which the nominee is affiliated and on whose behalf the nominee intends to stand
- be endorsed by the Chairperson of the Marae

Completed nominations can be lodged at the Ngātiwai Trust Board office - 129 Port Road, Whangarei or posted to The Returning Officer, Independent Election Services Ltd, PO Box 5135, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142 in time to be received no later than 5pm Friday 28 August 2020.

NOTE: nominations cannot be withdrawn once submitted.

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TIMETABLE

Ngātiwai Trust Board
Election of Marae Trustees
2 OCTOBER 2020

Friday 2 October 2020
(Mokau Marae: approx 770 members)

Monday 17 August 2020	Public notice of election Calling for nominations [Rule 12] Nominations open
Friday 28 August 2020	Close of nominations (5 pm) [Rule 13] Member data provided
Friday 4 September 2020	Public notice of day of election [Rule 14] Delivery of voting packs [Rule 14]
Friday 2 October 2020	Close of voting (5pm) [Rule 3.1]
	Special General Meeting (TBC) [Rule 9]



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First sequencing of Tuatara genome opens vault to evolutionary secrets



Tuatara photo by Bernard Sragg

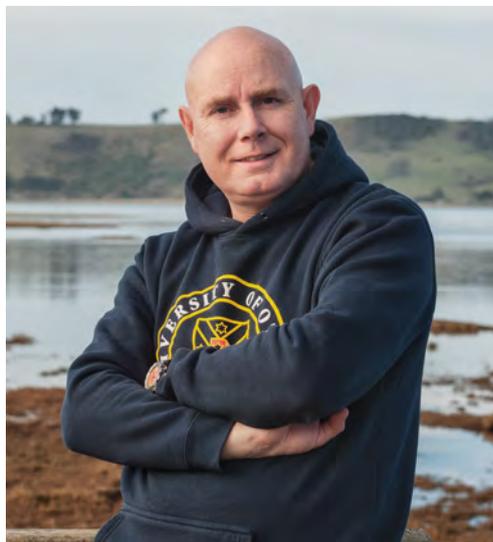
In a world first, University of Otago scientists in partnership with Ngātiwai iwi and a global team of collaborators have sequenced the genome of the tuatara - a rare reptile whose ancestors once roamed the earth with dinosaurs.

The findings on this remarkable reptile, which is found only in New Zealand, have been published today in the prestigious international scientific journal Nature. <https://www.nature.com/articles/>

Lead-author, Professor Neil Gemmell, a geneticist at the University of Otago's Department of Anatomy, says the sequencing of the tuatara genome, which is 67 per cent bigger than the human genome, has revealed a genomic architecture unlike anything previously reported, and helped confirm the evolutionary position and unique life history of this ancient reptile.

"If we consider a tree of life, with species diverging over time and splitting off into groups such as reptiles, birds and mammals, we can finally see with some certainty where the tuatara sits," Professor Gemmell says.

Tuatara have been out on their own branch of the evolutionary tree for a staggering amount of time, with prior estimates of divergence ranging from 150-250 million years; and with no close relatives the position of tuatara on the tree of life has long been contentious. Some argue tuatara are more closely related to birds, crocodiles and turtles, while others say they stem from a common ancestor shared with lizards and snakes.



Professor Neil Gemmell

This new research places tuatara firmly in the branch shared with lizards and snakes, but they appear to have split off on their own trajectory for around 250 million years - a massive length of time when we consider primates only originated around 65 million years ago, and hominids, from which humans are descended, originated approximately six million years ago.

"Proving the phylogenetic position of tuatara in a robust way is exciting, but we see the biggest discovery in this research as uncovering the genetic code and beginning to explore aspects of the biology that makes this species so unique, while also developing new information that will help us better conserve this taonga or special treasure," Professor Gemmell says.

One area of particular interest is to understand how tuatara, which can live to be more than 100 years of age, achieve such longevity.

