

TE RŪNANGANUI O NGĀTI HIKAIRO

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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MIHI

Whakarongo ake au ki te tangi a te manu

Tui, Tui, Tuia

Tuia i runga

Tuia i raro

Tuia i roto

Tuia i waho

Tuia i te here tangata

Ka rongo te po

Ka rongo te ao

Haumi e hui e

Taiki e !

CHAIR REPORT

I am pleased to provide the annual report for the Financial year 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021 and a year to date report from 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022, on behalf of Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo.

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo had an ambitious work programme in the last 12 months, and despite all of the challenges of COVID 19, lockdowns and a new way of living, we have been able to make considerable progress. My Chair's report will highlight key successes and progress.

- Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo were contracted by the Waipā District Council to undertake the cultural review of Mangakaware. We are working in partnership with Ngāti Apakura. The assessment is near completion.
- Te Runanganui o Ngāti Hikairo were involved in iwi related Commemorations such as the planning of the Waiari and Mātakitaki Commemorations. Due to COVID these events have been deferred.
- The new website for the Runanga is an important way for us to share information but also to set up an online registration system. We hope our whanau can contact us where-ever they are in the world, and become more involved in iwi affairs. We also reach Ngāti Hikairo through one of the largest public forums in the world, Facebook.
- Our Project Manager, Waitangi Claims is reporting today on the Takutai Moana High Court Proceedings, and options for WAI 30 and remaining Claims. Advocacy for our mana motuhake and rangatiratanga has required careful navigation of iwi politics and Crown policies. I consider we have been extremely successful in strengthening our position in these negotiations. For example, Te Arawhiti continue to refuse to recognise te mana o Ngāti Hikairo, and Waikato continue to exclude Ngāti Hikairo in the WAI 30 negotiations. We are now moving toward inclusion in the WAI 30 negotiations for the Harbour along with Waikato and Ngāti Maniapoto. I am confident that as we implement strategy, we will achieve our aspirations.
- Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo have recommenced our participation in Te Taiao o Kawhia Moana, which is a community entity working collaboratively together to progress the wellbeing of our moana.
- Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo has also been working with the Otorohonga District Council, Waipā District Council, and the Waikato Regional Council. We've had input into environmental and planning for Kawhia Moana, Three Waters Reform, and local strategic planning.
- Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo made a written submission on the Pae Ora Futures Bill that covers the restructure of the entire health system and also made an oral submission to the Parliament Pae Ora Select Committee.

CHAIR REPORT

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Enhancing Governance Capability – The Runanga has worked hard to establish robust governance policies and practices in the areas of financial management, risk and audit and has recruited a Treasurer who holds degrees in Accounting and Law who will be able to manage our finances and accountability.

The above events highlight that Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo has worked to stabilise our governance, and building capability through our systems and practice but it also highlights that much of what we do is reactive to issues or events external to the iwi.

We need to turn our minds and hearts to build our future and as Chair, I would like us to consider the next 100 years and where we as an iwi wish to be for our tamariki and mokopuna. To start this process, we have updated our constitution and prepared a discussion document on a development framework to consider our future. We welcome your feedback.

It's been an incredibly busy year for the Runanga and there are a number of whānau I want to thank for their commitment to our iwi and our rūnanga.

- I thank all of the Executive Committee Members for their dedication and hard work. In the tenure of this board, we have had 18 meetings and many hours of volunteer work to execute the business of the Runanga. Our passion has been to continue the challenging work and aspirations of our tupuna. We hope to continue to do so.
- The Treaty of Waitangi work programme is fundamental to the future of our iwi. Lees Seymour has led a significantly complex work programme, relationships, and in the face of significant resistance. Lees has been extraordinarily successful in representing our interests and I am confident this will lead us to achieve our iwi aspirations.
- Tirohanga Johnson has also been instrumental in collecting our whānau stories for the Takutai Moana Claim and Lesley Kelly with her support for Tirohanga and Lees. I would also like to thank our Historian Paul Thomas who is drafting a significant report that evidences our customary rights to the moana.
- The Commemoration Celebrations of Waiari and Mātakitaki has involved other key whānau, Gina Ngarongorongo, Frank Thorne, and Hinga Whiu in terms of Waiari and Frank and Hinga in terms of Mātakitaki. These whānau have also been supported by our kaumatua Jack Cunningham.
- The Mangakaware Cultural Assessment has been jointly completed by Frank Thorne and Pipi Barton which is a complex work covering cultural and environment frameworks.
- Finally, Geoff Barton for developing our website and voting system which has been a time consuming, complex, and technical work programme.

