

Te Tūkaiaia

Te Karanga o te Iwi

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*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
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Ngātiwai Kaumātua once again perform on the big stage in Wellington

For the second year running, a group of thirty kaumātua from Ngātiwai proudly represented their whānau, marae, hapū and iwi on stage in Wellington for the Taikura Kapa Haka Festival 2018.

It takes a lot of work and effort to get thirty kaumātua plus support whānau down to Wellington to participate in the two day Festival. But after a year of planning, weekly practice sessions and fine tuning, our kaumātua were able to put all their efforts into practice by getting up on stage and giving it all they had.

Nupere Ngawaka, kaumātua from Whananaki says, "We were a bit shaky to start off with, but it went off well. We

changed a couple of our songs from what we practiced, but we came out trumps."

"When I look at our group compared to some of the others, most of our people were way over seventy plus. We were acknowledged for our rōpū having so many in the "older bracket", with our eldest at 87."

"What I enjoyed most about the trip was how well our kuia performed. I really give them credit for pulling off a great performance. It is a big ask to get up on that stage, but I think they all did so well."

Georgina Haika, kaumātua from Whangaruru says she really loved the trip.



** Ngātiwai Kaumātua kapa haka rōpū on stage at Te Papa for the Matariki Taikura Kapa Haka Festival 2018

"All the people organising the event were kind to us and made sure we were well looked after. The whole festival was run in a beautiful spirit. We had some challenges down there before we performed, but it all fell into place and we were given feedback that we were like a well-oiled machine. It was just lovely."

Gayle Wellington-Dowsett of the Ngātiwai Education Unit says, "We had a fantastic trip to Wellington again this year, it was just amazing. Our kaumātua are truly amazing, they have great energy and stamina. I just love seeing them perform, especially on a big stage such as this. We love having these kaumātua as a part of our education team, they are a corner stone of our unit."

The rōpū has already begun focusing on fundraising for the 2019 Festival, with one idea being a concert which showcases the talents within Ngātiwai, with the Ngātiwai Kapa Haka Rōpu performing as the

headline act! This idea is in the early stages of planning, but keep an eye out for an announcement for this to be possibly held in spring or early summer.

Ngātiwai Chairman, Haydn Edmonds, says "Seeing our kaumātua perform on the big stage at Te Papa in Wellington is an absolute highlight of the year for me. They have been part of two days of kaumātua kapa haka, where they participated with over 500 other kaumātua from around Aotearoa for the 2018 Matariki Celebrations. It makes me proud that we as a Board could support them once again to be part of this fantastic Festival."

Nupere Ngawaka says, "After we finished our performance we felt so good and it sounded like the crowd were clapping the house down. We can't wait to do it all again next year!"

** Photos courtesy of Te Papa Museum, Wellington



Ngātiwai kuia put on a beautiful performance at Matariki Taikura Kapa Haka Festival 2018



Morore Piripi and his wife Mei, dance to their waiata as part of their performance on stage

Ngātiwai Rangatira Hori Parata shares ancient knowledge with Taranaki Hapū

12 Parāoa Whales (Sperm Whales) were recently stranded on the South Taranaki coast of Kaupokonui, on a scale not seen on their coast in recent memory.

Parāoa are a taonga (treasure) to Māori. Not because of their valuable teeth, bones and the highly valuable ambergris, but because these whales are viewed as our tūpuna (ancestors).

Māori have a long association with whales. Whales often feature in kōrero and stories and are considered kaitiaki or guardians on

our ancestor's waka journeys to Aotearoa.

With the stranding being spread over five kilometres of this west coast, the work ahead of the local hapū of this area, Ngāti Tū and Ngāti Haaua was always going to be a challenge.

A challenge firstly because of the coastline, the West Coast even on a good day can be a rough and rugged landscape. However, with the onset of winter, high winds and storms coming through the work for those involved was difficult.

A challenge also because the mātauranga (knowledge) of this type of work was not something the local hapū had. Whale strandings on this coast are a rare occurrence, no one from the local hapū knew how to deal with them properly.

Ngātiwai tohunga (expert) Hori Parata is known nationally for his expertise in whale recovery. He has been involved in this type of mahi for decades, and is a leader in developing whale recovery protocols. The knowledge he has is something that he has



Ngātiwai tohunga Hori Parata briefs the team before they begin flensing one of the twelve stranded Parāoa

grown up around and has been handed down to him from his uncles.

So when the local hapū saw what faced them, they called Hori for advice on what to do. Hori advised them that he would be there in 24 hours, and that is what he did.