Examination of some of the genes implicated in protecting the body from the ravages of age found that tuatara have more of these genes than any other vertebrate species thus far examined

"Could this be one of the keys to their long lifespan? Tuatara also don't appear to get many diseases, so looking into what genetic factors might protect them is another point of focus for our study, as too we have also explored genetic aspects that underpin the vision, smell and temperature regulation of tuatara," Professor Gemmell adds.

Another significant aspect of the research has been the collaboration with local iwi (Māori indigenous tribe) Ngātiwai, with Professor Gemmell believing the project provides a current exemplar for research teams seeking to work collaboratively with indigenous communities. He says working together with Ngātiwai has been incredibly rewarding as it provided the opportunity to explain what the research team wanted to do and why, and gave Ngātiwai the chance to share their relationship with tuatara.

"Very early on it became clear that a primary goal for us all was to develop new knowledge that would improve the conservation of this species. We agreed to partner together to achieve that aim, whilst also looking for opportunities to share other benefits that might derive from the research. It was an informed partnership that I believe was an important enabling element for the project's success, which extends well beyond the scientific achievement of sequencing the genome," Professor Gemmell says.

Ngātiwai Trust Board Resource Management Unit Manager Alyx Pivac says "Tuatara are a taonga and it's pleasing to see the results of this study have now been published. Our hope is that this is yet another piece of information that will help us understand tuatara and aid in the conservation of this special species. We want to extend a big mihi to all of those who have been involved in this important piece of work."

Clive Stone, Te Uri O Hikihiki ki Mokau also added, "I think it is important we acknowledge some of the key Ngatiwai people that made this project possible, Nga Rangatira, Houpeke Piripi, Te Warihi Hetaraka, and Hori Parata who guided us, informed us and inspired us to complete this journey".

"As kaitiaki (guardians) of the tuatara within the Ngātiwai rohe (area) we were keen to explore this new technology (DNA genome sequencing) and enhanced Ngātiwai kaitiakitanga (stewardship), by having an active partnership role in the decision-making process, as well as actively participating in the management and monitoring programs.

It also allowed us to better prepare our taitamariki (youth) to undertake their kaitiaki responsibilities, which go with having mana whenua (authority) over these islands.

Our aspiration has been that this research would increase the national and global awareness of the conservation of the tuatara, as well as the many other New Zealand species that face similar threats to their long-term survival.

This project has also provided a significant opportunity to demonstrate the importance and value obtained when iwi, conservators and scientists work together to provide data critical for a species' long-term preservation."

With the genome now sequenced, the international science community now has a blueprint through which to examine the many unique features of tuatara biology, which will aid our understanding of the evolution of the amniotes, a group that includes birds, reptiles and mammals.

Gemmell says "It is not far-fetched to suggest that through our new understanding of the tuatara genome, there may be novel insights that emerge that will benefit our understanding of our own biology and health."



Tuatara
photo by Nicola Nelson

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Tuatara

Tuatara – Sphenodon Punctatus

Tuatara to Ngātiwai

Tuatara are cold-blooded creatures and to keep cool while harvesting the manu oi, Ngātiwai tupuna on Aotea used to tie the tuatara beak and strap the tuatara to their bodies. Ngāti Rehua whānau talk of a time when tikanga followed allowed whānau groups to have kaitiaki rights to families of tuatara.

The tuatara is a kaitiaki of the rohe of Ngātiwai, in particular Ngāti Rehua at Aotea, and gives them mana whenua of land space. Ngāti Rehua whānau feel privileged to use tuatara as a kaitiaki.

Due to the longevity of tuatara, Ngātiwai consider this reptile to represent our past. The tuatara is also considered the

kaitiaki of Hine nui te po (the lady of death). When we leave this world the woman that will come and greet us and take us to Hawaiki nui, Hawaiki roa, Hawaiki Tawhiti ta pāmamao will be Hine nui te po. Ngātiwai korero is that the tuatara has the third eye, giving it a spiritual aspect. Not many people in the north use lizards as kaitiaki, however, a Ngātiwai concept is that the tuatara is an omen that brings the passing of a rangitira or someone of high born rank.

