



Notes of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Hui-A-Iwi held at Te Puna Ō Te Matauranga Marae,
Northtec, 58 Raumanga Road, Whangarei on Saturday 28th March 2015
commencing at 10am

Present: Haydn Edmonds, Kris MacDonald, Merepeka Henley, Phillip Ngawaka, Leonard Namana, Michael Rundlett, Moana MacDonald, Tania McPherson, Ken Kawiti, Philip Alexander-Crawford, Gary Reti and those listed on the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Max Thompson, Annette Baines, Isha Waetford, Andrea Munro, Henry Murphy, Kathy Pita, Grant Pirihi, Hori P Mahanga

The Hui-A-Iwi was commenced with a powhiri at approximately 10.15am followed by a short break and then reconvened at approximately 11.15am.

Introduction:

Haydn Edmonds welcomed everyone to the Hui-A-Iwi and explained briefly today's hui is the first of the 3 Hui-A-Iwi the Trust Board has planned for the year.

Haydn continued the Hui-A-Iwi has come about because the iwi has asked for it. The Trust Board will use these quarterly hui as a forum to keep everyone up dated about the Board's activities.

Education Presentation: Philip Alexander-Crawford:

Philip Alexander-Crawford delivered the Education Unit's presentation as follows:

The Team:

Kaumātua and Kuia
Max Thompson
Gayle Wellington
Taka Skipwith
Hohi Riini
Leila
Lisa
Erica Wellington
Petina Stone
Yvonne Wiki

Moana-Aroha Henry
Rodney Ngawaka
Liz Flower
Haydn Edmonds
John Paki
Norman Pratt

What is our strategy?

Ngātiwai Education has been developed by the Ngātiwai Trust Board to assist in achieving the vision and mission of the Ngātiwai Trust Board for the benefit of Ngātiwai.

Our vision:

Ngātiwai Moana; Ngātiwai Whenua; Ngātiwai Tangata

Our mission:

To ensure that Ngātiwai enjoy a position of cultural and economic strength in the 21st century; to develop cultural economic prosperity as an Iwi; and promote the expectations and aspirations of the Iwi and the individuals within.

Our values:

Mana Motuhake; Manaaki; Matatika; Kaitiaki; Puataata; Ngātiwaitanga

We are delivering as per the annual report

Auditing that: how is everything we do authentic, legitimate and aligned with Ngātiwai strategy?

Now we have a PTE how do we use it to advance Ngātiwai strategy? And how can it be financially viable?

What are the challenges?

- That everything we do has Ngātiwai cultural authenticity
- Strengthen relationship with Ngātiwai Trust Board and its strategic goals
- Make it financially viable

Philip explained the Education Unit needs to be clearer about its vision and ambitions to take the people forward.

He confirmed a PTE – is a Private Training Establishment. In order to receive Educational Funding you must be a registered PTE.

Questions/Answers:

Ali Baines enquired. If we have Education concerns does a person contact the Trust Board or the PTE? *Philip confirmed contact the Trust Board in the first instance.*

He explained the PTE is a vehicle for certain things however the vehicle must be guided.

Marie Coward enquired. What can the PTE do for Ngātiwai people that are struggling to finance their university studies? *Philip replied the PTE could look at applying for funding*

on behalf of the person/whanau also the Trust Board offers scholarship grants each year to assist Ngātiwai whanau with their tertiary education.

Ngaio McGee commented so the PTE is audited each year to ensure that it financially viable. Do the auditors review the PTE's projects as well? *It was confirmed yes.*

Merepeka Henley enquired. What courses are available through the PTE? *Philip confirmed none we are reliant on 3rd party for example Northtec and Te Wananga o Aotearoa.*

Ngaio commented. How do the courses work? I've received a certificate for a course I was studying through the PTE but I've not completed the course as yet. *Philip confirmed he would look into it.*

Rowan Tautari enquired. Who listed in the Team have advanced Te Reo skills? *Philip replied. Max Thompson, Rodney Ngawaka, Moana-Aroha Henry and Hohi Riini.*

Ali enquired. Are those listed in the team representatives for their hapū? *Philip responded technically no. However practically and personally they may well be.*

Ani Pitman commented can you articulate on the things that have and haven't worked?

