



Te Korowai o Wainuiarua  
Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki

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# Treaty Negotiations Update

For the past 1.5 years, Te Korowai o Wainuiārua has been working with Te Arawhiti to finalise the Deed of Settlement for initialling with the Crown in April 2022. Although covid restriction have caused delays, we have managed to finalise matters including:

- the historical account that introduces our three iwi: Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku, and captures Crown impacts following these engagements;
- Draft provisional crown acknowledgements clearly identifying the breaches of the Treaty on many occasions against our three iwi, the crown has failed to act in a way that respected and honoured its Treaty partnership. The Crown has also failed to protect the tino rangatiratanga of ngā hapū of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua;
- negotiated additional cultural redress that firms up our mana whenua in our area of interest;
- negotiated additional commercial properties at the best value point;
- securing relationship agreements that provide a solid platform to advance the aspirations post settlement.

# Treaty Negotiations Update

Department of Conservation redress and a strong conservation partnership agreement are albeit finalised including a 50/50 advisory board over the 11,000 hectare Erua Conservation Area and discussions with neighbouring iwi on redress properties have concluded.

We can report several increases in land and cash since the last time we reported with the total financial value closing in on \$35-million from \$27-million.

Our flagship project the Pōkākā Ecosanctuary was unsuccessful in the Crown's PGF funding scheme however the project has subsequently been successful in DoC's Jobs for Nature fund with \$2m in pest control funding with seven fulltime staff for 3 years. The J4N programme commenced late last year. We hope to sign a Deed of Settlement later this year but to do this, we need to share with you all the detail.

So, directly after the AGM, we will be sharing the following documents:

- The finalised historical account, the draft provisional crown acknowledgements and draft apology;
- The PSGE overview that reflects whanau feedback from the last three roadshow rounds;
- The final settlement package overview that itemises the land and cash that makes up the 35-million. This will be shared after cabinet meets later this month.

We anticipate coming out to you all next month to go over the above information before coming out again in July 2022 seeking ratification before signing a Deed of Settlement again later in the year.





## P SGE Update

Te Korowai o Wainuiarua will hold a virtual information workshop in March 2022 to provide the structure for the PSGE.

We welcome your feedback and contribution to the discussion.

# Te Mano o te Whenua Trust

Te Mano o te Whenua Trust (POU)  
Trustee Members:

Aiden Gilbert, Don Robinson, Caroline Heta, Te  
Mairie Hawera,  
Nathaniel Tonihi, Jamie Grant



Activities:

The Resource Consent applicants received by Te Mano o te Whenua are;

- Su Jo and Company
- 2 Degrees tower application
- Vodafone application
- Water/ extensions to current Resource consent with Military Waiouru
- RAL, Turoa for the gondola

Department of Conservation collaboration contract:

The team:

Don Robinson, Nuthaniel Tonihi, Caroline Heta, Jamie Grant



Te Mano o te Whenua Trust is involved in Resource Management matters relating to the Wai , the whenua, the future and current welfare and use , cultural and spiritual. We are involved with Government organization's , Local councils , Waka Kotahi and the community Don Robinson.

# Te Ara Tupua

## Trustee Members:

Kaylene Crossen, Tina Wallace, Aiden Gilbert,  
Kura Te Wanikau Turoa, Lesley Edmonds

## ACTIVITIES:

- Housing: Kainga ora collaboration
- Community Development: Whanau Engagement project
- Covid response: Initiatives for the response of pandemic
- Community Development: Kai whaka ora  
Community Hub





**The Whanau Engagement Project** has enabled our team to talk up front and personal with whanau and Kaiako of Raetihi, Orautoha and National Park Primary Schools. We look forward to an ongoing engagement with whanau, Kura and Tamariki to develop the aspirations expressed by whanau in the near future.

**Kainga Ora** strategies have been presented to agencies and Te Ara Tupua are currently developing initiatives for whanau to engage with housing in our rohe.

**Response COVID** has provided opportunity for Te Ara Tupua Trust to develop a kai whakaroa strategy to roll out to whanau in our rohe. Our Te Ara Tupua Trust POU is committed to tautoko whanau by nurturing self-sustainability in providing kai packs and looking to develop opportunities for economic sustainability amongst whanau as well as cultivating reciprocity amongst other communities in need.



