



ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTORY

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Michael Halbert
George Epapara
Ruka Hughes

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Naumai Piki Mai Kake Mai

Annual General Meeting of the Trust held

at Ngapumanawa Marae on
Saturday 30th November 2013
at 10.00am.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes.
3. Annual Reports.
4. Appointment of Auditor.
5. Trustee Election Results.

This meeting is open to registered iwi members
and will close at 1pm.

Gloria Hughes
Chairman

NGATI RONGOMAI IWI TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT TAPUAEKURA MARAE ON SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2012 AT 10.00AM.

CHAIR: Gloria Hughes.

SECRETARY: Murray Patchell.

ATTENDANCE: 38.

APOLOGIES: 10.

(Margaret Brown/Paora Te Rangiri) Carried

KARAKIA: George Epapara.

The Chair advised that it was intended to table all reports and then take questions. The following reports were then presented on overhead projector and via the annual report booklet:

- Michael Halbert: On background distribution issues and the future.
- Murray Patchell: Financial report.
- Gloria Hughes: Strategic Plan and Chair's report.

RESOLVED: "That the Chair's report be received."
(Margaret Brown/Lorraine Taia) Carried

RESOLVED: "That the financial report be received."
(Jackie Epapara/Walter Bishop) Carried

RESOLVED: "That the remaining reports be received."
(Tania ? /Sheryline Morrison) Carried

AUDITOR: **RESOLVED:** "That Macmillan Accountants be appointed auditors for the next 12 months."
(Tewi Curtis/Nepia Te Rangiri) Carried

TE PUMAUTANGA O TE ARAWA PRESENTATION:

Nero Panapa from TPT presented a report on the formation of TPT, its organisational structure and aspects around the Deed of Settlement. As Nero had to leave the meeting, questions were taken.

Barnett Vercoe queried the 25 year moratorium. Nero Panapa advised that the only moratoriums were 3 years on distribution from Te Arawa Group Holdings (TAGH) to enable TAGH to grow

some wealth, and 10 year share redemption moratorium on TAGH to enable the company to develop over a reasonable timeframe. They believe that if TAGH performs well the affiliate iwi won't want to change that model. In response to a query if TPT is to be dissolved in the next 2 years, Nero advised there was no intention to dissolve it in the near future. He said it was a \$50 million settlement and TPT are trying to grow this for the benefit of all beneficiaries and this is intergenerational.

Howard Morrison queried responsibility for the investments and mistakes. Nero said that TPT is responsible for any mistakes and any action would need to be taken through the High Court. Distributions will go direct to entities and not through TPT.

The Chair thanked Nero for his attendance and he left at 11.30am.

REPORT QUESTIONS:

Katene Curtis queried if the Kura had been approached to move to the Outdoor Centre. He also said not to criticise the beneficiaries as they had put trustees there and trustees are accountable to the beneficiaries. The Chair advised that no one had been approached yet. A lot of Government agencies are interested in supporting the project. This would be a commercial activity to benefit Ngati Rongomai overall, and a number of organisations will be talked to. Trustees only have an initial plan at this stage. Katene acknowledged the long term investment but felt a price could not be put on the children's heads. He said Ngati Rongomai interests need to be looked after. The Chair acknowledged those comments.

Ruka Hughes explained that the trustees had a difficult time to get a strategic plan accepted by TPT. He had no qualms about suing TPT for non-performance if that was necessary. He said the trustees were not aware of the 21 year lease granted in 2006. The trustees were fighting the Crown and TPT on the basis that the land was under negotiation and should not have been leased during that time. He also referred to the \$1 million settlement that the Trust received in November 2011. He said many people were saying the trustees had spent this money, but in reality the trustees were fighting to get it from TPT. He also referred to criticism of Geysers Community Foundation. He said these were the best advisers the trustees could have got. Some Trusts haven't even distributed \$5. The trustees could not come to the iwi and tell them about the problems with TPT and the Crown as they needed to get these resolved first. He also pointed out the trustees do not take any fees from the Trust. The fight with the Crown and TPT is ongoing.

Merehira Savage queried how the trustees will consult with the

wider beneficiaries so they can see the wider direction. Ruka Hughes explained that the trustees had to put in a strategic plan to get funding and there hadn't been an opportunity to come back to the iwi. He said once the matters were resolved with the Crown and TPT then the trustees can have a wananga with the iwi. The Chair referred to her apology in the report at the delay in holding this AGM. She said the trustees intend to have regular meetings. Ngati Rongomai are the only iwi affiliate to complete all requirements for TPT. The Trust can have annual or quarterly consultation meetings as required. The Trust has also had an offer to do a website to feedback information via newsletter. She was mindful that trustees are unpaid for the work they are doing. Ruka Hughes added that Ngati Rongomai were the only affiliate iwi entity going through a mana whenua process for the land, having been challenged about their whakapapa.