Philip explained the following:

Not worked:

- *Slowness in receiving our PTE registration*
- *Communication between the PTE and the Trust Board needs improvement*
- *No or lack of input from team members*
- *Projects/programmes have been delivered well but need continuous reviewing so authentic improves are made if/when required*
- *International students, didn't work out and was problematic*
- *Governance and management need to look at things that have gone wrong*

Worked:

- *Domestic (Arataki Manu Korero)*
- *Education Services (Whanau Education Plans)*
- *Research (MoU's with Massey University and AUT), Suicide Prevention*
- *Early Childhood Education for teachers*

Sarah Burkhardt commented, I'm concerned that the PTE was established in November 2014 and there doesn't to appear to be any future programs. Where is it going from here? *Philip responded the future direction for the PTE needs to come from the Directors.*

We are currently considering holding a drivers licence course through Northtec statistics are that 40% of students at Northtec don't have a drivers licence and 17% of the 40% are Ngātiwai.

Joeann Waata acknowledged Philip for the work that he has done and added but there is no way forward. Joeann enquired. How does the Education Unit select their Te Reo experts now that Aperahama and I have left? *Haydn responded legitimacy sits with*

kaumātua. The Board decided yesterday that kaumātua will work with governance and set terms of reference for it.

Joeann acknowledged Haydn for his answer and added she is glad the issue has been taken into that forum.

Gilbert Paki commented years ago NTB use to deliver education courses through Access Training however these programmes were disestablished by the Government. What has NTB learnt from the first time around? *Haydn responded we've learned that we need to create educational programmes teaching skills sets specific to Ngātwai people, for example fishing and bee keeping these things create employment on our own land.*

Sarah commented we used to have fishing courses 23 years ago let's go back to it. I'm concerned we will lose the PTE if we don't get more courses started. We need something like the Board to co-ordinate it all.

Aperahama Kerepeti-Edwards acknowledged Philip for his presentation and provided the hui with an update regarding Nga Pii Manu Kura in Ngunguru. He explained he is concerned for our mokopuna, Nga Pii Manu was closed down and now our mokopuna that attended the kura have nowhere to go to continue their learning

Aperahama continued I'm happy that the Board has created a Reo and Tikanga specific portfolio because nothing has been done for the whanau of Nga Pii Manu they have been left high and dry. *Haydn responded there will be an opportunity for it to be reported on at the next hui-a-iwi. Kaumātua are involved in resolving the issue.*

Kris MacDonald added the issues needs to be addressed with the Ngunguru School Board.

A question was asked. What is the structure of the PTE? *Haydn responded NTB has a 50% share and 2 other partners have 25% shares each. He continued everything about the PTE and the educational programmes must be in alignment with the Trust Board's strategic plan.*

Rowan Tautari commented, picking up on what you've said, alignment. Rowan continued from what I understand Education received a contract of \$5million from the Ministry of Education. How does a contract for that amount get spent and align with the Trust Board's strategic plan? *Kris MacDonald responded. The MoE gave us funding of \$60k to do an environmental analysis to develop an Education strategy.*

He continued. The PTE was just one structure to develop programmes.

