

*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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A day of Celeration for Mokau Marae

On Saturday the 27th of February hundreds of people came from far and wide to celebrate the opening of the Mokau marae.

Just over seven years ago the uri of Mokau vowed to rebuild after their marae whareniui was destroyed by fire. It was a tragic day losing their whare that held so many memories. The past seven years has been a difficult time for Mokau not having their own whare to lay their loved ones who have passed, but have been grateful for the support of Ngā marae o Whangaruru to have somewhere to go to lay and mourn their loved ones who passed.

After being postponed in January due to the Northland Covid community case, Saturday the 27th of February has seen years of hard work celebrated with the opening of the Mokau marae.

The postponement gave whānau a bit more time to put the finishing touches onto the marae and to prepare themselves.

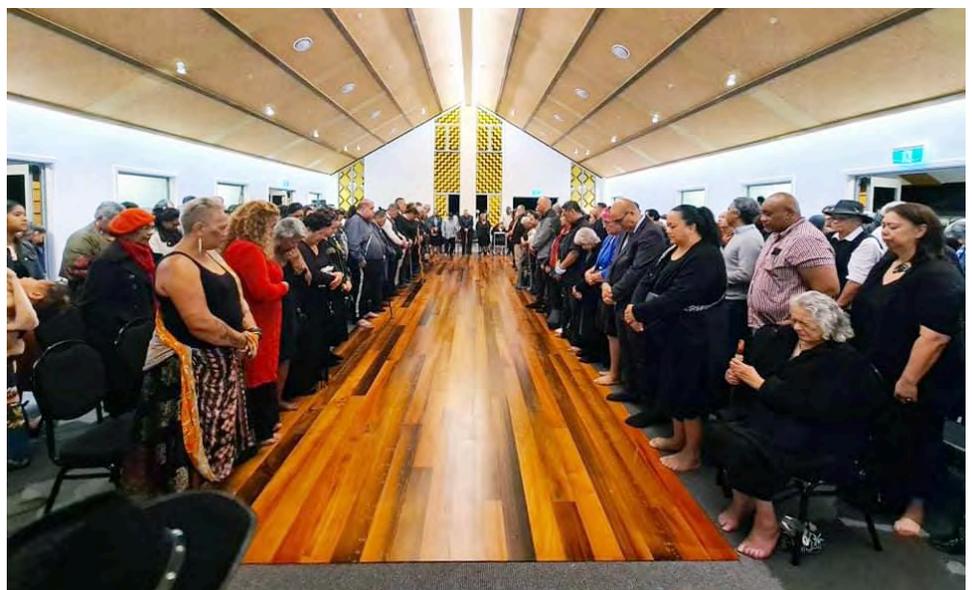


Te Whare Rongomaraeroa lit up before dawn at the opening

As a community Mokau have been holding wananga, practicing waiata, having working bees all in preparation for this massive day.

Mokau Marae Chairman Hepi Haika says "We had to postpone the opening by a month because of the recent Covid community outbreak, otherwise we would have already been open. But that has given us time to have working bee's to beautify things a bit more. Everything has fallen into place beautifully."

"I can't praise the team enough. This has been good for the whole community and I have been looking forward to this day for a very long time."



Whānau gather for the first time in Te Whare Rongomaraeroa



A huge turn out for the opening of Te Whare Rongomaraeroa in Mokau

With annual fundraisers held such as touch rugby, netball and basketball tournaments – the whole community has been on a journey to realise their dream of rebuilding their marae. The opening seen years of hard work, dedication and commitment by the marae committee and whanau celebrated.

Mokau marae trustee and rebuild Chairman Clive Stone in speaking with Te Ao news said "Our people can strengthen our position where we stand now, we can build on it."

"The rebuilding of the marae is a great thing for all of us, but I think the most important thing is the marae can make our people stronger."

It was estimated that upwards of eight hundred people arrived in Mokau at 430am, some even earlier to be part of this special day.

When the cry came before dawn "Ko wai te ingoa o te whare nei?"

"Ko Rongomaraeroa" was the reply!



Over 800 people attended the opening of Te Whare Rongomaraeroa in Mokau

Tears of joy fell from the sky showing the presence of our tupana, as pictures of passed loved ones were brought into the marae by whānau.

Te Whare Rongomaraeroa, Tino Atahua!



Photo credit: Photos from whānau on the Mokau Marae Facebook page, ngā mihi

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the

Ngātiwai Trust Board

will be held at Mokau Marae, Old Russell Road,
on Saturday 27 March 2021 commencing at 10:00am

AGENDA

Karakia and Mihi

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Strategic
4. Commercial
5. Financials
6. Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2020
7. General Business

Closing Karakia

Morning Tea will be available at the
commencement of the meeting.
A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We are updating our tribal database. Please make sure we have the correct details for you.

If any of your contact details have changed since you registered please call Toni-Marie Sweeney on 09 972 7347 or email registrations@ngatiwai.iwi.nz to let us know.