# Marae

PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND provided renovation funds for 5 Marae in the Kahui Maunga Area.

They include:

Makaranui, Raetihi, Maungarongo, Mangamingi and Opaea.

Marae committee's are each responsible for their renovation projects.



The photos are examples of mahi and whanau carried out some Marae projects over the past 12 months.

## Mangamingi Marae



## Makaranui Marae



Ngati Tamakana hapu have been fortunate to receive the Marae rejuvenation fund and we sealed the deal in March 2021.

There have been challenging times for the project team as they navigated through the lockdowns of 2021. We have enjoyed the whakawhanaungatanga with whanau of all ages who have contributed to the Marae's face lift both inside and out. We look forward to its completion later in 2022.

## Raetihi Marae



Tenei te Mihinui Kia koutou katoa e te Iwi, nga mihinui kia tau hou me te tau hou o te ata.

I, Lesley Edmonds acknowledge all our loved ones that have gone home before us as we anticipate and believe with Godly faith, that we will meet again.

I represent Raetihi Marae on Uenuku Trust Board for Te Korowai O Wainuiarua Treaty Settlement on behalf of Tamahaki Tamakana raua ko Uenuku, the mandated representative negotiation group for our three Iwi.

During 2021 renovations started at Raetihi Marae.

Te Whare kai / Raetihi community hall our dining room, wharepuni Tari and wharepaku have had major renovations. With new double-glazed windows to the dining and wharepuni. The buildings are newly painted and wharepuni newly carpeted with 2 heat pumps added. Major re roofing on both kitchen and dining room as well as cladding on the western and southern side of the kitchen and dining room.

Uenuku Trust has been in the background to awhi and support the marae. Contributions have been made to the marae from Uenuku Charitable Trust, in humble small ways. Covid has not stopped the marae from moving forward, ensuring the mahi continues and staying connected to our people.

Uenuku Trust supports Te Kahui Kaumatua whom are connected to Raetihi Marae. Uenuku had a group come onto the marae from Sanctuaries of New Zealand, a significant powhiri was held on the marae for its people coming into the township for a week.

A special moment for all, as Raetihi township and surrounding areas had a big snow dump. Which brought a significant amount of gratitude from all.

No rei ra te mihinui kia koutou tena koutou katoa

## Paraweka and Ūtapu Marae (Parinui)



1. March 2021: Trainor homestead. Te Hore Arahanga hui. A Marae tono by Uncle Tommy Trainor and whānau was laid. Established Te Ahi Kaa - Burners of the home fires (Guardians) & Te Ahi Kaa Awhiawhi = Assisting the keepers of the home fires ( Assistant Guardians)

2. June 2021: Paraweka Marae. Ngāti Rūrū hapū re-establishment & Ūtapu (Parinui) Marae rebuild hui (60 odd ppl). A Marae working party of 12 established. Charlotte & Pahia Turia, Julian Arahanga, Dr Johnson Whitihera, Mike Cornell. Wai Wiari, Boy Cribb, Geraldine Taurarewa, Kui, Uncle Tommy - Josephine & or Nig Trainor, Dion Ponga.

3. Oct 2021: Marae location site visit Ūtapu (Parinui)

4. Nov 2021: Māori Land block trust Hui  
E tū Pipiriki = Rise Up Pipiriki Growth & Development. (Tourism Pipiriki)

Inspite of covid restrictions altercating processes progress has been steady.  
Dion Ponga



# Good News

Matariki

National Park Primary

Filming crew

COVID Response

Being whanau





# J obs For Nature

A. To relieve poverty amongst Members of the lwi, including by providing direct assistance to lwi Members and exploring opportunities for development of land and resources in the Trust Fund.





# Chairman's Report 2022

Nga mihi aroha nga Uri a kui ma a koro ma tatou katoa  
I tēnā tau ka tuku mihi atu ki ngā mātua kua hingā atu ki te ao nunui o te moe kua  
hāere i te ara  
whānui i takahia rā e te tini e te mano o ngā mate nā reira o ngā mate e moe.