Merehira Savage supported the concerns about the strategic plan and the trustees should have come back to the iwi. Trustees have a responsibility to get beneficiaries involved in the strategic plan. She felt there were components such as environmental missing from the plan, and also referred to Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai. Willie Emery sought clarification that the strategic plan was only a draft. The Chair confirmed that the strategic plan had been done some time ago with TPT. The trustees wanted to bring back positives rather than negatives and hence the delay in the meeting. The draft strategic plan was accepted by TPT to enable release of the funds and she acknowledged that the trustees have not consulted with the Wharekura yet but will do so when their consultation process gets under way.

Paora Te Rangi supported the whakaaro. He said he was confused with the strategy to send kids overseas. He said the first priority should be Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai and the long term investment should be in there. The Kura comes under the Ministry of Education and is a good organisation. Chair referred to the percentage of success overseas versus New Zealand and the issue was why teachers were heading off overseas. It was because they are blocked from delivering what they want. Plans have been provided at no cost. She said it was about sharing resources and learning what others can do and how we can benefit. She said the first meeting needs to form working parties and working groups and she is open to that. She is concerned at going against TPT but may need to do that to get things right. The Trust was assured that lands would be returned last year, and the Outdoor Centre would be available. They did not realise that the lease had been renewed and was not going to be available. The trustees also had to prove mana whenua to Okataina Reserves and the Lodge. She said a lot had happened and needed to be cleared up before coming back to the people. The trustees will look at quarterly meetings.

Ruka Hughes added that 12 months ago the statement was made that Ngati Rongomai did not exist. It has been a hard battle and has been about individual's claim for money and power. Pateko Island had been claimed by others and the trustees had been fighting to get these issues resolved. He said big income will come from TAGH eventually and then the Trust will have the ability to set up schools etc. The other issue is succession planning. The trustees will continue to challenge things to benefit Ngati Rongomai. He reiterated the hard work the trustees are doing in fighting the Crown and said mana was at stake.

Merehira Savage said it was not just about the putea it is about other aspirations as well. Ngati Rongomai are fighters. Previously there had been many wananga as a collective but not much in the last 5 years. She can now see how they can be part of Ngati Rongomai but the trustees need to communicate with the beneficiaries. She is happy to move forward and be a part of the development.

Frances Curtis had concerns with diminishing of the paepae and what will happen when the old people are gone. She said there was a shortage of people and there needed to be a succession plan. At the Wharekura, that's where they are learning to be the next speakers of the next generation.

Nepia Te Rangi spoke about Ngati Rongomai children and kapa haka and support that had been given. He would like the trustees to consider some assistance for under 13 kapa haka.

Howard Morrison noted there was a lot of pressure on the trustees. They need to be careful not to become dysfunctional and alienate the people. He urged them to keep the dialogue going and needs assurance that that will be done.

Willie Emery support Howard's comments that there needed to be more wananga to move forward collectively. Secondly, he referred to an issue between the trustees and Waiatuhi Marae. He believes Waiatuhi belonged to Ngati Pikiao but a lot of members are Ngati Rongomai. He had no issue with supporting the Marae but he queried if under the Claim, was Waiatuhi mentioned? He felt it was up to the Marae and whanau to clarify that point as he would want to avoid any conflict in the future. Ruka Hughes advised that Te Pukenga o Ngati Rongomai was set up at a wananga and a second wananga supported that the three Marae stuck together. It was about mana tangata, not mana whenua. He pointed out that Waiatuhi were the only group to thank the Trust by letter for their grant. He said the Pukenga was still registered but the problem is that there are two sets of Claims to deal with. Willie said it was helpful to understand and he just

wanted to avoid any potential conflict. He reiterated he had no issue with the koha to Waiatuhi. Chair advised that the Trust had difficulties initially in doing this. A consultation hui was held at Kahumatamomoe and this confirmed that the whenua is Ngati Pikiāo but the mana tangata is Ngati Rongomai.

Paora Te Rangi said this could become complicated. Ngati Hinekura have a strong tie to Ngati Rongomai. His concern was with Pateko Island and who are buried there. He referred to the background and Hinekura connection to Pateko. He queried who of Rongomai was on there. He did not think it was Rongomai. Ruka Hughes explained that the boundary had been drawn included Pateko in Rongomai area. He said the AGM is not about the Claim. Wananga will resolve that.

