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## Ngātiwai Trust Board Wānanga 25 - 27 February 2016



Ngatiwai Marae – Ngaiotonga.



Tokowhati Martin giving whaikōrero.

### Ngātiwai Marae in Ngaiotonga hosted the Ngātiwai Trust Board's information Wānanga on Thursday 25th February through to Saturday, 27th February.

The purpose of the Wānanga was to have whānau involved in a hui that allowed them to listen and participate in kōrero around matters relating to the Treaty Settlement process, including other board matters and activities. The hui began with a pōwhiri to welcome the Trust Board and other whānau onto the Marae by the Ngātiwai Marae Taumata and hau kāinga. Kaumātua Tokowhati Martin said, "I passed the whare over to the Trust Board by way of handing over the whare rākau kōrero to them for the duration of the Wānanga".

The hui began with Ngātiwai Trust Board Chairman, Haydn Edmonds, presenting

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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Whanau participating in Workshop sessions.



Whanau listening to Sarah Burkhardt presenting the Trust Deed Review Workshop.

the Board's vision and strategy which was explained around the pou of; Tāngata – Live well, Whenua – Feed our people and Moana – Protect our future.

Haydn said, "It is important for our people to hear our vision and strategy, and for me to hear from the people to ensure the direction I am leading the board in is the right one for our people".

The Board's Treaty Negotiations strategy was discussed with Haydn asking what Ngātiwai want for a Treaty Settlement, as well as what is important for our Iwi, Hapū and Marae katoa? He also asked what our people's bottom lines were in terms of; Cultural redress, commercial redress, protocols and other redress issues. Excellent kõrero was had where whānau were able to participate and provide feedback in a constructive forum.

Trustees were invited to introduce themselves and give an overview of the mahi within their respective Trust Board portfolios. This was a great opportunity for whānau to engage Trustees and ask questions of their relevant work areas.

Haydn introduced the Technical Advisory Group established to support the Trust Board through the Terms of Negotiations phase. This team consists of Justine Inns from OceanLaw NZ, Toko Kapea of Tuia Group and Blanche McMath of Platform Advertising. They were originally detailed in the Ngātiwai Mandate and since the recognition of this, they have been involved in providing specialist advice based on their specific skill sets around Treaty Settlement matters.

In the absence of Rōpū Kaumātua Chairman, Hori Parata, Carmen Hetaraka was invited to present the basis of Te Whakaputanga/Sovereignty. Carmen delivered an excellent kōrero on an ancestral leadership model implemented in the time of Te Houpeke Piripi ma referred to as "Aho Ariki", which provided a contrasting perspective to other kōrero being had at the hui around the likes of a "Post Settlement Governance Entity".

Carmen said, "This ancestral leadership model clearly gives kingitanga and mana, which is sovereign power and authority, directly back to the Ariki who are those that have whakapapa connections within the Ngātiwai rohe".

Workshop sessions on five different topics were held; Treaty Claims and where we are today, Post Settlement Governance Entity options, The Board's Communication Strategy, the Trust Deed review and Financial Literacy for Marae.



Carmen Hetaraka gave a korero on Sovereignty.

Sarah Burkhardt facilitated a workshop on the progress of the Trust Deed review and which the Trust Deed Focus Group has been working on over the past twelve months. This focus group has conducted a thorough review of the Trust Deed studying every clause carefully. From this review, a number of clauses were indentified which require further clarification such as: definition of "Whāngai", what is a Marae? the role of kaumātua/kuia, Marae elections and other clauses that they have been working through with the support of legal advice. Their mahi to date was presented at the Wānanga with some excellent kōrero and feedback received.

Sarah said, "Presenting the Trust Deed review workshop really helped open up some things to think about. The issues we identified from our review meant it was critical to get feedback from whānau, and the workshop was a great forum to help with that. I felt we really caught their thinking and made them consider these issues. The issue around Whāngai was the most difficult korero had, as many have different views on this, and it is going to be really hard to get clear clarification on this issue".

Kaumātua Miriam Going said of the

workshops "For me they were excellent. It is all about awareness, and I feel I am more aware of where the Trust Board is leading the iwi into the future. The workshops really improved my knowledge and gave me an understanding of the current and relevant matters for us as an iwi. It was an open forum where we felt free, we felt comfortable and we felt included. Initially I was not going to go, but I am glad I did and I enjoyed the whole hui".

