

TE RŪNANGANUI O NGĀTI HIKAIRO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

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

DATE	Saturday 30 September 2023, Waipapa Marae Rūnanga
1. Mihi/Karakia	<p>Opening Karakia – The Hui was opened with Prayer by Lees Seymour</p> <p>Welcome from Chair</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> <p>The Chair advised that the rūnanga had received 13 valid proxies for the meeting. The proxies are held on file and will be voted as instructed by the members in their proxy, by the chair.</p>
2. Attendance	<p>In Person: Susan Turner, Pipi Barton, Burt Cunningham, Lees Seymour, Anton Spellman, Julia Spelman, Hamua Gilmore, Steve Morgan, Rangimarie McAlpine, Pania Cunningham, Jack Cunningham, Queenie Te Hae, Madison Daniels, Hori Hopa, Cora Ratu, Gareth Seymour, Gina Ngarongo, Jane Anderson, Thomas Tai, Melissa Tai.</p> <p>By Zoom: Kurutia Seymour, Duncan Robin, Dallas Seymour, Amber O'Neill.</p>
3. Apologies	No apologies received.
4. Strategic Plan	The first session was the review of the draft strategic plan. This was facilitated by Lees Seymour. A summary of the discussion is attached to the minutes.
5. Business Items	<p>Minutes for the 2022 AGM – The hui was presented with the minutes. There were no changes.</p> <p>Resolution to accept the AGM minutes from 2022 was Moved by Susan Turner and Seconded by Pipi Barton. The Resolution was PASSED Unanimously.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>a. Chairman’s Report</p> <p>The Chair presented her report for the 2022/23 year. She highlighted a number of areas where she considered beneficial activity had occurred. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good progress on the MACA case. - Reestablished relationships with territorial authorities (ODC, WDC, WRC). - Strengthening governance capability. - Progress is slow on WAI30 and Remaining Claims. - Extensive Submissions to councils on a range of critical areas for the iwi. - The development of a strategic plan and focus on our future.
	<p>b. Presentation of Financial Accounts</p> <p>The Treasurer provided an overview of the Financial Accounts for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Financial years. The combined financial years was presented to align with the financial year specified in the constitution. He noted a number of areas of importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a current positive balance in the accounts - Current income and expenditure are mostly based on a work completed and then invoiced. - Advised that there was sufficient income to meet obligations and therefore the incorporation meets the requirements for an ongoing concern - Current financial reporting met the requirements for the Charities Commission 4 tier Charity. <p>A Resolution to accept the Financial Accounts for 2022 and 2023 – Moved by Duncan Robin, Seconded by Anton Spelman The Resolution was PASSED Unanimously.</p>
	<p>c. BREAK FOR LUNCH (12:05pm to 12.35 pm)</p>
	<p>d. Resource Management Report</p> <p>Pipi Barton presented the Resource Management Report. Key areas covered where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The iwi consultation framework as the basis of engagement with the Councils and other interested parties. – The cultural impact assessment report undertaken by the Rūnanga. This included Mangakaware, Kawhia Watermains, and a further two proposals with Waka Kotahi and Ōtorohanga District Council . – Rūnanga participation on council advisory committees for Kawhia Aotea concept plan, ngā tira matauranga technical advisory group and he hononga ki ngā iwi – Future work programme for the committee to update our resource management plans.

	<p>A resolution to accept the Resource Management Report for 2023 – Moved by Pipi Barton, Seconded by Burt Cunningham The Resolution was PASSED Unanimously</p>
	<p>e. Claims Managers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 Rūnanganui has indicated that it will continue to pursue a pathway that supports outcomes that are in the best interests of Ngāti Hikairo. This may include an option of approaching the Crown directly to negotiate a settlement specific to Ngāti Hikairo and outside the larger natural grouping headed by Waikato Tainui. <p>A resolution to accept the Claims Manager Report for 2023 – Moved by Lees Seymour, Seconded by Susan Turner. The Resolution was passed Unanimously.</p>
	<p>f. Break for Afternoon Tea (2:25 pm to 3:00 pm)</p>
	<p>g. Election of Committee Members and Officers There were three office holder roles for election, these were the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; and the Executive Committee members. Chair - There was one nomination for Chair Susan Turner. As there were no objections from the floor and no other candidates Susan Turner was unanimously elected as Chair. Secretary - There was one nomination for Secretary Kurutia Seymour. As there were no objections from the floor and no other candidates Kurutia Seymour was unanimously elected as Secretary. Treasurer - There was one nomination for Treasurer Duncan Robin. As there were no objections from the floor and no other candidates Duncan Robin was unanimously elected as Treasurer. Executive Committee Members - There are seven positions available on the executive, and five valid nominations - Gareth Seymour, Pipi Barton, Burt Cunningham, Tom tai and Lees Seymour. There were no objections from the floor, and as there were more vacancies than nominations then all five valid nominees were elected directly to the committee by unanimous vote.</p>

