

Endorsement and Support Committee

Over the last several months it has become clear that the timeframes for Runanganui monthly meetings and the process of decision making can sometimes be too slow or complicated for the requirements of institutions and whanau members when they are seeking endorsement or support for activities and programmes that are of interest for the iwi.

This became particularly clear in the last 12 months when two requests for support from whanau was not actioned as quickly or as effectively as we would hope.

To assist whanau who require support from the Runanganui in a compressed timeframe, a smaller group of members has been established with the ability to fast track requests and provide access to the necessary experts and information to allow for rapid progress.

The Committee is comprised of four members from the Executive. The Committee will also be seeking two to three additional members drawn from the iwi to ensure it has the expertise and knowledge of Hikairotinga, whakapapa and matauranga for its successful operation.

This is a new process, and one that will no doubt evolve as the iwi's requirements change and expand.

Kawhia Story Boards

Currently we are supporting whanau with the development of story boards to be placed in and around Kawhia telling of the history of our settlement around Kawhia Moana.

As always, we are only able to undertake this work because of the support of our Kaumatua, Kuia, Tribal Historians and Whanau.

Naku Noa

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