

**TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI HIKAIRO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes

DATE	Saturday 20 July 2024, 10:00am to 4:00pm
LOCATION	Pūrekireki Marae and via Zoom
1. Karakia	Nā Thomas Tai te hui i whakatuwhera ki te karakia.
2. Welcome from Chair	
3. Whakawhanaungatanga	Whanau introductions
4. Attendance	In person: Gareth Seymour, Triana Anderson, Thomas Tai, Susan Turner, Lees Seymour, Mark Seymour, Marlene Edwards, Ngaro Te Hae, Vivienne Manuel, Hamua Gilmore, Melissa Tai, Stephen Morgan, Rikipōtiki Manuel, Mahina-a-rangi Manuel, On Zoom: Kura Stafford, Sierra Tai, Duncan Robin, Pipi Barton,
5. Apologies	Julia Spellman, Jane Anderson,
6. AGM 2023 Minutes	Minute from the 2023 AGM were presented Disclaimer made that the minutes were reconstructed by the Rūnanga in the absence of the secretary. Changes to be made: Vivienne Manuel was in attendance via Zoom. Mark Seymour proposes that when and if the recorded minutes become available that these will be submitted at the next AGM. A RESOLUTION to accept the AGM minutes from 2023 conditional to Mark's motion and with agreed changes was Moved by: Susan Turner and Seconded by: Lees Seymour. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.
7. Chairman's Report	Reading of the Annual Report for 2024. Toi Ora and Kawhia Medical Centre to be talked about further in General Business.

	<p>Kura Stafford acknowledges the Chair's mahi on behalf of herself and other whānau living around the motu.</p> <p>Susan extends thanks to Geoff Barton for maintaining the website and Tiriata Thorne for doing all the Facebook posts.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to accept the Chair's Report for 2024 - Moved by: Susan Turner and Seconded by: Stephen Morgan. The Resolution was PASSED Unanimously by the Meeting.</p>
<p>8. Financial Report</p>	<p>The Treasurer provided an overview of the Financial Accounts for the 2023/24 Financial year.</p> <p>Summary of approach to managing the finances - only reporting on money and invoices coming in and going out.</p> <p>We received a grant from Waikato-Tainui for the Waiari Commemorations but COVID stopped this and we gave the grant back.</p> <p>The investigation into unexplained spending in 2022 - our assessment is that it was used properly and our record keeping process was not up to scratch. We have since put processes into place to prevent this in the future such as, multiple authorisations for payments; cheques are no longer allowed and we report on it monthly and then annually. An audit has not been carried out due to the cost.</p> <p>Grants for MACA and Takutai Moana funding that covers expenses for Mātakitaki and Tangitekorewhiti.</p> <p>Gareth Seymour asks if this is an accurate evaluation for Kai-Ewe. Duncan - It's the council's evaluation.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to accept the Financial Accounts for 2024 - Moved by Duncan Robin. Seconded by Mark Seymour. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.</p>
<p>9. Resource Management Report</p>	<p>Pipi Barton presented a summary of the year's work.</p> <p>Mihi to Kurutia Seymour, Frank Thorne, Hano Ormsby, Malcom Ormsby, Jack Cunningham, Lees Seymour, Susan Turner, and Jane Anderson for supporting the RMC.</p>

Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) by Otorohanga District Council (ODC) on the replacement of the freshwater in the township. Hano caught up with the contractors regularly.

ODC sought consultation on the storm water management in Kāwhia following a Resource Consent they sent to the Waikato Regional Council. The moana is polluted due to the storm water system. A CIA was organised.

Hano trimmed the rākau at Te Papa-o-Karewa following complaints from neighbors parking there. An arborist advised that the pou is in the wrong place so we will replace this and get it carved asap. Looking to ODC and maybe Waikato-Tainui for funding.

Resource Consent came in from people wanting to build close by. They were advised that they would need to find another access point other than Te Papa-o-Karewa and to wait for a review by Heritage New Zealand.

Te Tai o Kāwhia Moana Trust are replanting native trees on the banks.

Hano, Malcolm and Ross Dockery cleared up the rākau, Tangitekorowhiti, following the processes established by Meto. Rākau that can be carved goes out to Hopuhopu and the rest goes to Te Pahi.

Waka Kotahi are replacing the culverts at Pūtī. They have been informed that Tokitoki is a wāhi tapu; there is a mahinga kai, tauranga waka and a significant site at Matakahikatea where they did tāmoko.