I want to thank all of our whānau involved in the above work programme, gifting their time, and passionately contributing to our iwi mahi. We thank you and express our gratitude for your work.

Ngā mihi kau ana ki a tātou katoa

Susan Turner
Chair

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021/22

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo Executive Committee functioned effectively during this term, and we put into place governance policies and systems. The Executive Committee established a Risk and Audit Sub Committee and a Communications Sub Committee; and further established a stand up meeting attended by all Executive Committee Members which is an approach that deals with the bigger issues separately from the standard items of a monthly board meeting.

The table above summarises the number of meetings by each Executive Committee Member and their attendance.

At the beginning of the governance year, there were key gap areas under our constitution in the areas of the Treasurer, Rangatahi and Kaumatua representation. This led to the co-opting of Duncan Robinson as our Treasurer, Hamua Gilmore as the Rangatahi representative and Queenie Te Hae as the Kaumatua representative.

Furthermore, some of our Executive Committee Members were facing significant health issues where they required additional support to continue on the committee, or required a leave of absence from the committee, or leave for other extenuating circumstances. The Executive Committee Members with the asterisk (*) next to their attendance record indicates that they are an Executive Committee Member who experienced these circumstances. These longer leave of absences were addressed by co-opting Ben Johnstone to ensure that we were able to meet our constitutional obligations.

Name	Position	Mode of Representation	Total Number of Meetings	Total Meetings Attended
Current Executive Committee				
Susan Turner	Chair	Elected at AGM	18	18
Kurutia Seymour	Secretary	Elected at AGM	18	18
Pipi Barton	Member	Elected at AGM	15	15
Tiriata Carkeek	Member	Elected at AGM	15	7*
Jane Anderson	Member	Elected at AGM	15	1
Vinnie Daniels	Member	Elected at AGM	15	1*
Colleen Epara	Member	Elected at AGM	15	7
Lees Seymour	Member	Elected at AGM	15	15
Gareth Seymour	Member	Elected at AGM	15	13
Burt Cunningham	Member	Elected at AGM	15	13
Co-opted Board Members				
Duncan Robin	Treasurer	Co-opted as Treasurer	3	3
Hamua Gilmore	Rangatahi	Co-opted as Rangatahi Rep	7	4
Ben Johnstone	Committee Support	Co-opted to support Secretary role	5	3
Queenie Te Hae	Kaumatua	Co-opted as Kaumatua	5	2

ENVIRONMENT

We continue to progress our environmental response:

- Mangakaware Cultural Assessment Report has been completed in draft by Pipi Barton and Frank Thorne. This was completed in partnership with Ngāti Apakura. We are now planning an event to handover this assessment to Waipa District Council.
- Actively participating in Te Taiao O Kawhia Moana and working within the Kawhia community on issues pertaining to our Moana.
- We continue to have an ongoing relationship with the Department of Conversation and have been consulted on the pest eradication programme.

We will continue to work with the Waipā District Council, Otorohonga District Council and the Department of Conversation on critical environmental priorities. We are seeking to secure additional resources to employ a whānau member to undertake this work. We need to refresh our Fresh Water Management Plan and have the capacity to actively participate within this sector.

