

# TE RŪNANGANUI O NGĀTI HIKAIRO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Minutes

Meeting 10:00 am to 4:30 pm (in person and via zoom)

<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 16 July 2022, Aberdeen School Hall Aberdeen School, Hamilton.
<b>1. Attendance</b>	<p>In Person: Susan Turner, Pipi Barton, Burt Cunningham, Lees Seymour, Jenny Seymour, Anton Spellman, Julia Spellman, Hamua Gilmore, Kura Stafford, Mark Seymour, Steve Morgan, Rangimarie McAlpine, Pania Cunningham, Pipi Barton, Wi Barton, Queenie Te Hae, Madison Daniels, Hori Hopa, Harold J Porima, Daina-Jane Tapuwaerenga Cunningham, Tame Pokaia</p> <p>By Zoom: Kurutia Seymour, Duncan Robin, Gareth Seymour, Dallas Seymour, Carline Aspinall, Tapuwaerenga Cunningham, Paikinui Berryman, Bing Porima, Tiriata Carkeek, Aroha Apiti de Silva, Tania Tai, Tom Tai, Maraea Nikora, Vivienne Layr, James Aspinall Kaka, Rautahi Te Hae, Caroline Aspinall (later in the day), Moka Apiti (later in the day) Donna Thompson, Gina Ngarongo</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Te Papi and Rangi Cunningham, Moka Apiti, Glenn Cunningham
<b>3. Mihi/Karakia</b>	<p>Opening Karakia – The Hui was opened with Prayer by <b>Hori</b> Hopa</p> <p>Welcome from Chair – the chair gave a short welcome to all of the attendees</p> <p>Health and Safety – Hui attendees were advised of where the facilities were and where to congregate in the event of an emergency</p>
<b>4. Business Items</b>	<p>Minutes for the 2021 AGM – The hui advised that there were a number of minor changes and additional attendees (Kura Stafford, Cornell Tukiri, Waimarie Daniels, Queenie Te Hae) to be added as attendees to the Minutes.</p> <p>Resolution to accept the AGM minutes from 2021 was Moved by Steven Morgan and Seconded by Pipi Barton. The Resolution was PASSED by the Meeting</p> <p>a. Chairman’s Report – The Chairman presented her report for the 20/21 year. She highlighted a number of areas</p>

where she considered beneficial activity had occurred. These included

- Good progress on the MACA case
- Good relationships with Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Apakura Ngai Te Wehi and Ngati Mahuta
- Building relationships with the territorial authorities (ODC, WDC, WRC)
- Developing Relationship with Te Arawhiti
- Mangakahia Cultural Impact Report
- Developing good governance and decision making protocols
- Appointment of a qualified Treasurer
- Progress, if slow on WAI30 and Remaining Claims
- Pae Ora Submission was made to the Health Select Committee
- A question was raised regarding the management of conflicts for the members of the Executive Committee. The Chair advised that the Committee operated a robust process of conflict management and risk management. This included having a register of interests, and a process of checking in each meeting if any of the items that are being discussed or the business of the Runanganui in the next month presented a possible conflict that required management. Each conflict was discussed and the Committee then decided how the identified conflict would be eliminated, mitigated, minimised or managed. She noted that at present the Executive Committee had identified a conflict for several members. The current approach was to exclude the identified members from certain sets of information that related to the conflict, and a decision that these members would be excluded from those parts of meetings which dealt with matters relevant to the conflict. The Chair advised she was satisfied with this conflict management process and believed its was operating successfully.

Overall the chair advised the activities of the committee over the last year had moved forward on three key areas – the MACA Application, the WAI30 and remaining claims and the governance and financial structures and procedures used by the Runanganui. While there was still much to achieve, she indicated that overall movement forward was positive. The robust position of the accounts and the newly introduced governance processes meant that the Runanganui was better placed to successfully operate in the best interests of the iwi

The RESOLUTION to accept the Chairmans Report was MOVED by SUSAN TURNER and SECONDED LEES SEYMOUR

The RESOLUTION was passed unanimously.

	<p>b. Presentation of Financial Accounts – The Treasurer provided an overview of the Financial Accounts for the members. He noted a number of areas of importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a current positive balance in the accounts</li> <li>- Current income and expenditure are mostly based on a work completed and then invoiced.</li> <li>- Advised that there was sufficient income to meet obligations and therefore the incorporation meets the requirements for an ongoing concern</li> <li>- Current financial reporting met the requirements for the Charities Commission 4 tier Charity.</li> </ul> <p>A RESOLUTION to accept the Financial Accounts for 2023 – Moved by DUNCAN ROBIN, Seconded by ANTON SPELLMAN</p> <p>The RESOLUTION was PASSED unanimously.</p>
	<p>c. PRESENTATION AND PORPOROAKI FOR ANTON SPELLMAN – The Chair and the Runanganui farewelled Anton Spellman after 20 years of involvement with the Runanganui</p>
	<p>d. BREAK FOR LUNCH (12:05pm to 12.35 pm)</p>
	<p>e. Changes to the Constitution – the Chair noted that a paper had been published on the Runanganui Website outlining the changes that were proposed for the Constitution, as well providing a draft copy of the proposed constitution and a copy of the existing constitution for comparison. It was noted that there were four material changes that had been made to the Constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the changes to the Charities Legislation, structural and content adjustments needed to be made to the constitution to reflect the requirements of the new legislation. These changes were not material to the intent or character of the Constitution</li> <li>• Remove the requirement for a membership fee. This fee has not been collected for over a decade and is administratively onerous and costly to apply.</li> <li>• Increase the term of office from one year to three years. Continually turning over executive committee members is having a detrimental effect on continuity and succession planning. Moving to a three year term is closer to best practice and will assist with managing the ongoing work of the Runanganui.</li> <li>• Balance Date – the balance date of September to October is unhelpful and it a change to match the government financial year of July to June is more appropriate.</li> </ul>