Ngātiwai consider tuatara to still have a significant role as kaitiaki (or cultural guardians) and that conservation and restoration of our islands plays an important part in protecting this species.¹



How big?

Although tuataras are New Zealand's largest reptile, they are considered to be medium-sized reptiles. Adults grow to about a half metre in length and weigh from about 300g to 1500g.¹

How old?

Tuatara are the only surviving members of a unique group, called Sphenodontia, that roamed the earth about 200 million years ago (during the age of the dinosaurs). All of the other species in this group became extinct about 60 million years ago.

Life span

Tuatara grow slowly. They usually stop growing at about 35 years. Their average life span is believed to be about 60 years, but probably can live up to 100 years old.¹

Menu

Tuatara eat beetles, wētā, worms, millipedes and spiders. They sometimes eat seabird eggs and chicks, lizards and occasionally even their own young.¹

Where to find them

Tuatara (translates as 'spiny back') can only be found in New Zealand, on offshore islands. Tuatara can be found on Ngātiwai islands Tawhiti Rahi (one of the Poor Knights Islands) and Te Hauturu-o-Toi (Little Barrier Island).¹ In 1995, there was a sighting of tuatara at the Ngātiwai island Mauitaha (part of the Hen and Chickens group of islands).² They can also be found on several other islands throughout New Zealand.¹

Endangered?

There are now less than 100,000 tuatara in New Zealand. Rodents and other introduced predators eat their eggs and young.¹ The tuatara population on Hauturu was nearly extinct, as the rats preyed heavily on the island's tuatara. A small population was found by the Department of Conservation and were removed from the island to keep them safe. When the programme to rid Hauturu of rats was successful, and the island was once again rat-free, the tuatara were returned to the island.

Like many reptiles, a tuatara's gender is determined by the temperature of the soil where their eggs are incubated. If it is under 21°C, young are generally born female, and if the temperature is over 22°C, the young are likely to be male. This could mean extinction for tuatara if soil temperatures drop below 21°C or remain above 22°C for a long period of time. This would mean that the tuatara population would be either mainly female or male, which would have a negative affect on the tuatara population because successful breeding requires both a male and a female tuatara.

Tuatara watching

Researchers often collect tuatara eggs, wait for them to hatch and when the young tuatara are old enough to be relatively safe from predators (approximately five-years old) they are released in a safe area to grow to maturity. Transmitters are attached by an elastic backpack and weigh four grams. Researchers monitor these, so that they can understand the habits and record growth of the tuatara they have released.

1 Department of Conservation
2 Barr, et. al. 2010
3 Lyver et. al. 2011
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Kete koha collaboration

WHIRIA TE MURA TANGATA

The mahi tahi between Ngātiwai and Ngāti Hine kept on rolling during Alert Level 1 and also as we changed back into Alert Level 2.

The iwi collaboration quickly identified that many whānau were still finding things difficult due to pressures on households from COVID-19, so we continued our work in collaboration with our Ngāti Hine whānaunga.

Over the last three months the collaboration has seen Ngātiwai deliver kete koha to whānau around Whangārei who reached out to our 0800 number for support.

Te Manawaroa o Ngāti Hine delivered kete koha around Whangārei and into the Mid North.

Two Ngātiwai marae each week would receive 80 kete koha and meat for distribution to their marae uri.

We want to make a huge acknowledgment to United Fresh and Kiwi Harvest, with funding from the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). The support from these organisations has been huge, and our whānau have appreciated the kai provided through these partnerships. We thank you all for your support!



A montage of the "many hands" that have been part of the Kete Koha Collaboration to support our kaumātua and vulnerable whānau.

Preparations for Mandate Mediation

Reflect, reset and recalibrate

In October 2017 the Waitangi Tribunal released their report on the Ngātiwai Mandate Inquiry. The Tribunal found that the Crown breached:

- the principle of partnership and the duty of active protection by failing to protect actively the tino rangatiratanga of the hapū included in the Deed of Mandate; and
- the principle of equal treatment in relation to the hapū who remain within the mandate and have no realistic prospect of being able to withdraw compared with those hapū who were earlier allowed by the Crown to settle separately or that have been released from the mandate without explanation.

