



Te Panui o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi

Quarterly Panui to 31 December 2015

In this Pānui you will be updated on:

- A new approach by the Iwi Trust to communication, engagement and participation.
- The financial performance of Iwi assets.
- Reo and Education Strategies
- Employment Opportunities
- Important dates

*Papaki ngā ngaru ki
Waitangi tai
Kau mai te pā a
Tangaroa
Rere mai te Toroa ki uta
Pupuhi te hau moana o
te hā o Tawhiri
Tera te motukohu
Wharekauri e!*

Kaumātua Christmas Lunch

In December, the Iwi Trust hosted a Christmas lunch for our kaumātua at the Whakamaharatanga Marae. This was a well-attended occasion and a privilege to have so many of our kaumātua all together to celebrate the festive season. Kaumātua feasted on traditional Christmas kai and many took kai home for their dinner. Our tamariki and kapa haka group gave a wonderful performance for our kaumātua, and this was followed by a 'sing-a-long' led by Whaea Susan Carter. Thank you to all who made this day a memorable occasion for our elders, especially Jacqui Southcombe and Jo Clark for creating the Christmas environment at the marae, and Cathy Thomas, Melodie Fraser, Susan Carter and Paula Page for all your help on the day.

Message from the Chair

Kia ora whanau

Haere koutou ki te kainga nā te Atua i hanga. Haere ki te putahitanga a Rehua – te huihuinga o ngā tini mano. Moe mai rā te moe roa.

I'd like to welcome you to this new year and trust you had an enjoyable festive break. We are in for an exciting year ahead with a new approach by the Iwi Trust to communication, engagement and participation.

2015 was a busy year for our Iwi and much was achieved during the year. Strategic achievements included mandate for settlement, housing, education and reo strategies and governance. We share these achievements with you in this pānui.

Since our last pānui there has been trustee elections and we welcome the continuity of having John Kamo (Deputy Chair) re-elected. The Board has gained new trustees Iwiroa Wairua and Mahara Gilsenan and I genuinely welcome them to our Board and look forward to working alongside them both. We did however lose the wonderful Gail Amaru from our Board. Gail was a valued and enthusiastic member of the Iwi Trust and her willingness to donate her time to the

Iwi Trust is extremely appreciated. Gail will be missed greatly at the board table.

We are currently in the process of recruitment for a General Manager and Registrar, and are striving to improve our communication and engagement with members and beneficiaries. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the mahi undertaken by our previous Trust Secretary, Ward Kamo. Ward's drive, alongside trustees and the Settlement Governance Group, led the Iwi Trust to have official recognition of Mandate for Treaty Settlement. On behalf of trustees, I wish Ward well for any future endeavours.

A Contract for Services has been entered in to with Joseph Thomas to provide capacity and capability with specific projects. This is a short-term arrangement during which Joseph will remain a Trustee of the Iwi Trust but will not receive his Trustee fee during this time.

We hope members enjoy this Pānui and are brought up to speed with the positive developments that have been worked up over the last 12-18 months.

Nga mihi

Paula Page

GNA – Gone No Address

To assist us with keeping you informed through regular Pānui and communication, we need to ensure that we have your current email and residential address details. If you or any of your whanau are on the move, please remember to let us know your new address details. If you don't have access to email or internet, we will post hard copies of the monthly updates and Pānui to you. Your updated contact details can be either: emailed to iwitrust@nmow.co.nz, posted to PO Box 50, Chatham Islands 8942, or phoned to 03 3050-500.

Communication - A New Approach

Welcome to a new approach for the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

Most entities will at some stage in their life cycle find themselves challenged by limited or sporadic communication, engagement and participation with their members, beneficiaries and key stakeholders. For the Iwi Trust over the years, communication has been largely achieved through the publication of an Annual Report, distribution of Pānui both hard copy and by email, through our website, AGM and consultation Hui. Despite the efforts of many, the Iwi Trust has had a mixed level of success with this in more recent times, and the Board has acknowledged that this is a priority for improvement.

The Board acknowledges and accepts that we are responsible and accountable to you, our members and beneficiaries, and that we owe you a duty of care regardless of where you reside. This Pānui is the start of a process of continuous improvement of how we as a Board communicate and engage with you. In 2016, you can look forward to receiving:

1. A brief high level monthly update on key projects that will be posted on the website, emailed to members and posted in hard copy to those who do not have access to the Internet or email.
2. Four Pānui that report on the quarters ending 30 June, 30 September, 31 December and 31 March. These will be posted on our website, posted in hard copy to all members on our database, and made available to key stakeholders and the wider community. We will be seeking contributions from members.
3. The Annual Report that will continue our robust reporting on the annual achievements and financial results to 31 March each year.