“Haere i whai i te waewae o Uenuku kia ora ia te tangata”

We are a confederation of hapu under ‘Te Korowai o Wainuiārua’ that recognises Te Mana Motūhake o Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki Tino Rangatiratanga, Whakapapa, Whanaungatanga, Mana Whenua.

Our mission, to elevate te mana motuhake o Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki – a mission our tupuna shared, to give security and hope for our people and future generations after us.

Our vision, to promote, develop and sustain equality and equity amongst Uenuku as well as preserve the cultural, social and political independence of Uenuku, Tamakana, Tamahaki people o te Ao.

Our people have lived in the shadows of our Maunga since time memorial, it is the begining of life from whence the rivers flow to nurture and sustain our people along the many reaches that eventually find there way to the sea.

E kī 'Kua noho tonu mātou ki konei, kaore ano kia māwehe atu' i te korero a matua keke Mark Cribb.

I want to touch on the principals that set us on this journey.

It is in this the Treaty of Waitangi has guaranteed Sovereignty over our lands and water (Article 2).

The Maori text of Article 1, tangata-whenua gave the British "kawanatanga", the right of governance, whereas the english text, tangata-whenua ceded "Sovereignty". Koia nga raru Article 3 deals with rights and equality, granting both partners, Tangāta Whēnua and Pākehā and others to live with equal rights in Aotearoa.

This is where my report will begin the issue of Human Rights (The rights of Maori) as Article 3 states.

Today we face the very thing that looks to take away that right guaranteed under Article 3 of the Treaty, now currently challenged through a Covid mandate that looks to dispense with the fundamental rights of Tangata whenua to informatively choose what is right as an individual and for our whakapapa as guaranteed under the principals of the Treaty.

What has this to do with te Korowai o Wainuiārua!

We are currently three quarters away from settling our historical accounts and the Government on the surface seems about to architect another breach of the Treaty. "Old habits die" 'No te whenua i haere mai ai koe ki te whenua ka hoki mai koe' ka tu ake tangata whenua from the land you came to the land you will return.

In my last Chairman Annual Report we believed July 2020 as an agreed date for signing of IDOS. We are now 2022 and a new date of April this year has been set from the Crown for initialing IDOS. I also reported back then overlapping claims of Ngati Haua and (WLST) Wanganui land settlement trust, we can now include Tuwharetoa and Ngati Rangi an added requirement of the Crown to reach agreement, or if no agreement is reached, then a Ministerial decision is sort for all parties.

## **Overlapping Claims:**

Ngati Haua have been in meetings with Wainuiarua for three and half years about there overlapping on every land block we claim in our settlement, resulting in a Ministerial decision because we cannot agree.

The Whanganui Land Settlement Trust have been in overlapping discussions with Wainuiarua three years on Ohoutahi (Hauhau fighting Pa) now a reserve and Pipiriki where our people were displaced after the battle of Moutoa and Ohoutahi hundred fifty seven years ago, resulting in another Ministerial decision because we cannot agree.

Ngati Rangi oppose our settlement because of our claims in Rangataua and are unhappy with our AOI (Area of Interest) resulting in yet another Ministerial decision. Ngati Tuwharetoa in our 12hr of our Settlement now have issues with Te whare o Tamakana and his many Pah sites within the Taurewa Block inside the Taupo-nui-a-tia boundary.

The overlapping negotiations have continued to be dragged out with our neighbouring Hapu/Iwi and while korero continues as to original mana-whenua to these lands our people continue to be prejudiced to plan a sustainable future for our Tamariki/Mokopuna.

## **Nga Pou:**

On a more positive note I am pleased to report the Pou's have begun to be active, Te Mano o Te Whenua Tupua were successful in there application for (J4N) Jobs for Nature, employing some of our people here at home.

Te Ara Tupua another Pou has tasked it-self to manage our Covid response among engaging with whanau and telling the story of "Te Ahikā o Uenuku" with the hope to be available in app and hard-copy within our schools.



A picture speaks a thousand words and one is there are whanau/hapu missing in this picture.

In conclusion for this report:

Kia tika  
Kia pono  
Kia aroha  
Kia mataara  
Kia Rangimarie

These guiding principals are what leads Te Korowai o Wainuiārua whakataunga.

Paimarire

Aiden Gilbert  
Uenuku Chair



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