As a result the Tribunal recommended that the negotiations be paused so that mediation or facilitated discussions take place to debate the unsatisfactory elements of the Deed of Mandate.

"If successful, the Deed of Mandate should be amended and re-submitted to the parties, including the 12 hapū listed [in the mandate] for endorsement or rejection."

Having spent a considerable period of time confirming that the Crown will fund the mediation, during July and August the Board's Treaty Claims Committee have been reaching out to the claimants in an effort to begin discussions about the mediation and in particular how to go about appointing a mediator and specialist advisors to support the mediation.

In terms of the upcoming Hui-ā-iwi the new Chairman, Aperahama Edwards says, "We are looking forward to meeting with our whānau on the 5th of September at Matapouri Marae. As a Board we have taken time to reflect, reset and re-calibrate ourselves, and it is a process that we are still working through."

"Working with our Kāhui Kaumātua we have commissioned an independent review of the Board's operations by management consultants Deloitte."

From our recent reconvened AGM, our uri had questions about the financial position of the Board over the past few years, so we agreed to work with our Kāhui kaumātua to open the books to financial experts Deloitte, who we hope will answer the questions that our people have been asking.

"We look forward to the outcome of this review which we are expecting around the end of September to early October", Aperahama says.

"This is part of the reflect, reset and recalibrate process we are doing as a Board, and what we want to also do as part of our Mandate mediation process. We are open and looking forward to having these discussions with our claimant hapū whānau."

"They may be difficult conversations based on the history of our mandate, but they are conversations that need to be had. We want to own the pathway that has got us to this position of requiring mediation."

"The Board want to take this as an opportunity to genuinely engage with our whānau to see how we can take our mandate to reflect, reset and recalibrate it with the input and aspirations of all our iwi. As Trustees and a Board we have begun working through our own issues in the spirit of kotahitanga and we want to go out to our people with the same intent, with honesty and with open hearts."

Foreshore and Seabed Debate Replay

The Ngātiwai Trust Board welcomed the Waitangi Tribunal's Stage 1 Report on the WAI 2660 Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 Inquiry released on 30 June 2020.

The Tribunal found that the Crown had breached the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in terms of partnership and active protection. As a result the Tribunal recommended that 100% of the reasonable costs of applicants should be met by the Crown and that Legal Aid be looked at further as a means of administering the costs.

This inquiry has been of huge importance to Ngātiwai as the takutai moana is central to the Ngātiwai identity as a people. The 2011 MACA Act established two paths for Māori including Ngātiwai to establish customary title in the takutai moana – either by applying to the High Court or by direct engagement with the Crown.

Stage 1 of this inquiry looked into the procedural and resourcing (i.e. funding) regime for Māori applicants seeking to establish customary rights under the MACA Act. In the hearings held in Wellington in March and August 2019 Ngātiwai claimants gave evidence relating to confusion of the MACA processes, the

lack of consultation, the significant financial burden they had experienced with the Crown's inadequate funding regime for applicants, the Crown's lack of clear policies and procedures for funding, and the MACA regime itself which was viewed as creating dissension amongst applicants.

The Tribunal concluded that that many aspects of the Crown's procedural and resourcing regime fell well short of Treaty compliance. The Tribunal went on to say: *"this is particularly regrettable given the context in which the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act was developed – as a replacement for the controversial Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004, which left such a damaging imprint on Māori – Crown relations and the social fabric of Aotearoa New Zealand."*

The Tribunal's specific recommendations included the Crown considering the current Legal Aid scheme as a suitable model for funding applicants and amending the Legal Aid scheme to accommodate marine and coastal area applications.

The Tribunal also requested that the Crown work with applicants to urgently address the policy vacuum that continues

to impede the Crown engagement pathway – a necessary first step in achieving greater cohesion between the High Court application and direct engagement pathways which the Tribunal considered fundamental.

In referencing its recent Hauraki Settlement Overlapping Claims Inquiry Report (2019) recommendations, the Tribunal also recommended that the Crown improve its support for groups seeking to resolve overlapping interests in MACA, so that applicant groups could reach resolution in a timely and tikanga-consistent manner.