- The Chair also noted that the Nga Moemoea and Vision Sections had been included word for word from the old constitution.

The Members discussed the changes and the need for the changes and agreed that the new constitution would be passed. However they also wished membership be extended to partners of tribal members. It was noted that many of the hoa wahine and hoa tane of tribal members were as prominent in their support of the iwi and its activities as their partners. Additionally they are the joint parents of our future generation. It was noted that this was also part of the Tikanga for Ngati Hikairo.

The RESOLUTION to update the Constitution as outlined in the discussion above was MOVED by SUSAN TURNER and SECONDED by ANTON SPELLMAN

The RESOLUTION was PASSED unanimously.

f. Strategic Discussion – the strategic discussion was deferred to the next AGM.

g. Claims Managers Report:

- Takutai Moana Application – the claims manager provided an update regarding the Historical Research Work and the Interviews that will form a key part to the Application before the court. At this stage the case is likely to be heard late in 2024
- WAI30 and Remaining Claims – this is an area of continuing tension with other organisations intending to negotiate. The Runanganui has indicated that it will continue to pursue a pathway that supports outcomes that are in the best interests of Ngati Hikairo. This may include an option of approaching the Crown directly to negotiate a settlement specific to Ngati Hikairo and outside the larger natural grouping headed by Waikato Tainui.
- A focus of the Claims manager over the next 12 months is to design an engagement process with the iwi to present options regarding settlement of outstanding claims and a mandate from the iwi to pursue onward negotiations for the settlement of our claims.

The RESOLUTION to accept the Claims Managers report was MOVED by SUSAN TURNER and SECONDED by ANTON SPELLMAN

The RESOLUTION was PASSED unanimously.

h. Break for Afternoon Tea (2:25 pm to 3:00 pm)

i. Election of Committee Members and Officers

The Chairman noted that there had been only one nomination for each of the officer roles:

Susan Turner for Chair

Duncan Robin for Treasurer

Kurutia Seymour for Secretary

The chair indicated that as there was only one valid nomination for each of the officer roles the rules of the Incorporation stated that the Nominated individuals were automatically appointed, subject to any objections. She asked if there were any concerns regarding the individuals standing for each of the officers roles, and noted that no objections were raised.

The RESOLUTION to appoint SUSAN TURNER as Chair, DUNCAN ROBIN as Treasurer and KURUTIA SEYMOUR as Secretary was MOVED by LEES SEYMOUR and SECONDED by BURT CUNNINGHAM

The RESOLUTION to appoint Susan Turner as Chair, Duncan Robin as Treasurer and Kurutia Seymour as Secretary was passed Unanimously

The Chair discussed the Nominees for the Executive Committee. Valid Nominations were received from

Lees Seymour

Pipi Barton

Burt Cunningham

Gareth Seymour

Tom Tai

Ben Johnstone

The Chair noted that there were a total of 12 Executive Committee Positions Including the Officers, Kaumatua Representative and Rangatahi Representative.

The Kaumatua Representative was appointed by the Kaumatua Council and the Rangatahi representative was appointed by the Rangatahi Forum separate from the election process at the AGM. The Kaumatua and Rangatahi Representatives would continue until their respective structures replaced them or they retired.

With the Officers, the Kaumatua and the Rangatahi positions filled, there were 7 vacancies on the Executive Committee that could be filled.

As there were 6 nominees, the chair asked if there were any objections to any of the nominees. The Chair noted that there were no objections raised and on that basis all of the nominations were valid. As per the rules of the Incorporation as there were more vacant committee positions than valid

	<p>nominated members, all of the nominated members were automatically appointed to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The RESOLUTION to appoint Lees Seymour, Pipi Barton, Tom Tai, Gareth Seymour, Burt Cunningham and Ben Johnstone to the Executive Committee was MOVED by SUSAN TURNER and SECONDED by KURUTIA SEYMOUR</p> <p>The RESOLUTION to appoint Lees Seymour, Pipi Barton, Tom Tai, Gareth Seymour, Burt Cunningham and Ben Johnstone to the Executive Committee Members was passed Unanimously</p> <p>The Chair Noted that this completed the election process for the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>5. General Business</b></p>	<p>There were no items of General Business raised.</p>
<p><b>6. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next AGM is set down for the third week of June 2023, or thereabouts.</p>
<p><b>7. Karakia whakamutunga</b></p>	<p>The Meeting was closed with a prayer by Hori Hopa</p>