TREATY CLAIMS COMMITTEE



The Ngātiwai Trust Board Treaty Claims Committee was reconfirmed in January 2021 and is made up of of Aperahama Kerepeti-Edwards, Ropata Diamond, Kathleen Caldwell and Gary Reti

MANDATE MEDIATION

- The Treaty Settlement mandate of the Ngātiwai Trust Board continues to be paused while mediation is explored.
- The TCC held a meeting with Patuharakeke in December 2020 to discuss the Board's mediation proposal, with further hui to be had.
- A meeting with the Whangaruru claimants was also held in December with positive discussions had around the mediation proposal with further hui to be had also.



MARINE & COASTAL AREA ACT (MACA)



Kaupapa Inquiry Wai 2660:

- The second hearing week of the Waitangi Tribunal's Wai 2660 Kaupapa Inquiry for Northland claimants took place in November / December 2020 at Otiria Marae.
- During the hearing week a number Ngātiwai claimants supported by the Board gave their evidence opposing the MACA legislation.
- The Next steps for the Board will see our legal Counsel, Paula Wilson from Henderson Reeves, work with a Resource Management Act expert to prepare and provide further evidence in the Waitangi Tribunal on 26 May 2021 in Wellington.

High Court Application Process:

- In October a submission was sent to the Crown who are reviewing the funding for applicants under the MACA. The Board have sought a complete refund of all outstanding costs not yet refunded by the Crown on the basis that the Waitangi Tribunal recommended 100% of all reasonable costs be met in their stage 1 report.
- The Crown have acknowledged that submission indicated that the scheme needs to reflect true applicant costs in the High Court with recommendations due to be sent to the Minister for consideration.

Overlapping Claims

Ngāti Paoa:

Positive hui with Ngāti Paoa during 2020 has seen a resolution to our issues with the Ngāti Paoa Settlement that contained redress within the Ngātiwai Rohe. The Ngātiwai Trust Board acknowledge Ngāti Paoa for going through this resolution process with us based under Tikanga Māori. With these matters now behind us we wish Ngāti Paoa all the best as they proceed to prepare for their Deed of Settlement for signing.

Ngāti Whanaunga:

In September 2020 the Committee attended a hui with Ngāti Whanaunga in Auckland to discuss a tikanga process for resolving their overlapping claims in our rohe and on Aotea. Positive discussions were had and a follow up hui was agreed to be held to continue to work towards a resolution. This meeting was scheduled to take place at the end of 2020 but had to be postponed until 2021.

Remaining Marutūāhu Groups:

A hui was held in November 2020 with the remaining Marutūāhu groups including: Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri, the Hauraki and Marutūāhu Collectives. The aim of the hui was to discuss and confirm a tikanga-based process for working through the disputed redress contained in their collective and individual Settlements. A second hui was held at Ngunguru marae at the end of January 2021 and another hui is to be hosted by Marutūāhu soon. It is hoped with the guidance of our kaumātua and tikanga Māori we can reach similar positive outcomes as we have with Ngāti Paoa.

Ngātiwai ki Whangaruru Zoom Festival



Fundraising festival hosted by the Ngātiwai ki Whangaruru Whenua Trust

- Powhiri 3.00pm Friday 26th March 2020
Ngatiwai Marae, Ngaiotonga
- Powhiri 8.30am Saturday 27th March 2021
Tuparehuia Marae, Bland Bay

The Ngātiwai ki Whangaruru Whenua Topu Trust welcome Ngatiwai Marae and other Marae to bring a team to paddle in their Waka Ama Regatta. You are invited to join them on the Whenua and Moana and celebrate being Ngatiwai.

Contact Howard Reti on 027 2383 825 or Email howard.reti@gmail.com for registration.

Toi Tū Toi Ora - Contemporary Māori Art Exhibition

Toi Tū Toi Ora - He tānga manawa te kite i te toi tū, i te toi ora o te ao māori e whakaataata mai ana. Me te mohio hoki i waenga ano ko ngā mahi a ngā ringa toi o Ngātiwai.

Ngātiwai travelled down to celebrate Toi Tū Toi Ora Contemporary Māori Art Exhibition which is now open at the Auckland Art Gallery Te Toi o Tāmaki.

In the largest exhibition ever presented by Auckland Art Gallery Te Toi o Tāmaki, Toi Tū Toi Ora: Contemporary Māori Art offers insights into the development of Māori art from the 1950s to the present day. The first major exhibition of its kind in nearly 20 years, Toi Tū Toi Ora is informed by a Māori worldview, and includes more than 300 artworks, exploring cultural histories, Māori knowledge, identity and place.

Ngātiwai uri presenting works at the exhibition include:

- Shona Rāpira Davies
- Star Gossage
- Ngāhuia Harrison
- Davina Duke
- Dorothy Waetford
- Linda Munn
- Kura Te Waru Rewiti



Ngātiwai whānau who attended the opening Toi Tū Toi Ora gather around one of the special pieces of work on exhibition by Ngātiwai uri Shona Rāpira Davies.