Kurutia has been responding to DoC regarding freshwater testing in Pirongia which we gave consent on.

We gave consent for DoC to plant mistletoe which is a close relative found in Te Arawa, on Pirongia.

DoC sought consultation from us and Ngāti Māhuta regarding the Te Kauri Waikuku reserves. Malcolm and Hano have attended these hui. DoC wants to hand management over to tangata whenua. Management is required to prevent die back.

	<p>Frank has been requesting that DoC manage the urupā at Whatiwhatihoe and Hanen Road as it is part of their estate. The farmer adjacent is not looking after them.</p> <p>Resource consent for a subdivision at Titahi Road by whānau who have owned the land for years. They were advised to fence off the urupā.</p> <p>We are questioning if the land taken under the Public Works Act for Te Awamutu township water supply at Titahi Road is still needed.</p> <p>Frank is involved with work around erosion at Mātakitaki.</p> <p>Lees has been involved with the whakamāori of place names and the appropriate naming of Ngāroto.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Kurutia for his help with Mangakaware recommendations for replanting and archaeological findings.</p> <p>ODC will consult us regarding an iwi Māori engagement framework.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to accept the Resource Management Report for 2024 - Moved by Pipi Barton, Seconded by: Thomas Tai. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting</p>
<p>10. Māori place names</p>	<p>Waipā has a policy enabling dual naming where they want hapū to put forward recommendations for Māori place names across the rohe.</p> <p>Lees explains a conversation taking place around Ngāroto referring to the area and Wairoto referring to lake in the opinion of some.</p> <p>Marlene Edwards advises that the Kaunihera Kaumātua can discuss the process here.</p> <p>Kura Stafford encourages having wānanga about all our place names so that we may inform whoever in the future.</p>

	<p>The Freshwater Management Plan has a list of puna, awa for instance. A database of 400 sites, names from a heritage project and kaumātua of the time.</p>
	<p>BREAK FOR LUNCH (12:30pm to 1:30pm)</p>
<p>11. Claims Manager Report</p>	<p>Lees explains the background leading to MACA or Takutai Moana Act processes and the current political climate. We are reestablishing relationships with Patupō, with Maniapoto, Apakura and Māhuta. A 500 page report was done by a historian which will come back to the Rūnanga for approval.</p> <p>Discussion about WAI30 and Remaining Claims including lack of Ngāti Hikairo representation for Kāwhia Moana or lack of communication from the current reps.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to accept the Claims Manager's report for 2024. Moved by Lees Seymour and Seconded by _____. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.</p>
<p>12. Kai-Ewe</p>	<p>Duncan shares his screen online and explains the context of Kai-Ewe, which is Rūnanga land. Mere Gilmore remains a Trustee according to the Court.</p> <p>Kurutia has drafted a Trust Deed as stated in the Māori Land Act is our obligation. Hinga Whiu and Jack Cunningham are the trustees. Tiriana Anderson suggests putting Kai-Ewe into the Rūnanga Trust Deed.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION that the Rūnanga review its constitution to ensure it covers decision making regarding Kai-Ewe; set an SGM if necessary and go through an Eol process for whānau who wish to be trustees and form a subcommittee. Moved by Susan Turner. Seconded by Lees Seymour. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.</p> <p>Thomas Tai makes a note that Aunty Marlene Edwards has put her hand up to be a trustee here.</p>
<p>13. Health Initiative</p>	<p>Susan explains this collaboration involving Ngāti Māhuta, Ngāti Hikairo, Torres Strait, Waikato University, New Zealand Physicians Association, General Practices Kauri Health Care and Kāwhia Medical Centre. The Rūnanga is supporting Toi Ora expansion into Kāwhia. We propose growing an indigenous work-</p>

	force registered under the Health Practitioners Act. Step one is to get funding to build a business case to build the system.
14. Election of Committee Members and Officers	<p>It was agreed at our first meeting that there would be three positions that go through rotation. Bert Cunningham has chosen to step down. No proxy votes were received. Gareth Seymour and Kurutia Seymour were re-nominated.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Kurutia Seymour as secretary. Moved by Susan Turner. Seconded by Mark Seymour. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Gareth Seymour as an Executive Committee Member. Moved by Pipi Barton. Seconded by Gareth Seymour. The Resolution was PASSED unanimously by the Meeting.</p> <p>We have one vacancy however our processes don't allow for nominations from the floor.</p>
	Karakia whakakapi.