The Chair noted that there were a lot of capable people present that could be involved with wananga. She accepted that the trustees had failed to bring everyone to open wananga and this has caused disparity. The trustees will do this. She also said that if Marae are having wananga that they could invite the trustees on specific topics.

RESOLVED: "That the strategic plan be accepted as a draft to be developed further."

(Paora Te Rangi/Howard Morrison) Carried

Merehira Savage queried the investment in the conservative fund and what was the term of this. Murray Patchell explained that this was a Unit Fund and it can be entered or exited on a daily basis. Merehira also queried the legal costs incurred. The Chair advised the trustees needed some legal assistance with research and dealing with the TPT requirements on mana whenua. The Trust could take TPT to Court and a lawyer would be required but obviously they don't want to do this if it can be avoided and are currently negotiating.

A further query was raised about policy on grants. The Chair advised that a grant policy had not been finalised yet and will need to be developed.

Willie Emery advised that Waione 3B8 are investigating the possibility of getting some land back and it would be good to strategise with Ngati Rongomai trustees. He was referring to John Wells' property and the golf course. He was willing to work with the trustees on this.

Howard Morrison queried the accounting and secretarial work and what are the future costs likely to be. Murray Patchell advised that given limited funds available, costs are not likely to be too great. The \$10,000 in the report was effectively spread over 3 years.

Howard also queried the overseas travel. The Chair explained that two trustees travelled overseas investigating the educational opportunities.

Frances Curtis congratulated trustees on their work to date and queried if there was some way the trustees could be compensated for their work. Chair advised that the trustees are there for the passion and desire to see Ngati Rongomai to succeed and provide their time free and lovingly. She said somewhere down the track it may be possible to look at something for the trustees but their concern is to ensure that whatever comes back benefits Ngati Rongomai.

Merehira Savage queried what Act the Trust comes under, was it Te Ture Whenua or Charitable? Ruka said it was Charitable. The Trust avoided common law to avoid the tax costs.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. She assured the meeting the trustees will look at plans for wananga over the next year. She said future replacement trustees need to understand the history and she would like any interested people to attend wananga to learn about these things. She appreciated the feedback from iwi members. Paora Te Rangi mihi to the good work of the Trustees.

George Epapara said that Ngati Rongomai was in the best financial position it has ever been in. Everything belongs to us. They stayed away from the Land Court and are doing it their own way. Ngati Rongomai is only accountable to itself. He urged people to be patient. The trustees are working hard and will get there. It had been good discussion today and the trustees will report back regularly.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm with karakia from George Epapara.

Signed as a correct record

CHAIRMAN

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NGATI RONGOMAI IWI TRUST

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL HUI HELD AT NGAPUMANAWA MARAE, RUATO, ON SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2013 AT 10.00AM.

CHAIR: Gloria Hughes.

SECRETARY: Murray Patchell.

SOLICITOR: Helen Nathan.

MIHI & KARAKIA: George Epapara.

Chairman advised that there were concerns that had been raised in a letter written to the trustees and these will be addressed in the meeting. TPT representative George Eru had been invited to provide an update as well as the Trust solicitor, Helen Nathan. She said the trustees have endured a lot of hassles over the last few months due to misunderstandings and misinformation. Others had been invited to present as the trustees felt they would not be listened to. A recent meeting with the koeke did not get resolution. She believed Ngati Rongomai should stand united but this is not happening. She said the integrity and wellbeing of Ngati Rongomai was the first priority for the trustees. The Trust had engaged Helen Nathan for legal work and Murray Patchell for financial work, as they wanted the best people to be involved with the Trust. The trustees are prepared to front to the iwi today on the outstanding concerns.

TPT UPDATE:

The Chair said that the Trust has been accused of giving away the Okataina Lodge but this decision had been made by TPT. Eru George was then invited to speak. Eru said the issues were the TPT changes to the Trust Deed, the devolution of cultural redress properties and CNI update. He explained that under the Kaihautu settlement 50,000 hectares of Crown forest licence land was secured. The then Treaty Settlement Minister, Michael Cullen, in 2008 suggested holding off legislation to look at the iwi interests in the land. There needed to be some safety mechanisms in place to ensure the quantum was not affected but possibly increased. In 2008 TPT joined CNI with two representatives and negotiated the signing of the CNI settlement in 2008. Satellite stations were included but these were relatively small in relation to the Kaingaroa forest. With all land included this was about 106,000 hectares. Settlement was signed in 25 June 2008 and affiliates were informed. Some commercial and cultural redress was obtained including geothermal wells, schools and other properties. TPT wanted to ensure that cultural redress packages went to the people that held mana whenua. Processes were undertaken for Ngati