We acknowledge all those artists with Ngātiwai affiliations presenting work as well as Nigel Borrell Curator and the team who pulled their tireless work in putting this exhibition together. Toi Tū Ngā Toi Māori, Ngā Ringa Toi o Ngātiwai.

The exhibition is open now and runs through til Sunday 9th of May at the Auckland Art Gallery Te Toi o Tāmaki.

Operating strongly in challenging time - Quality Hotel Oceans Tutukaka



Coming off the back of a year like 2020 that served up a curve ball called Covid-19, the team at Quality Hotel Oceans Tutukaka have had a busy summer with excellent visitor numbers coming to our Ngātiwai rohe and staying at our Hotel.

During the peak season from Boxing Day through to the second week of January the hotel had the "No Vacancy" sign out as the room occupancy was at capacity. In January there was a slight set back with the local Covid community case which saw some bookings lost, but positively these were clawed back over recent weeks with visitor numbers picking up again.

The great summer weather in Northland had a positive impact on the guest experience. Guests were excited about being able to get out and about seeing all that the Ngātiwai coast has to offer. On any given day you could look out from the hotel to see the car park full of boats, kayaks and mountain bikes with all the shops in the village reporting strong trading.

Despite the challenges of Covid closing the international tourist market, there have also been some positives for the business. Domestic tourism has been booming with a late winter and early autumn 2020 surge that saw occupancy up on last year.

Oceans Tutukaka Hotel General Manager, Craig Walker says "In Tutukaka we have made up for the month and a half that we were closed as well as the period where higher alert



The Tutukaka night markets (photo credit Tutukaka night markets facebook page)

levels softened demand. It has been great to see that Kiwis are travelling locally."

"Collectively I want to acknowledge and give a huge pat on the back to my team. We had a reduction in staff numbers, but our team stepped up and have been putting in a huge effort to maximise this unique and rather strange year. Our Covid protocols and the additional measures we have to take into everything we do has increased the work load for staff, but they have put their head down and just got on with it. I want to personally say thank you to all my staff, they have been fantastic."

Local events like the Tutukaka twilight markets and the Tutukaka Music Festival have been a great success with visitor numbers swelling to an extent that has not been seen for some time. Other events such as the Whangarei Fringe Festival were also well supported.

"Summer is holding well, however with Covid we don't look too much further than a week ahead, but if everyone plays their part to keep Covid under control, we should finish the year far better than expected" says Craig.

Winter months are always quieter for the Hotel and bookings and events are key. The hotel is excited and looking forward to hosting teams from the Woman's Rugby World Cup in September. Craig and the team were delighted to have been successful in securing a contract that will see all of the Hotel's rooms booked for three weeks during the World Cup. Also on the radar is the police winter games which is being held locally this winter.

Craig says "Although 2020 had challenges like we have never seen before, I am delighted with the way we have responded as a business and I am so proud of my team. 2021 still has a lot of unknowns and the risk of Covid is still real, but we have traded through some tough times and learnt a lot, so I am confident that we are well positioned to work through whatever 2021 serves us."



The Tutukaka night markets (photo credit Tutukaka night markets facebook page)



Summary of the Ngātiwai Trust Board Meeting of Trustees on 29th January 2021

Sponsorship Applications:

3 sponsorship applications for Kelly Klink, Helen Davis and Rhythm Taua Glassie were approved \$500 each.

Marae Reports:

- Mokau: Arrangements are underway for the Mokau marae opening.
- Ngunguru: The marae held its' Annual General Meeting during the month.
- Otetao: Marae will be closed for renovations.

Trustee Meeting Calendar 2021:

The trustee meeting calendar for 2021 was confirmed, the Board will look to holding alternate monthly meetings at various Ngātiwai marae.

Trustee Sub-Committees:

Trustees have established their new sub-committees, some committees have been amalgamated; with the formalising and policies and committee terms of references to be included on next month's NTB agenda.

Te Anga Whakamua:

The priority ratings from the on-line survey were provided to trustees; hui will be organised shortly to share the results with the iwi.

Treaty Claims:

A hui was held at Ngunguru marae with the Marutuahau collective regarding the overlapping claims, a robust and enduring process was submitted and will go back to hapū and whanau most affected in Mahurangi and Aotea.

Important Dates 2021



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Board Meeting of Trustees	Ngātiwai Trust Board, Whangārei	Friday, 26th March 2021, 10.00am
NTB Annual General Meeting	Mokau Marae	Saturday 27th March, 10.00am
Ngātiwai Kaumātua Kapa Haka. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch	Level 1, Semenoff Stadium, Whangārei - Ngāitwai Education	Every Tuesday, 10.00am
The Incredible Years Parenting Programme	Hikurangi - venue to be confirmed	Mondays 10am - 1pm

He Tangāta

Mokau Marae Opening