In Stage 2 the Waitangi Tribunal will examine to what extent, if at all, are the MACA Act and Crown policy and practice inconsistent with the Treaty in protecting the ability of Māori holders of customary marine and coastal area rights to assert and exercise those rights.

The Board and other claimants filed their evidence for stage 2 of this inquiry in August 2020 with Northland hearings scheduled to be held at Whitiara Marae, Te Tii, Kerikeri between 28 September and 2 October 2020. Nau mai, haere mai e te iwi.

Hauraki Overlapping Claims

In December 2019, the Waitangi Tribunal released their report on the Hauraki Settlement Overlapping Claims Inquiry. The Tribunal found that the Crown:

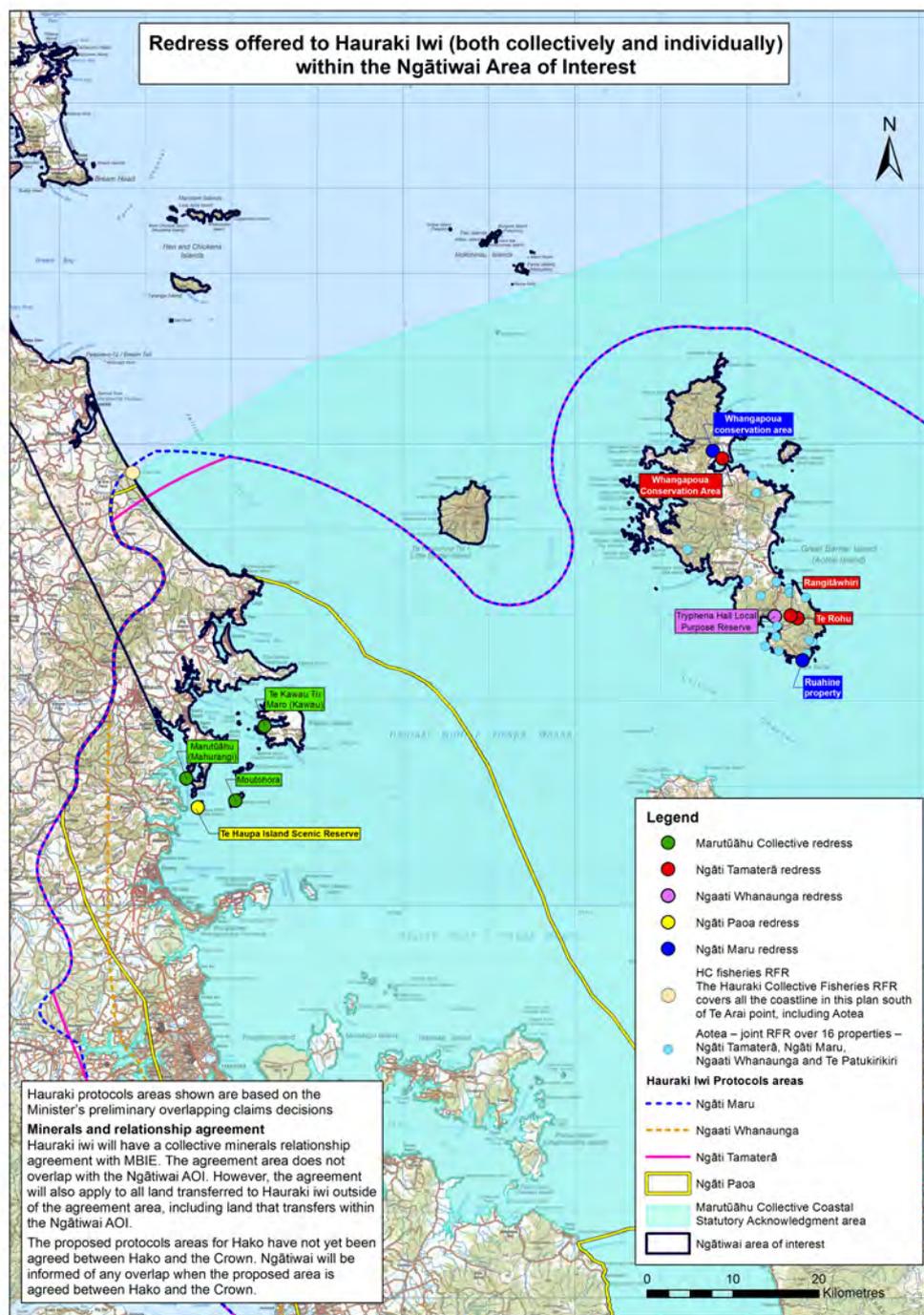
- acted inconsistently with the Treaty principles of partnership and active protection;
- had failed in its duties to act honorably and in good faith, and to avoid creating fresh grievances; and
- failed in its obligations to protect or preserve amicable tribal relationships.