Marie Tautari commented I heard the contract was \$450k. *Philip responded that was an overall figure for a lot of contracts.*

Joeann commented at a recent kaumātua hui of which all the kaumātua of the north attended, one of the kaumātua said that he didn't feel confident in the current leadership at the Education Unit regarding Te Reo and Tikanga. *Phil responded a focus group has been set up for Te Reo and Tikanga that will report to the Board of the Education Unit.*

Ngaio enquired. Last year the Board had a loss. How much as the PTE lost? *Haydn responded \$250k which was expenditure and costs to set up the PTE.*

Marie Coward commented. Honey Bees. When did it start and where do you get the hives from? *Haydn replied. We want to train our people in that skill and we'd like the PTE to deliver a module where you learn about the entire industry.*

Communications Presentation: (Ken Kawiti):

Ken Kawiti delivered the Communications presentation as follows:

Background:

Communications as a driver for the Board's strategic priorities

- Treaty Claims
- Communications and Engagement Plan
- Support to achieve a DoM

Current Role:

- Continue newsletter and e-panui
- Keep up to speed with Treaty Claims and Mandate Process
- Advice and support to the CEO, TCC and the Board
- Understand and support improvements to the Iwi database as the primary source of demographic knowledge
- Explore and implement website re-development
- Social media – update and regular posts
 - o Monitor feedback
- Develop the Communications Strategic Plan

To Date – eNewsletter:

- **Te Tukaiaia eNewsletter**
 - o Find and develop stories that have connect with Iwi
 - o What's happening in and around Ngātiwai rohe
 - o Stories reflect Ngātiwaitanga
 - o Patai Mai – feature articles that discuss submitter issues
 - o Consult widely to validate reo me nga tikanga

To Date – Database:

- **Database**
 - o Update registrations and forms that recognise new communication preferences such as social media
 - o And gather more consistent hapū information to build a better picture of the Iwi

- Better reporting to key staff and the Board

To Date – Website:

- **Website**
 - Develop as we go – shift menus and delete redirects
 - Build and write content – script, photo links
 - Ongoing plus look at the entire site review and re-development for the future

Next Steps:

- **Communications Strategy**
 - A first draft to the Board March 2015
 - Draft open for public submissions (4 weeks)
 - Hui to discuss suggestions with submitters to the plan
 - Revised draft to NTB for sign-off April 2015
- **Database**
 - Continuously update and refine
- **Website**
 - Revamp low or no cost solutions, develop as we go
 - Complete rebuild in a responsive format that recognises new technologies
- **Facebook**
 - Continue to socialise Ngātiwai Trust Board and its' activities

Questions/Answers:

Merepeka commented a lot of our people don't have computers or internet connections for whanau living in Whangaruru, Pothole is an excellent way to communicate; other rural areas have their own community newsletters or papers.

Gilbert Paki commented when you talk about the registration database and the gaps with hapū information, NTB has representatives from marae committees however hapū is a key component in a mandate process. These things need to be explored further.

Ken commented the previous registration forms didn't answer the hapū question and so the only way to correct the information is to include it. All registrations are validated through the marae.

Rowan commented there appears to be a discrepancy in the Tukaiaia. Is Howard Reti a Director of the PTE or not? *Haydn confirmed Howard was a Director but he resigned on Thursday.*

Sarah commented. Do the registrations get sent to the marae for validation? *Michael Rundlett explained not the marae, but the marae Trustee on the NTB.*

He continued as the Trustee for Ngunguru marae I am responsible to take the registration back to the marae or whanau for validation if I don't know myself.

Gilbert added it's important not to whakamana kaumātua and haukainga.

Ali enquired. I belong to Motairehe Marae. Where is your information that links me to Ngātiwai and the eponymous ancestor? Ali continued there are 4 lines of Rangihokaia who is under one of these 4 sons? *Kris responded all the decedents of Manaia are Ngātiwai.*

Robert Carpenter commented regarding the whakapapa and database, some things are tapu. I look at this registration form and instantly notice some hapū missing. Robert continued, be careful about the way you seek whakapapa information and how you look after it.

Personally I draw the line when it comes to my whakapapa being used for other means.

Ngaio commented. As people are aware I'm strongly attached to communications I've noticed that the quality of communication from the Trust Board has improved however there still needs to be more engagement and pushing the information out to people other than through social media.

Ngaio acknowledged Ken for the work you've done on communications however the message is still not getting out there. She continued at the Trustees meeting yesterday the Database was discussed, I understood that Treaty Claims Committee will be writing policy for the database.