HEALTH

COVID 19 has been the biggest health challenge in this financial year, particularly for whānau. Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo focused on ensuring the provision of accurate information was made available to our whānau. So we used our social media platforms on our website and Facebook to ensure the right information was getting out there. We were courageous to tackle the rhetoric of prominent Māori personalities and challenge them to use their platform to convey the right information. We reached out to our community to provide support where we could and support those Māori Service Providers and Marae in supporting our community.

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo submitted a response on behalf of our iwi to the Pae Ora Futures Bill and presented our views through an oral presentation at the Pae Ora Health Select Committee. There were a significant number of iwi and Māori health providers that made submissions and presentations. This has resulted in some changes to the legislation and its now in its final stages through Parliament.

REGIONAL & DISTRICT COUNCILS

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo have had significant engagement with the Waikato Regional Council, Waipā District Council and the Otorohonga District Council. This has included:

- Participation in the development of Council strategic plans and contributing to the development of these plans from an iwi perspective.
- Waikato Regional Council's development of their Coastal Plan;
- Otorohonga District Council and the development of their response to Iwi/Māori and providing feedback to a range of policies and human resource initiatives.
- Preparing a submission to the Waipā District Council and the Otorohonga District Councils consultation on Māori Wards.
- Providing input to a range of resource consent applications

There is substantial work involved with the Councils and similar to the environment issues, Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo, is considering ways in which it can find funding to resource whānau to undertake this work, as it is extremely time consuming and intensive but at the same time highly crucial to our future.

HIKAIROTANGA

COVID 19 has hampered Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo's participation in key events which were cancelled or delayed. Here are some of the key events that we had participated or continue to participate:

- Waiari Commemoration Event was due to be held in November 2021 but this was cancelled due to COVID. However, at some stage in the near future this event will occur.
- The Te Awamutu Museum plans to hold the Mātakitaki Exhibition. We have whānau involved in preparing this exhibition (Frank Thorne and Hinga Whiu) in partnership with Waikato Tainui and Ngāti Apakura. We look forward to this event.
- Poukai was held virtually this year and a number of our committee members participated to uphold our long standing tradition of the importance of this event to Ngāti Hikairo.

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL CLAIMS

The Executive Committee continues to progress our treaty claims within Takutai Moana, WAI 30 and the Remaining Claims. The key achievements to date are:

Takutai Moana High Court Proceedings

Takutai Moana research is near completion. This includes the historical research by the Historian Paul Thomas and Tirohanga Johnson/Lesley Kelly along with Lees Seymour completing the oral history for inclusion in the final Takutai Moana Historical Report. We anticipate that the final report will be completed later in this calendar year.

Vicki Morrison Shaw is Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo's legal counsel representing us in the High Court and she is planning to seek a hearing date in 2023.

Ngāti Mahuta have expressed interest in direct negotiations with the Crown on Takutai Moana and we are definitely considering this as an option. Lees Seymour will explore this option and this will form part of the options to be presented to whānau for consideration and decision making.

WAI 30 and Remaining Claims

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo has experienced significant frustrations in progressing WAI 30 and Remaining Claims with Waikato Tainui. These issues led us to escalate issues of natural justice to the Minister Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and the Chief Executive of Te Arawhiti. This resulted in a significant shift by the Crown where we had initially been excluded from direct negotiations, particularly over WAI 30, to now where it is agreed we are a party to the direct negotiations with the Crown alongside Waikato Tainui and Ngāti Maniapoto. We are further seeking to have the remaining claims included in these direct negotiations.

Options

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo have been hampered in finalising the options for whānau primarily due to the delays experienced through COVID, the aforementioned Waikato Tainui issues and the substantial shift by the Crown in our inclusion for direct negotiations particularly for WAI 30 and the stringent requirements by Te Arawhiti on the mandating process. We still need to finalise the detail of all of the options which requires further clarification with Waikato Tainui, Ngāti Maniapoto and the Crown's requirements on mandate. We want our whānau to be fully informed and have the right support in considering these options.

Lees Seymour will provide a more detailed presentation at the hui-a-iwi.