The secretary advised the meeting that there are two other positions on the executive, one representing kaumatua the other representing rangatahi. These positions are elected by a separate process and the existing incumbents continue. The kaumatua representative is Queenie Te Hae and the rangatahi representative is Hamua Gilmore.

The secretary advised the meeting that at the previous AGM, the membership agreed a new constitution which also made changes to the term of office for Office Holders and Executive Committee Members.

Kurutia indicated that there is now a three-year term cycle. In order to ensure an appropriate turnover of members of a third of the executive each year. A transition process will be put in place to support the move to a three-year term for officers and members.

The transition process will be as follows:

2024 - the secretary and two executive members elected today will retire and be able to stand for re-election.

2025 - the treasurer and two executive members elected today will retire and be able to stand for re-election.

2026 - the chair and one executive member elected today will retire and be able to stand for re-election.

The determination of which executive members will retire in each year will be made using a random lottery that will be run in the first executive meeting held after the AGM.

Once this transition process is completed the executive will have an appropriate three-year term with a third of the committee for renewal each year.

The process for electing the kaumatua and rangatahi representatives remains separate to the three-year term process that has been put in place for officers and the executive.

The secretary moved a resolution that the transition process be implemented as outlined and was seconded by the chair.

The membership passed the resolution unanimously.

7. General Business	Kaumatua Kaunihera Thomas Tai advised he intends to facilitate the establishment of a Kaumatua Kaunihera for the whole of Ngāti Hikairo. The Kaunihera will provide cultural leadership to the iwi and be independent of the rūnanga and marae. Thomas was seeking the support of the whanau and the rūnanga for the establishment of the Kaunihera. A resolution to confirm the support to establish the Kaumatua Kaunihera to be organised by Thomas Tai. Moved Thomas Tai., Seconded by Susan Turner. The Resolution was passed Unanimously
8. Next Meeting	June 2024
9. Karakia whakamutunga	Closing Karakia by Lees Seymour.

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SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

KEY THEMES

Waitangi Tribunal Claims

The WAI 30 and Remaining Claims is an opportunity to acquire resources for the iwi, however, this is not the only option for economic development. These claims are also an expression of the iwi rangatiratanga and mana motuhake. During this session whanau discussed their views on these claims. Key themes were:

- Whanau reaffirmed that Ngāti Hikairo is a recognised iwi by the Crown and was reinforced through the Waitangi Tribunal findings in Te Rohe Pōtae.
- Concern with Nga Marae o Kawhia and whether there is the mandate of the people to undertake negotiations for Kawhia Moana on their behalf. This was not supported by those attending the AGM hui.
- Whānau have provided the mandate to Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo for over 25 years. This was explained by Anton Spelman where he advised at each AGM hui, the rūnanga sought the mandate and this was provided by the people at these hui. The hui minutes would reflect this mandate.
- Whanau discussed that Ngāti Hikairo has been the long-standing iwi in Kawhia for generations. There is substantial evidence to support our mana motuhake and rangatiratanga through the oral and written evidence of Te Rohe Pōtae, MACA and our oral history.
- Whanau further described our position through our history where Ngāti Hikairo was entrepreneurial, traders, leaders within Tainui, kaitiaki of our rohe and no one has conquered us. The Whakatauki was expressed to describe our significance of our iwi and Kawhia to the rest of Tainui.

Kai mimiti te wai o te puna o rona
Ka pera hoki te mana o te whenua

- Whanau expressed the aspirations of kotahitanga, rangatiratanga and mana motuhake over our moana and whenua.