As a result the Tribunal found that the Crown had prejudicially affected Ngātiwai and recommended:

- that the legislation giving effect to the Pare Hauraki Collective Settlement Deed, and the individual Hauraki iwi settlement deeds, does not proceed until the contested redress items have been through a proper overlapping claims process; and
- that the Crown, when undertaking overlapping engagement processes during settlement negotiations, fully commits to and facilitates consultation, information-sharing, and the use of tikanga-based resolution processes that reflect the principles identified by the Tribunal.

Since the beginning of the year the Board has been actively communicating with all parties including the Crown and Hauraki groups. A letter was sent to the Prime Minister in January 2020 where we sought assurance that the Tribunal's recommendations would be followed. We also requested full disclosure of all current overlapping redress (see map of Hauraki redress). We received a response from the Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister in February 2020 confirming that he does not intend to progress Hauraki settlement legislation and his strong preference is to support and encourage iwi-led tikanga-based engagement on the disputed redress.

In the last couple of months the Board has been meeting with our Kāhui Kaumātua and our tikanga experts to debrief them on the Tribunal's findings and recommendations and to seek their advice and support.



The Board has also been reaching out to all of the Hauraki groups individually, to bring our tikanga experts together to co-design the tikanga process as was recommended by the Tribunal. While hampered somewhat by the COVID-19 lock-downs, the Board has managed to have a follow up hui with Ngāti Paoa who was one of the few iwi who came North to meet with us in May 2018 at Whananaki Marae. A further invitation has gone out to Hako, the other Hauraki iwi who came to meet with us in May 2018.

The Board acknowledge Ngāti Paoa for their genuine intent to engage with us, to share kōrero around our concerns and to try and resolve these. Ngātiwai do so with the same intent, so the matters can be mutually agreed and Ngāti Paoa can continue on their Treaty Settlement journey without any significant delay.

As there are seven Hauraki iwi or collectives to work through, this is likely to be ongoing mahi for some time.

The Board has also been meeting with Te Arawhiti (Crown officials) to discuss the Tribunal's report and findings, and in particular the Board felt an apology should be given to Ngātiwai for the terrible process and trauma that Ngātiwai had been put through, and that Te Arawhiti consider refunding Ngātiwai costs for participating in the urgent hearings in Wellington in 2018 as a measure of goodwill.

The different types of redress in dispute was also discussed that we are seeking to resolve, and if there was any flexibility from the Crown to provide alternate redress to Hauraki groups should the tikanga based process lead to this possibility.

Whiria Te Muka - Iwi Collaboration comes together to reflect on COVID-19 response in the Whangārei Rohe



The Ngātiwai Kaumātua Kapa Haka perform at the celebration

Ngātiwai Trust Board, Te Manawaroa o Ngāti Hine and Whangārei Takiwa (Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi) came together on the 30 July to celebrate Te Matahi o Te Tau with kaumātua and invited guests from throughout the Whangārei rohe.