Tarawhai, Ngati Rongomai and Ngati Pikiāo. There were overlapping interests which were discussed between affiliates and reported back to TPT. TPT would make a decision if required. In 2010 there were TPT board changes and a new signing process was put in place. TPT did not interfere with negotiations or disputes between affiliates. He said it was the CNI job to manage the forest and work with Kaingaroa Timberlands and Hancock Forest. Currently an allocation package for the forest is being negotiated between the CNI members. Some areas required additional caution such as Whakarewarewa, Horohoro and Kaingaroa. It was intended to settle the allocation by 2011 but for a number of reasons this did not occur. TPT has put together an options paper which involves iwi capitalising their percentage interests in CNI. For example Ngati Raukawa has a 14% allocation under the legislation and they may be offered a cash settlement to walk away. Other iwi that have an interest will need to be considered. TPT are looking at this package being available by 31 March 2014 and completing everything by 30 June 2014. There is a contingency plan that involves the transfer of titles with encumbrances and that will be an expensive cost. The Crown is responsible for identifying survey pegs.

Frances Curtis requested more detail on the Ngati Rongomai Ngati Tarawhai and Ngati Pikiāo cultural redress settlements. Eru advised that information is all listed in the TPT settlement document which is available from the LINZ website. Ruka Hughes advised there was no specific receiver nominated for Okataina Lodge. This came back to TPT who holds the land. Merehira Savage noted TPT was charged with settling the redress. She queried why TPT left out the affiliates from korero on scenic reserve negotiations. Eru said that each affiliate had a board that provided feedback. Anthony Wikingi referred to his involvement with Tuhourangi Tribal Authority and the process that they followed to determine mana whenua under the legislative process. He felt with discussion it shouldn't be too difficult to resolve those processes.

Merehira Savage said there were a lot of different comments that was causing confusion. She queried now this could be addressed and noted that it may be too late to deal with. Toby Curtis responded, this being one of the reasons he was trying to meet with the trustees and assist with a process to discuss concerns. Eru George left the hui at 11.00am for another engagement.

The Chair commented that two claims were filed for Ngati Rongomai as registered with the Waitangi Tribunal. The trustees were charged with dealing with the business. She noted the claimants for the other claim felt they had not been fully informed. TPT held hui right through the process and the trustees believed that the people had been informed. The trustees are unable to talk to the other claimants about their claim for confidentiality reasons. There was no other reason to exclude them. In eventually coming

over to join the Trust they had missed out on a lot of early discussion. Consultation was for that purpose. The affiliates coming under TPT were allocated assets. TPT gave the land under the Okataina Lodge to Ngati Tarawhai. Ngati Rongomai challenged that decision and undertook research. The trustees went back to the claimants and sought their advice and they supported the TPT decision. The Trust felt Ngati Rongomai and Ngati Tarawhai should not be fighting and therefore the Okataina Lodge settlement was not contested. Trustees believe that was a fair outcome and accepted the Outdoor Centre under the Trust settlement. She said the board of TPT had made the decision to transfer the Lodge to Tarawhai and after doing research the trustees could not disagree with that. She believed Ngati Rongomai and Ngati Tarawhai can work together.

Nepia Te Rangi queried when the Ngati Rongomai Trust Deed was signed. Chairman advised this was in 2009. TPT made a decision to transfer the Lodge to Tarawhai in March 2013. Nepia felt that Ngati Rongomai should be involved in the discussions. Chairman advised the devolution process was discussed with Ngati Rongomai through meetings called by TPT.

Merehira Savage expressed concern about communication with hui notification. She accepted the hard work of the trustees but was disappointed at the lack of consultation. She did not see an advert for this hui and was concerned with transparency of information to all Ngati Rongomai. Chair advised that the hui was advertised and whanau were rung around. An informal hui had been called by others but the trustees were not involved. Dennis Curtis queried where negotiations were up to now. Chairman advised that matter would be parked and addressed later in the meeting.

Toby Curtis said he had not been able to give his side of the story yet. Many believe the Lodge should not go to Tarawhai and queried if this can be looked at. Chairman said that all matters on that were now closed as TPT have made their decision. She believed that Toby and Te Poroa needed to get together and discuss that matter. Toby said one AGM after 5 years is difficult to keep up and he felt there should have been more AGM korero on these matters. Ruka Hughes responded that TPT had advertised hui each year but people did not turn up. A lot of time and money was wasted. Everything was disclosed at hui but these were not supported by the people. Due to a competing claim the Trust could not talk directly to Toby. The Trust couldn't have AGMs because the settlement was not completed and is still not completed. The trustees were taking hits from the Crown and from the people and he questions the attitude of some people. The Trust has done a great deal for the Ngati Rongomai Marae through their grants. Toby responded that he was sorry Ruka felt the way he did. He referred to a meeting where a vote went against going with TPT but a subsequent motion was passed to do that. Toby said he knew nothing about the claim

