



TE RARAWA

Hui a Marama Summary

Te Toka Tumoana | 18 Aperira 2020

Karakia	Rihari Dargaville
Ngā Mihi	Rihari Dargaville
Roll call	Korou Kore - Putiputi McMahon Taiao - Lee-Anne Spice Matihetihe – Debbie Martin Te Kotahitanga – Richard Murray Morehu - Jean Beazley Te Rarawa - Waikarere Gregory Motutī - Desiree Andrews Te Uri o Hina -Tui Bedggood Ngai Tūpoto – Hoana Smith Waihou - Makere Ngaropo Ngati Manawa - Rihari Takuirā Waiparera - Matilda Bercic Wainui - Lisa McNab Waipuna - Abraham Witana Ōhaki – Sam Tecklenburg Manukau - Roberta McLean Roma – Tui Qauqau Rangikohu - Katie Murray
Absent	Tauteihiihi, Ōwhata, Pāteoro, Pikiparia, Te Arohanui
Apologies	June McCabe (Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea Chair)

Nga Whakamaharatanga

Te Rarawa: Morehu Motu (nee Mane); Taiao: Geraldine McMath; Morehu: Aroha Bentson; Waiparera: Ellen Manihera (nee Pene); Ngai Tupoto: Robert Otene, Anitinia Stevens; Matihetihe: Ellen Hobson (nee Hotere); Waihou: Anthony Wijohn; Roma: Zita Plane-Te Paa

Chairman’s Report

Our Chair reported on his activities over the last month, which along with our responses as an iwi, have been largely dominated by the fight against Covid-19. Representing Te Rarawa the Chair has taken part in a number of forums including the [National Iwi Chairs Forum](#) (NICF), [Te Kahu o Taonui](#) (Te Hiku Iwi Chairs), Kaitaia hospital doctors and Ministry of Health. Much of the mahi has included Te Rarawa staff, to which the Chair paid tribute for the work done during lockdown.

The mahi has included contributing to the [national debate around tangihanga restrictions](#), advocating for [sustaining our bubbles](#) and checkpoints in Te Hiku communities. The Chair has also advocated strongly for our ability to maintain customary fishing rights and kaimoana gathering to support whānau kapata kai. At Ahipara we gave Patau Tepania, a commercial fisherman, approval to [fish for whānau during lockdown](#).

The Chair has taken part developing a cabinet briefing through NICF and discussed the need to sustain our bubbles with ongoing testing, contract tracing and self-isolation for people coming in to the rohe. The report included acknowledgment of the great job by the Prime Minister and New Zealanders in keeping the nations case numbers and death toll among the lowest in the world. With still a way to go we must lock in the gains and hold the line before returning slowly to our ‘new normal’. The Chair reminded this is a marathon, not a sprint.

New CEO Appointment

Our chair report included the [exciting news of our new Chief Executive Officer](#), Phillip Murray’s appointment, acknowledging the mahi of the Kaikokiri and trustees who joined the selection panel to create an excellent result. A local iwi member, Phillip was raised in Whangape and Ahipara, schooled in Herekino and Kaitaia with whakapapa to the Murray, Yates, Ngawaka and Shelford whānau. He has been nurtured by well-known and respected Māori leaders of the Far North and has started

familiarising himself with the landscape of Te Rarawa, our Rūnanga and subsidiaries and will participate in the annual planning process in preparation for the new financial year.

The Chair gave an update on continued meetings with CEO's of MSD in relation to the Tamariki Ora response plan and funding for Te Hiku Development Trust, Te Papa for repatriation guidelines for museums and Ministry of Culture and Heritage regarding Wai 262 and digital connectivity.

The draft Te Oneroa a Tohe Beach Management Plan will be due for consultation in June. Mussel spat issues have arisen with local kaitiaki challenging research stating mechanical harvesting does little environmental damage. The Chair expects this will become a major issue for us and consenting new of beach activities, and by whom, will be most controversial. The Chair and team members have now completed the position description for the Takutai Moana (MACA) project manager.

Kaikokiri Report

Kaikokiri welcome the new CEO Phillip Murray with the recruitment process now complete. The report included an update of kaikokiri activities in response to Covid-19 with two weekly meetings. The effects of the pandemic have rippled into our communities – we will never be the same again.