FINANCIALS

The financial statements have been prepared by Duncan Robin, Treasurer, Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo. Duncan holds a Bachelor in Commerce, majoring in Accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis.

The financial year under consideration is 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.

A part year assessment from 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 has been included for members information.

The balance sheet includes \$35,215 received for work funded, but not yet completed for Waiari commemorations postponed due to COVID.

The balance sheet also includes \$13,625 of expenditure paid in advance to 2 service providers for work that will progress our MACA claim.

- Service provider 1: \$8,625 has subsequently been applied to the Seymour Whanau Loan in the month ending 30 April 2022.
- The Seymour Whanau has then agreed to gift the remaining \$1,375 balance of the loan as koha in the month ending 30 April 2022.
- Service provider 2: \$5,000 has subsequently been applied to invoices received from the service provider in the month ending November 2021.

The unaccounted for expenditure from the 2018/19 financial year remains under investigation.

The financial statements have not been audited as required under our constitution due to cost, and our small size and number of transactions. The financial statements will instead be reviewed by an independent accounting professional.

The financial statements included in this annual report are:

- Income Statement for year end 31 October 2021
- Cashflow Statement for year end 31 October 2021
- Balance for year end 31 October 2021
- Provisional Income Statement as at 28 February 2022
- Provisional Cash Flow Statement as at 28 February 2022
- Provisional Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2022

A full tier 4 Charities Commission Return will be completed and made available.

Income Statement

as at 31 October 2021

		2021	2020
Income			
	Grants and other funding	\$78,717.71	
	Interest income	\$5.22	
	Total income	\$78,722.93	\$7,533
Expenses			
	Operating expenses	(\$82,964.16)	
	Administrative expenses	(\$793.36)	
	RWT	(\$2.35)	
	Total expenses	(\$83,759.87)	(\$193)
Net income			
	Net income	(\$5,036.94)	\$7,340

Cash Flow Statement

as at 31 October 2021

	2021	2020
Cash flows		
Grants and other funding	\$113,932.71	
Loan	\$10,000	
Interest income	\$5.67	
Operating expenses and prepaid assets	(\$96,589.16)	
Administrative expenses	(\$793.36)	
RWT	(\$2.55)	
Net cash flow	\$26,551.66	\$7,340.63
Net increase/decrease		
Beginning cash balance	\$10,009.43	\$2,668.80
Ending cash balance	\$36,562.49	\$10,009.43

Balance Sheet

as of 31 October 2021

		2021	2020
Assets			
	Cash	\$36,562.49	\$10,009.43
	Prepaid assets	\$13,625	-
	Total assets	\$50,187.49	\$10,009.43
Liabilities			
	Loan	(\$10,000)	-
	Prepayments	(\$35,215)	-
	Total liabilities	(\$45,215)	
Equity			
	Total equity	\$4,972.49	\$10,009.43

Provisional Income Statement

as at 28 February 2022

	2022
Income	
Grants and other funding	\$18,167.38
Interest income	\$14.65
Total income	\$18,182.03
Expenses	
Operating expenses	(\$23,167.38)
RWT	(\$6.59)
Total expenses	(\$23,173.97)
Net income	
Net income	(\$4,991.94)

Provisional Cash Flow Statement

as at 28 February 2022

	2022
Cash flows	
Grants and other funding	\$18,182.03
Interest	\$14.65
Operating expenses	(\$18,167.97)
RWT	(\$6.59)
Net cash flow	\$8.06
Net increase/decrease	
Beginning cash balance	\$36,562.49
Ending cash balance	\$36,570.55

Provisional Balance Sheet

as of 28 February 2022

	2022
Assets	
Cash	\$36,570.55
Prepaid assets	\$8,625
Total assets	\$45,195.55
Liabilities	
Loan	\$10,000
Prepayments	(\$35,215)
Total liabilities	(\$45,215)
Equity	
Total equity	(\$19.45)