Hori packed his truck with all the equipment that he needed, gathered a team of kaitiaki that included David Milner, Buch Cullen, Tui Shortland, Te Kaurinui Parata, Poai Niha and Sylvia Wano and made the long journey from Tai Tokerau to the South Coast of Taranaki.

Ngāti Tu hapū member Bonita Bigham of Manaia, said "Our hapū is forever indebted to Ngātiwai for sharing your taonga - Matua Hori and his amazing team with us here in Ngāti Tū, kei Taranaki Ki Te Tonga."

"My whānau have been able to rediscover the lost cultural knowledge with the tautoko and awhi (support) of Matua Hori and his rūpu from Ngātiwai."

"Matua Hori Parata is known nationally as an expert in this mahi and we are grateful beyond words to have someone of this calibre here, especially in these tough conditions."

Another challenge that Hori and the local hapū faced was from the Department of Conservation (DOC). When the ambergris

and jaws were being extracted from the whales, DOC asked the local marae and hapū if this is a commercial operation and if they had permits.

This is because ambergris is a highly valuable international commodity used in cosmetics and perfumes, and highly valuable in part due to its rarity and the uncertainty of supply.

Hori Parata quickly shut down this conversation with DOC by explaining that "the Maori name for ambergris is 'Mīmiha', and was also known sometimes as a Māori chewing gum."

Hori advised DOC that "We as Māori don't classify this as a commercial operation. It (ambergris) has a Māori name – Mīmiha, and we consider it rongoa Māori (a traditional Māori medicine). What the local hapū and marae choose to do with it, that is their business – end of story."

Although the work was hard and challenging, Hori said it was a great feeling down there.

"The wairua was very strong."

"At times the maunga would show itself from behind the clouds at just the right time, which was a sign to us that our tūpuna were keeping an eye on us."

Ngātiwai have strong ties to this area,

with Matua Hori explaining that our eponymous ancestor Manaia came ashore and spent time there. While down there, Hori explained that the local hapū would often refer to our connections in their kōrero. Place names such as Mokau, Oakura, Manaia, Punaruku and Nga Matapouri affirm our connections to this area.

After eleven days away and the majority of the mahi completed, Hori and his team made their way home. Although tired and looking forward to having a good shower and a sleep back in their own beds, they were all buzzing.

Hori says "I am really proud of our group that travelled down. They all performed and upheld the mana of Ngātiwai. The whole thing just ran really well, we established safe environments in the working areas, all the teams worked well together which DOC, the local hapū and marae all acknowledged and thanked us for our efforts."

"I am pleased that we have been able to share our knowledge and leave the local hapū in a position to be able to deal with the type of mahi when this situation arises again, but also to be able to share and hand down this knowledge to their future generations."



Ngātiwai Kaitiaki Buch Cullen and team begin work on one of the stranded Parāoa



The West Coast's rough and rugged landscape made the work challenging and difficult



Hori Parata showing whānau how to render down the whale blubber



Hori Parata inspects some of the retrieved jaw bones

Treaty Settlement Update

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Ngātiwai embrace tikanga Māori in dealing with overlapping claims

Ngātiwai are not alone in dealing with overlapping claim disputes with tribes from Hauraki and Marutuahu. The Ngātiwai Trust Board (the 'Board') have been calling for a tikanga Māori process on the marae to resolve overlapping claims but only a few of the iwi involved have come forward and some have never responded.

Successful hui held with Ngāti Hako and Ngāti Paoa

Last month the Board facilitated two initial hui with Ngāti Hako and Ngāti Paoa from Hauraki to begin a process for resolving overlapping claims with them. Both of these hui went extremely well under the guidance of the marae taumata who maintained a respectful exchange of views and facilitated agreed outcomes to be revisited at further hui yet to be arranged.

Ngātiwai Trust Board Chairman, Haydn Edmonds says, "We would like to thank both Ngāti Hako and Ngāti Paoa for meeting with us on our marae. We are grateful for them taking the time to travel north to sit down and kōrero with us. We were all clear at both these hui that it was important that we came together to discuss the issues, but to also reaffirm our connections. At these hui, not all matters were resolved immediately and were never expected to be. However, all

parties took away things to consider, and have committed to further hui to work towards a resolution."