Economic Development

Whanau discussed their aspirations for economic development. Ngāti Hikairo had a strong economic base before it was taken from us, and whanau said they want it back. Key themes were:

- We need to build capacity for an economic base within the iwi. We need to consider ways in which we achieve this aspiration. The key focus of this capability was on education and business development.
- Whanau indicated if we were able to achieve the aspirations of the treaty settlement then they did not want a typical Post Settlement Entity.
- Whanau expressed key features as success and being productive as an iwi.
- Whanau indicated we are cash poor, but land rich and we need to unlock the economic opportunity in the use of this land.
- Whanau expressed support and commitment for the King and the Kingitanga movement and that Ngāti Hikairo had been instrumental in this movement since its inception.
- Our people are stuck because of the constraints either from Waikato Tainui or the Crown for growth and innovation.

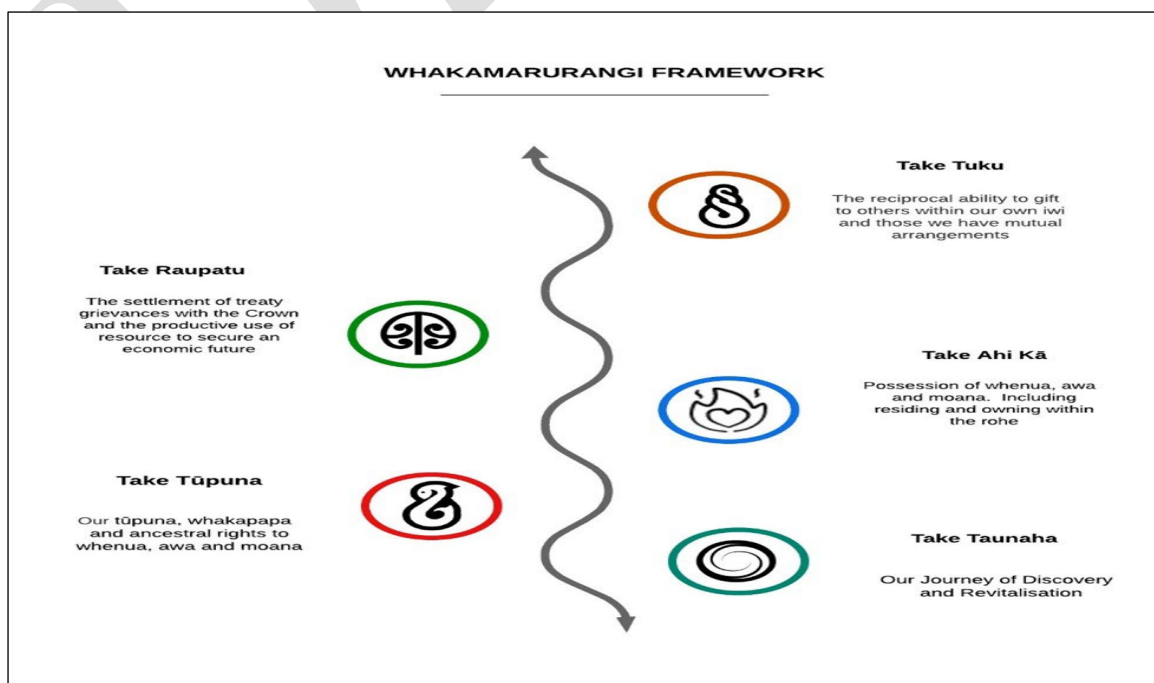
Cultural Capability

Whanau discussed their perspective of our cultural capability in terms of hikairo tanga. At present there is no support to develop our te reo, whakapapa, and our broader hikairo tanga. As an iwi we need to have more initiatives to build this capability.

The kaumatua Kaunihera was an essential step forward to rebuilding our capability.

Whakamarurangi Iwi Development Framework

Whanau supported the use and knowledge of our tupuna to guide our strategic development, and the Whakatauki of Tiriwa.



Whanau considered that the vision and mission statements of the Strategic Plan required further discussion.

Next Steps

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo to take the feedback and review the treaty claims work programme and the strategic plan. Further consultation with whānau to be undertaken.

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