We are but the kaitiaki of your Iwi Trust. The process that we are initiating will enhance our commitment to you and will ensure that we remain accountable and transparent in all that we do on your behalf. We ask that in return, you take the time to read our Pānui to ensure that you are fully informed on current matters and opportunities relating to the Iwi Trust and our Iwi.

Asset Holding Company Financial Performance – Snapshot to 31 December 2015

The Ngāti Mutunga O Wharekauri Asset Holding Company (AHC) continues to work diligently, building the asset base in order to generate sustainable annual returns for the Iwi and to provide funding for distributions. AHC's Net Operating Profit for the nine months to 31 December 2015 was \$1,117,027 with the overall Group Net Surplus after distributions to the Iwi Trust at \$704,527. Both the AHC Net Operating Profit and Group Net Surplus remain on track to achieve budget of \$1,583,270 and \$1,033,270 respectively. Net Assets as at 31 December 2015 were \$24.3 million, up from \$23.6m at last year end (31 March 2015).

The bulk of AHC's income is generated from fishing assets, namely the sale/commitment of ACE to local fishers and fishing companies, 3rd parties (ie – deep sea ACE) and our share of returns from the Port Nicholson Fisheries investment. AHC now supports 14 crayfish operations, 9 dive operations, 17 wet fish operations (some of whom are also cray operators) and 2 Island longline operators.

Engagement with and Participation of Iwi

One question our board has been asking ourselves for sometime is “how do we best provide a forum to encourage engagement and participation of our members, beneficiaries and whanau, and in particular those who are not ahi kā?” To date, this has been limited to Hui relating to various mandating processes and has involved travelling the motu and holding Hui in strategic locations. This has to a large extent worked but off-Island travel is expensive and only tends to occur when we need your support.

Some of you may be aware that a forum has been established recently by members in Poneke (Wellington). Although early days, we believe this is the start of a great initiative. We will work with our whanau in Poneke to formalise this forum and identify how best to resource it by providing putea to assist with venue hire, kai and secretarial services for the drafting of minutes, letters and reports from the hui. We propose that we then replicate this model initially in Tāmaki-makau-rau (Auckland), Urenui (in Taranaki), Otautahi (Christchurch) and Wharekauri (Chatham Islands).

This will provide a forum within which the Iwi Trust can engage and seek input, feedback, guidance and the support of our members and beneficiaries on various matters, issues and opportunities.

Please contact us if you have an interest in being involved in this exciting initiative.

Housing for Chatham Islands / Wharekauri

The Iwi Trust through our Chair and our professional advisors has played a key role in discussions to date on housing.

During 2015, and at the request of the Crown, the Iwi Trust engaged professional advisors to develop options for how the \$2 million fund could be utilised to provide the best outcomes for the Chatham Islands. This report titled: Chatham Islands Housing Solution and is dated May 2015 was provided to assist Chatham Islands Housing Committee, which includes key Island stakeholders, and the Crown with deciding on how best to proceed and utilise the funding in the interests of the Chatham Islands.

The Iwi Trust has never received the \$2 million housing fund which still remains in the care of the Crown.

The Chatham Islands Housing Solution document needs to be socialised in the wider community for feedback, prior to forming a Chatham Islands Housing Partnership.

Governance

During 2015, the Board of the Iwi Trust engaged TeamOne to initiate a process of building the capability and capacity of our board. At the end of January this year, the journey was continued with a governance capability building session delivered by Joseph Thomas. This is a very positive process and one that will enhance the governance of the Iwi Trust and ultimately improve the outcomes and deliverables to members and beneficiaries. Unfortunately our Chair Paula Page was unavailable to attend due to whānau illness; however she is pleased trustees joined together for the unification of the Board.



Front – Trustees, Joseph Thomas, Melodie Fraser, Iwiroa Wairua and Monique Croon
Back – Mahara Gilsenan, John Kamo (Deputy Chair) and Jo Clark (Trust Administrator)

Employment Opportunities

The Iwi Trust has engaged the services of Decipher Group Limited of Christchurch, to lead the recruitment process for attracting and securing a General Manager. Decipher Group are based in Christchurch and specialise in recruiting senior executives and directors. They have extensive experience with recruiting for Iwi organisations and have strong connections throughout New Zealand.