Ngaio cautioned. If you use my whakapapa from my registration for the Treaty Claims process I will withdraw my registration and my whanau. *Kris explained at the Trustee Meeting yesterday the Board decided it needed to improve the Governance and access/non-access to the database. It is not the Treaty Claims Committee completing the review it is the Board.*

Marie Coward enquired about housing for kaumātua.

Rowan commented. Why has Ngare Raumati been included in section 6 of the registration form? She continued they are a historical hapū. I also notice that Ngāti Takapari and Te Waiariki have been included as Ngātiwai hapū and yet some of their people say they are not Ngātiwai.

Sarah commented some of those people do and don't, however we must have a place for everyone. *Kris responded some registrations on the database are Ngare Raumati through Patu Keha and Ngāti Kuta all we have tried to do is acknowledge the connection, it is the same for Te Waiariki.*

Robert commented there will always be overlapping whakapapa. Some of my whakapapa is Te Kapotai and Ngātiwai. I have no problem with sharing 4 generations of my whakapapa with you.

Kelly Klink added I am Te Waiariki and I'm happy to be Ngātiwai as well, I'm from the Barrier and whakapapa to Ngāti Rehua. Everyone has their own whakapapa. *Haydn acknowledged Kelly for her whakapapa.*

Aperahama commented. We've got to respect each other's whakapapa.

Marie Tautari commented the Board doesn't respect us for who we are. We shouldn't be discussing whakapapa. Kris you said that all of Manaia are Ngātiwai.

She continued Te Whakapiko hapū are Ngāti Manaia. You don't respect us, don't try and fit us into boxes on your form. Our land at Whananaki is Ngāti Manaia not Ngātiwai.

Presentation: Treaty Claims:

The Treaty Claims presentation was delivered as follows:

It's as much about the journey as it is about the destination

- Ngātiwai Trust Board
- Deed of Mandate
- Post Settlement Governance Entity

Recap on 2014:

- **21st October 2013**
 - o 82% support (636/772 votes cast)
- **8th July 2014**
 - o Deed of Mandate to OTS
- **12th, 26th July 2015**
 - o Public Notice and call for submissions
 - o Submissions close (8 weeks)
 - o 242 written submissions
 - o 42% support and 58% oppose
 - o 1 petition opposed, 119 signatures (duplicates)
 - o 8 video submissions oppose
- **18th October 2014**
 - o OTS facilitates hui with submitters at Northtec and provides NTB with a summary of 5 key issues
- **29th October 2015**
 - o TCC meet with Minister Finlayson and OTS
 - o Engagement and communications plan

Activity:

- **Open door policy**
 - o 1 hui accepted and held concerning communications
- **Face to face Hui**
 - o 17 individual hui accepted and held
 - o 7 hui invitations either declined or not responded to
- **Monthly Board Meeting Summaries**
 - o November, December and February Board meetings
 - o No January Board meeting held
- **Special General Meeting – Trust Deed Review 28th February 2015**
 - o Agreed “more time, more discussion
 - o Trustee to report back to Marae
 - o Focus Group
- **Wananga planning (PSGE options)**
 - o Advice requested from Toko Kapea, Tuia Group on:
 - What have other iwi in similar circumstances done?
 - Who best to contact for relevant information on lessons learnt?
- **Quarterly Hui-A-Iwi**
 - o This hui to report back on Board activities.

Next Steps:

- **Final analysis of all feedback and consider:**
 - o Issues specific to the DoM – that may need further discussion (i.e. parallel process, TCC involvement)
 - o Issues wider than the DoM – that may need to be addressed in the longer term (i.e. PSGE options, settlement asset management and distribution)
 - o NTB to provide written responses to submissions.

Questions and Answers:

Merepeka as the Chairperson for Ngātiwai marae put a question to Tania McPherson.