Lessons learnt from Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki overlapping claims engagement

In mid-July 2017, the Board met with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki to discuss overlapping claims. Shortly after, the Board provided a written submission to the Office of Treaty Settlements objecting to the proposed redress. The Crown then introduced the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki settlement legislation into the house for its first reading. The Board then made further submissions to the Māori Affairs Select committee and in late March 2018, the Committee reported back to the house. The Committee said:

"Based on advice we have received from the Office of Treaty Settlements, we do not recommend any changes to the bill on this matter. Any agreements to amend the protocol areas could be implemented without an amendment to the bill."

In early April 2018, the Board made an urgent request for direct reengagement with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki to discuss overlapping claims. The response was that they would be overseas and would not be able to respond until June or July 2018 – approximately three to four months later. It is clear to the Board that leaving unresolved matters until after settlements have been finalised provides no incentive for these groups to come to the 'table' to

resolve these matters in earnest.

Why is it important to have a tikanga Māori process?

Hui on the marae is not only our natural way, it provides a far more transparent and robust way for resolving claims concerning mana whenua, mana moana and appropriate redress because you cannot hide from scrutiny on the marae.

The Crown's process on the other hand involves writing submissions to the Office of Treaty Settlements and puts the Crown in between iwi and in the position of decision-maker over Māori matters. It allows those groups who refuse to engage to hide behind the Crown's flawed policy and exploit other iwi by not fronting their claims with the people most affected by them.

What is the new Labour Government and Minister for Treaty Negotiations doing about it?

In July 2017, the Board filed an urgent hearing application in the Waitangi Tribunal along with nine other claimant groups objecting to the Crown's



Ngātiwai and Ngāti Hako initial hui held at Whakapaumahara Marae, Whananaki - 15 May 2018



Ngātiwai and Ngāti Paoa initial hui held at Whakapaumahara Marae – 23 May 2018



Tauranga Moana Rangitira protest on the steps of parliament - 15 May 2018

overlapping claims policy. The application also objected to the redress provided to Hauraki iwi under this policy within the Ngātiwai rohe. Despite the application, the new Government and Minister Little continue with the Crown's overlapping claims policy unchanged and without any requirement that overlapping groups come together to discuss and resolve disputed redress.

The Crown are also aware of the growing concern among iwi Māori including Tauranga Moana who raised an army and marched on Parliament last month in protest and Ōrākei who have taken a case to the supreme court in addition to the Tribunal.

The Minister appeared in Māori news media, to defend the Crown's current policy by saying it is not the Crown's place to 'interfere with tikanga'. Yet the Minister has put all objecting iwi on notice that he intends to sign-off on the contentious Pare Hauraki settlement. Ironically the

Minister appears to be 'blind' to the fact that to sign off without any genuine efforts to resolve overlapping claims in a tikanga Māori way with Ngātiwai would be 'interfering with tikanga' as it would undermine the tikanga process by removing any incentive for Hauraki groups to come to the 'table'.

Who is not coming to the table to talk with Ngātiwai?

There are three iwi and two collectives in particular who have never responded at all to the Board's request for hui. They are:

- Ngāti Maru
- Ngai Tāmatera
- Patukirikiri
- The Hauraki collective
- The Marutūahu collective
- Ngāti Whānaunga did respond at one point but then cancelled the hui at the last minute due to ill health but never followed up.

While we appreciate that these iwi or collectives may well have been in negotiations for some time we implore them to come forward and do the right thing.

Board Chairman, Haydn Edmonds says, "There are only three iwi from Hauraki that have engaged with us to date, and we need to have the same kōrero with the other iwi that make up these collectives. It is crucial that these hui are allowed to happen under tikanga Māori, before any Settlements are signed off by the Treaty Negotiations Minister Andrew Little. We have a long history with many but not all of these iwi of Hauraki, and our recent hui with Ngāti Hako and Ngāti Paoa has re-affirmed that. We accept that there may be some historical interests that they have, however those interests must be determined through a tikanga process, and not a Crown process. Our position is simple and requires any redress offered must not erode the mana whenua and mana moana of Ngātiwai within our rohe."



Tauranga Moana march onto Parliament to defend their mana



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Board Meeting of Trustees	Ngātiwai Trust Board, Whangarei	Friday 27th July, 10am
Te Kupenga Reo o Ngātiwai Noho Marae	Ngunguru Marae	Friday 27th July, 6pm & Saturday 28th July, 3pm
Ngātiwai hui-a-iwi	Venue TBC	Wananga proposed date, Saturday 1st September
Ngātiwai Waiata Classes (please bring a plate for a shared lunch)	Ngātiwai Education, Level 1, Toll Stadium, Whangarei	Every Tuesday, 9am