On the first evening of the Wānanga, Joeann Waata and Merepeka Henley facilitated a workshop to present a program they are currently developing called Te Kupenga Reo O Ngātiwai. The aim is to regenerate Te Reo me ngā Tikanga O Ngātiwai with the focus on the Taumata and Kaikaranga within our 14 Marae. Their workshop had all participants fully engaged and partaking in mihi mihi, waiata and with some even having a kani kani on their way up to present their work. It was a great evening, with many talking about it into the next day.

At the conclusion of the workshop sessions, whānau came together with a Hākari which was a great time to reflect and kōrero on the two days of hui they had just participated in.

Haydn said "I would like to make special mention of Wendy Wynyard and her fantastic team of ringa wera and divers who ensured all our whānau were well fed and looked after, especially with the care of our kaumātua. The new facilities at



Te Aroha Subritzky (left) and Marie Coward (right) listening to Chairman Haydn Edmonds presentation.

Ngaiotonga are simply superb, and I thank the hau kāinga for their support of the Trust Board during this Wānanga".

Kaumātua Bella Thompson said of the two days she attended, "It has been one of the best things that Ngātiwai Trust Board has ever done. I found the workshops very good, maybe we could of had a bit more time, but it was a very good way for people to come together to listen and express their views. The "Post Settlement Governance Entity" workshop was very good as this will be one of the main issues for us, and it gave us an opportunity to see options we have never seen. I really enjoyed the whole Wānanga with a highlight being the Te Kupenga Reo O Ngātiwai". Tokowhati Martin said, "As a kaumātua I would like to congratulate the Trust Board Chairman, Haydn Edmonds, the Trustees and kai mahi for delivering a very informative Wānanga, for following tikanga and for giving our uri an opportunity to participate and have their say".

Haydn Edmonds said "I am very pleased with the turn out and the outcomes of this Wānanga. This was the first of more hui that we intend to hold throughout our rohe this year. We will be announcing the next Wānanga very soon, and I look forward to engaging with more of our whānau who could not attend this first hui of the year".

# PĀNUI TO OUR WHANAU - Retirement of Academic Director Erica Wellington

The Board advises that Erica Wellington has retired from her position as Academic Director of the education unit.

Erica has held a senior management role for Ngatiwai iwi since 2010. During that time she has worked in the iwi strategy for education and has participated in the design and implementation of the Ngatiwai Trust Board's strategic goals for education.

In 2014 Erica joined the Ngatiwai Trust Board's new subsidiary, the education unit, to implement the existing education strategy and to assist in providing academic leadership for the Board's new venture, registering a new Private Training Enterprise. In 2015 Erica was appointed to manage the education unit including the new PTE.

In her time working for the iwi, Erica has been part of a team of 26 part time and full time employees to deliver projects involved with improving Maori achievement at all levels throughout the education sector. These projects have included, among others, Science Mentoring for Maori secondary students; production of books and educational resources; research into preventing youth suicide among Maori; professional development for early childhood and primary teachers in culturally responsive pedagogy; positive parenting workshops; goal setting and coaching for learners on a whanau based model: modelling and teaching te reo and tikanga classes for age groups from pre-school to the very elderly; pastoral care and mentoring for Maori tertiary students.

The iwi has benefited greatly from Erica's time working for the education unit. The Trust Board joins the staff and our iwi members in wishing her well in her next role.



Erica Wellington.

Important Dates



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Rōpū Kaumātua monthly meeting	Ngātiwai Trust Board Office	16th March
Ngātiwaitanga Te Reo me ona Tikanga classes. Contact Sarah Burkhardt 094338728 or 0272757366 to enrol	Tikipunga High School	Starts 4th April, Mondays 6pm – 8pm.
Ngātiwai Trust Board Education Scholarships close	See www.ngatiwai.iwi.nz for application forms	4th April
Wild Kiwi Multi Sport Event	Whangarei Heads (see http://thewildkiwi.co.nz/)	16th April
Ngaiotonga Valley Community Centre Market Day	Ngaiotonga	1st Sunday of every month



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