What is the Board's policy regarding its management extracting information about hapū from marae registrations? *Tania responded I'm not a Trustee maybe you would like to answer that question yourself Merepeka.*

Haydn responded this is an issue that is being addressed by the Board now. The issue of hapū comes up in the mandate because we are looking for a process to incorporate everyone however it's obvious we need to have discussions about it.

Ngaio commented. Can the Board release a statement that they will not use database information for the Treaty Claims? *Response was no. Kris added we are not using whakapapa from the database to inform the Treaty Claims process or to determine hapū.*

Robert commented my whanau claims is based on whakapapa. The issue regarding hapū has come up. The questions from the korero are about identifying hapū and what models are available?

Robert continued the Trust Board is trying to make changes to include hapū and need a model. I would like to be involved in testing it.

Robert concluded I'm exploring for answers for my claim so this will come about one way or another. Robert confirmed I am willing to participate and I will continue to korero with the Treaty Claims Committee, I want to share my thoughts on hapū and how it will be represented in the Trust Board. *Haydn acknowledged Robert for his korero and added this will be a big job for the Trust Board.*

He continued the Trust Board's intention is to engage with hapū, we may begin our process with talking with kaumātua firstly. It's about engagement and growth. Ngātiwai has interests in land-blocks, overlapping hapū and the ocean mandate allows us to move forward with this.

Marie Coward commented. Are you asking kaumātua for their expertise and knowledge? *Haydn confirmed yes we are involving hapū.*

Gilbert acknowledged everyone's korero today. He explained those of us here today from Patuharakeke have come to repeat our opposition to the mandate but we ask that NTB support us with ours. Patuharakeke want our own mandate and want to be able to

manage our own settlement. There are key words missing in your mandate, whanau and hapū.

He added 3 weeks ago I attend a hui along with representatives of Patu Keha, they have given me mandate to speak on their behalf they say “Patu Keha, Rawhiti will support Ngātiwai people but not NTB”.

Gilbert conclude it’s about we must ensure not to whakamana the Taumata.

Ali apologised for her previous behaviour. She explained if 50% of those registered to the Trust Board deregistered themselves they could pass their registrations on to the Public Trust. What would happen to the Trust Board then? *Haydn responded the Trust Board’s assets would be set aside or you could deregister and take us to court.*

Ali added if Motairehe wanted to put their own representative of whanau and hapū forward to the Trust Board to represent would the Trust Board accept them? *Haydn responded no.*

Donna from Patuharakeke supports Gilbert’s korero. She continued in the presentation you talk about the journey part of that journey is about respect of whanau, hapū and iwi. If it weren’t for these things NTB would cease to exist.

She continued Patuharakeke have had these relationships forever. I see in your presentation that it runs other mana over. *Haydn responded my relationships are still good, I’ve only opened up an engagement process, to say I takahi the mana of Patuharakeke, my son comes from there, his mum is there.*

Donna added OTS has identified there wasn’t enough consultation with hapū. Trust Board is saying it has an open door policy, it’s important to respect.

Rowan added your diagram show’s that a process to mandate, we don’t care about the money we want to get relationships right. Let’s get the hapū issues sorted now. *Kris commented has to get a mandate, if we don’t get the mandate then someone else has to drive your claims.*

Gilbert added this is a korero we should pursue further.

Marie Tautari commented. Any Maori can drive a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal. My fear is the Trust Board has a fixed mind about how it should be done. We are not interested in signing up without understanding. I seek justice and this is an unjust situation.

Marie concluded we know who we are and we are fixed to our land. We want a hearing and a report. *Haydn responded. We’ve met with you on a couple of occasions and there are plenty more dates for us to meet and korero again.*

Ali started to shout about her whakapapa and insisted on Haydn telling his.

Hori Parata intervened, we need to keep talking and meeting we just need to keep trying we will get there.

Hori closed the meeting at approximately 2.10pm with a karakia.

Moana MacDonald
Board Secretary

Haydn Edmonds
Chairman