If you or anyone you know wishes to consider this opportunity, please contact Ginny Fail, ginny@deciphergroup.co.nz, ph 021 560 440 to register your interest and to receive a copy of the Position Description. This information is also on our website at www.nmow.co.nz. Applications close 18 March 2016.

The preference is to employ someone who is already residing on Wharekauri, however, we are also mindful of the need to employ the best person for this strategic position.

The Iwi Trust is also advertising the position of Registrar. Please contact our office by email on iwitrust@nmow.co.nz to register your interest and to obtain a copy of the Position Description. This information is also on our website.

Chatham Islands Rugby and Netball teams North Island Tour

A rugby and netball team and supporters will be touring the North Island early April 2016. If whānau wish to catch up with the teams or go along and watch games they will be in Wellington 1-4 April, Whakatane 4-7 April and Napier 7-10 April.

You can also keep up to date with their tour at the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/321578171264830/>

Mandate, Claims and Settlement

During 2015, the NMOWIT gained recognition and mandate to advance the claims and to negotiate settlement on behalf of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. This was a major achievement, and we thank you our members and all who participated in this process, for your support and guidance. There is much to be done and we are in the process of working with the Settlement Governance Group to clarify the pathway and process to ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved. A further update will be provided in the monthly update due out in the first week of April.

Reo and Taiaha Wananga

A Taiaha wānanga was held 29 February – 4 March at Whakamaharatanga Marae. We were privileged to have Eraia Kiel return to deliver this mahi to our taiaha warriors. Accompanying Eraia was a new kaiako, Jamus Webster, who has expertise in taiaha and training kapa haka groups for Matatini. This wānanga included the delivery of poi to kotiro / wāhine.

We are currently planning the first Reo wānanga for 2016. Once dates are confirmed we will advise you in the monthly update.

Te Reo Revitalisation and Education Strategies

During 2015, the NMOWIT secured funding and undertook consultation to develop the Te Reo Revitalisation and Education strategies. Both Strategies have been approved at Board level. Most importantly the Strategies are awaiting socialisation and consultation with whānau prior to finalising this important kaupapa. We look forward to socialising these documents.

Taranaki Tū Mai:

Over the weekend of 21-22 November, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri whānau travelled to Taranaki for the Taranaki Tū Mai 2015 festival. Taranaki Tū Mai is a biennial event where iwi of Taranaki come together to celebrate Taranakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Whakapapa through hākinakina (sport), Kapa Haka (cultural performances) and wānanga (learning forums).

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri had a netball and touch team competing at this amazing event. Chair Paula Page and trustee Melodie Fraser attended on behalf of the Iwi Trust. We take this opportunity to thank Ngāti Mutunga o Taranaki for their hospitality and will be back for the next Festival in 2017.

Aunty Elanor Amaru and Aunty Raana Tuuta



Uncle Ray Tito with Sharon Amaru and daughter Kahurangi

*Front – Tiare Day-Jones, Jackson Braid, Sam Dreaver, Jared Braid, Jaiden Fraser
Back – Melodie Fraser, Willie Fraser, Paolo Meo, Gail Amaru, Cathy Thomas*



The NMOW Netball team gained 3rd place in the competition. Team Members were – Gail Amaru, Sharon Amaru, Paula Page, Deena Whaitiri, Te Amo Amaru-Tibble, Te Atawhai Amaru-Tibble and Rawiri Tinirau

Opening of AFL Processing Facility:

On Tuesday 8 December 2015, the brand new Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd factory was opened on the Chatham Islands by the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon Nathan Guy, and the CEO of AFL, Carl Carrington, in a celebratory ceremony that recognised the boost it would give the local economy. With the new factory's export capability, it will provide ongoing and increased employment in the long term, have a positive spin off for other industries such as shipping and aviation, and enable premium seafood such as blue cod, crayfish and pāua to be showcased in global markets.

The celebration included our Taiaha warriors who gave an exceptional performance and also the Kapa Haka group whose waiata was beautiful.



(Left) Aotearoa Fisheries Limited Factory Opening

(Below) L-R – George Day (Operations Manager-Chatham Islands), Rino Tirikatene (MP for Te Tai Tonga), Hon Annette King, Hon Nathan Guy and Carl Carrington (CEO, Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd)



L-R – Raana Tuuta, Carl Carrington and George Day



Dion Tuuta (Chair, Port Nicholson Fisheries Ltd)



Our taiaha warriors led by Tane O'Neill