Te Rarawa Anga Mua

The board received the report outlining the operational response to Covid-19 where kaimahi have surveyed communities and clients to identify whānau in need during the pandemic. Highlights included Te Rarawa providing relief by way of water deliveries made directly and via Civil Defence, eventual access to the Okahu Road water supply through council, food packs and food vouchers provided to whānau plus hygiene packs, with a report showing the reach of Te Rarawa throughout our rohe, into each of our marae and hapū and across Te Hiku o Te Ika widely.

With a surge in demand for emergency housing we have organised 20 caravans to help house whānau. Health and Safety remains paramount with kaimahi continuing to work within their whānau bubbles. We continue to report weekly to MSD the mahi Te Rarawa is doing to support health and wellbeing.

Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea – Water Supply Agreement

Te Waka provided a report outlining the water supply agreement with FNDC. Our agreement is to divert water from Sweetwater to the FNDC treatment plant for a 100 day period with productivity losses due to less irrigation compensated by FNDC. Northland company North Drill (Te Rarawa owned and operated) worked alongside Broad Spectrum to deliver the work diverting water.

Covid-19 Response / Health and Safety Report

The hui a marama included Te Rarawa Pandemic Response plan and business continuity plan to be reviewed annually and revised to reflect current knowledge and best practice.

Marae Items

Strategic priorities of each marae brought to the hui a marama by Te Rarawa marae delegates:

Matihetihe

Matihetihe priorities are constitutional arrangements, amendments and the role of Trustees, progress on MACA and an audit of the Office of the Rūnanga operational structure by the new CEO.

Morehu

Morehu priorities are renewing its marae charter and changing marae Trustees as some have passed.

Motutī

Priorities are constitutional review, the desire to develop better communication across whānau, hapū and iwi and the need to develop capacity beyond Covid-19.

Ngai Tupoto

Priorities are capacity building and support for hapū development plans, building haukainga resilience, local infrastructure, access to food and water at a local level. Finding better ways to communicate to taurahere and reaching constituents outside the rohe plus MACA.

Ngati Manawa

Constitutional amendments and reviewing whether marae structure is the best way forward. Providing pathways for our constituents to engage with the rūnanga and wānanga to discuss marae membership as the best structure. Tagging of funds to assist hapū in civil emergencies and our duty to support marae who may not be active members of Te Rūnanga, but very much still members.

Ōhaki

Priorities are to improve communication channels at all levels, enliven hapū plans and find the funds to make hapū plans happen. Ōhaki also thank the Rūnanga for all they've done in response to Covid.

Roma

Progress on MACA is a top priority, along with food sovereignty and water sovereignty.

Taiao

Wish to identify any mahi or opportunities to improve hapū infrastructure, access to water and environmental impacts.

Kotahitanga

Want to ensure hapū and marae have the mechanisms to continue practicing tikanga o ngā tupuna. To review the rūnanga strategic plan and annual plan with changing expectations post Covid.

Te Rarawa

Wish to formulate a contingency plan for future civil emergency events, audit hapū infrastructure and research opportunities for reparation and building hapū resilience. Water security – investigate bulk buying of water tanks to collect and store rainwater when it's abundant. To keep channels for Māori kai open, ensuring we're geared to have access to kai in our own backyard. Consider tagging a percentage of produced sourced from Te Rarawa owned businessness to supply our people during civil emergencies.

Wainui

Priorities are 'what lessons we learned during Covid lockdown', how these will shape our pandemic plan moving forward, including tangihanga protocols. And how will Te Rarawa strengthen partnership with key stakeholders and what business and employment opportunities exist for whānau going forward?

Te Uri o Hina

Assessing marae infrastructure, marae not in the best shape. Assistance with marae funding applications and ensuring the marae has its own water supply and mahinga kai.

Waiparera

Review of constitution and structure of Rūnanga. Improve communication at all levels.

Manukau

Support from Te Rūnanga for Oranga Marae funding application. Investigate marae tikanga in the changing world with wānanga. Investigate marae communication channels such as Tatai. For Te Waka Pupuri Pūtea to implement marae insurance programme.

Rangikohu

Review hapū and marae plans and ensure marae are resourced in order to activate plans. Marae driving business in their local communities to be sustainable. Investigate if the Ministry of Health has a programme to assist with water infrastructure.

Waipuna

Priority for hau kainga is managing Covid-19. Hapū will continue with checkpoints and tracing those coming and going. Wharekai build still in progress, support welcome. What does tomorrow look like for whānau and hapū. Waipuna supports the review of the constitution.