The Whangārei rohe is unique in Tai Tokerau - as an urban centre we came together as iwi and worked together to support all those in need during Covid-19. It's our whakapapa that binds us and through that relationship we united

Over the Covid-19 lockdown and into Level 2 the iwi collaboration worked positively together to provide care and support to those in need and help navigate whānau into specialist support services



"Te Manawaroa o Ngāti Hine led a rohe approach to our Covid-19 Emergency Response, bringing together community, hapū and government agencies to provide a comprehensive support network for all those in need" says Pita Tipene Chair of Te Manawaroa o Ngāti Hine.

This Matariki event brought together over 100 kaumātua from throughout Whangārei to celebrate the Māori New Year and the way with which our people united in the Covid-19 response.



(Top) Eric Rush, Former All Black and owner of Regent and Kaikohe New World was the key note speaker

(Left) Sophie Sparrow, Whangarei professional Opera Singer, wowed the kaumātua with her stunning vocal performance

"Kaumātua and vulnerable whānau were a priority for us in our Covid-19 response, this event gave an opportunity for our kaumātua to mix and mingle after being in lockdown for such a long time. We know that many of our kaumātua were alone or isolated - so the importance of kick-starting that social connection is important post Covid-19" says Janelle Beazley of Whangārei Ngāpuhi Takiwa.

The hui recognised the many sponsors, funders and the many 'hands' that contributed to the collaborative efforts.

"As younger people, we came together through our iwi connections to support the Covid-19 response, it's a wonderful opportunity to come together and reflect on the gains made through this collaboration", says Huhana Lyndon, planner for Te Manawaroa o Ngāti Hine.



Kaumātua from across the rohe enjoy a nice kai and social time together

The event featured Eric Rush as keynote speaker, owner of Regent and Kaikohe, New World speaking as a Māori business owner supporting iwi to provide welfare support into the region. Sophie Sparrow (Whangārei Opera Singer) provided a beautiful musical interlude and the Ngātiwai Kaumātua Kapa Haka group finished the event with a heart warming performance.

"So many people and organisations over the last few months have given so much of their own time, resources, food, manaaki and aroha to this awesome kaupapa. So the Matariki celebration was our chance to say THANK YOU", says Simon Mitchell, Trustee of Ngātiwai Trust Board and operations lead for welfare support.



Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 31st July 2020

Aquaculture Settlement Funds:

Trustees have requested that Management provide a detailed report regarding the use of the settlement funds.

Consolidated Group Financials:

The Group Financials to the 30th June 2020 were approved by the Board.

Election of Chair and Deputy:

The election of Chair and Deputy occurred at the meeting. Congratulations to both Aperahama Edwards who was elected as Chairman, and Martin Cleave who was elected as Deputy Chair.

Proposed Hui-ā-iwi:

Trustees propose to host a Hui-ā-iwi on Saturday 5th September, the venue is to be advised.

Scholarship Applications:

The Board resolved a minimum payment for all scholarship applications received by 31st July 2020, and which meet the Ngātiwai Trust Board Scholarship criteria subject to the Education Committee approving the applications.

Sponsorship Application:

A sponsorship grant of \$500 was approved to support Wiremu Wikaira, Omaha Marae, to participate in the NZ U16 Rugby Team domestic tour and NZ U16 Tag Football Trans-Tasman Test Series.

Trustee Wananga:

A Trustee only wānanga is proposed for later in the month.

Important Dates 2020



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Board Meeting of Trustees	Ngātiwai Trust Board, Whangārei	Friday, 28th August 2020, 10.00am
Ngātiwai Hui-ā-iwi	Matapouri Marae	Friday 5th September 2020, 10.00am
The Incredible Years Parenting Programme	Level 1, Semenoff Stadium, Whangārei - Ngātiwai Education	4th September 2020, 10.00a
Ngātiwai Kaumātua Kapa Haka. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch	Level 1, Semenoff Stadium, Whangārei - Ngātiwai Education	Every Tuesday, 10.00am
Marine and Coastal Area Act, Waitangi Tribunal Kaupapa Inquiry - Stage 2	Whitiōra Marae - 128 Te Tii Road, Kerikeri	28th September to 2 October 2020

He Tangāta

Matariki Kaumātua Celebration Dinner