in his name. He believed others put his name on it and this sort of thing had happened elsewhere as well. His concern is having an opportunity to present his case. Ruka said the Trust did not try to force other groups to hold meetings and it is a trustees' right to call meetings. He was insulted at the approach by Toby and others trying to dictate terms to the Trust. He said there are many other beneficiaries outside Rotorua that want information as well. Despite not being at the TPT table he knows everything that is going on. The Trust are only changing the Trust Deed to meet TPT requirements. There is no control over CNI negotiations. He has complained regularly about the CNI process but nothing happens. Toby said there was a lot of angst amongst some people and therefore the meeting had been requested. At that meeting they agreed to get behind and support the trustees.

The Chairman requested the meeting return to the agenda and invited Helen Nathan to provide an update on the grievance and how the Trust was dealing with this.

Helen Nathan explained her roles. Although she had done some work for TPT she was the Trust's solicitor and not TPT's solicitor. She is representing both Ngati Rongomai and TPT in a dispute with the Crown over the Okataina Outdoor Centre as they needed to have the same voice. She referred to the 2005 Agreement in Principle where the Okataina Centre would be transferred to Ngati Rongomai subject to a lease expiring in 2006. There was a right of renewal contained in the lease subject to certain decisions but it was expected to expire. Negotiators were told the lease had expired but the Education Centre is still operating there. The Scenic Reserve classification came off the land. The Deed of Settlement occurred, legislation was passed and the titles issued to TPT in 2009. There was more discussion in 2010 over the lease with DOC. The Crown was supposed to sort this out and get the Outdoor Centre off the land. The Outdoor Centre say they own the building. The Crown has clearly mishandled things. The Outdoor Centre claim they exercised the renewal of lease at \$100 per year. The trustees learnt of this in 2011 and wrote to TPT to fix it up. The Crown were aware of the problem but did nothing. In March 2013 the Minister put forward a settlement proposal to TPT and the Outdoor Centre. This involved a 2 year lease extension and rental of \$14,000 per annum plus some cash settlement. This did not look right and the trustees met with TPT and advised they did not like the terms of the settlement. The Trust obtained their own valuation and met with the Crown in Wellington. Crown wanted the Trust to pay for the buildings. Mediation got underway. Helen said she believed the Crown was wrong in their interpretation of things. There is a further mediation meeting on 28 August but she did not expect that a settlement will be achieved. She believed the Trust should receive the buildings as part of the cultural redress and it is wrong for them to have to pay for these. She expects there will be further discussion with the Minister. Quite likely TPT will need to issue

proceedings against the Outdoor Centre to vacate and this will bring things to a head. She is very confident about the legal proceedings. The Crown is behaving badly and should pay for their mistake. The rental difference is between \$14,000 to \$20,000. The Outdoor Centre say the buildings are worth \$1 million but the Trust valuer says they would only be worth \$150,000. The lease is not helpful. There are a whole range of issues to be considered and it is quite a mess. One good thing is that Ngati Rongomai are leading TPT in this process.

Willie Emery queried when TPT made their decision, whether affiliates were involved. Helen said that was part of the earlier discussion. From March 2013 TPT had agreed to support the Ngati Rongomai position on the Outdoor Centre. Toby Curtis queried if the repairs and maintenance were up to date. Helen said the lease did provide for that but it gets quite complex if the lease does not actually exist. Howard Morrison supported the Trust taking the front foot. Helen Nathan said that the Trust should not take the title over until the issues are resolved and TPT must be retained in this process.

Dennis Curtis applauded the trustees' efforts in engaging Helen on this work. He presumed that TPT would support the cost claims. Helen said the cost claim is part of the issue with the Crown. TPT are paying half the costs but the Trust is hoping to get full recovery. Ruka Hughes added that this process was taking longer than the whole of Te Arawa negotiations. Anthony Wikingi commented that there are some lands with long term occupation that can be a mess to clean up and queried how long it was likely to take to settle. Helen said that after the mediation fails they will proceed with legal steps involving a Court process which could take 6 to 12 months. There are a number of other Plan B options that could be considered. Toby Curtis expressed support for Helen Nathan's work and her good judgement. Helen responded that there will be an update at the AGM. Chair said the Trust has had struggles all the way through its processes. She noted that Ngati Rongomai was the only Trust to fulfil all TPT requirements and she referred to the Trust decision to work with the Geyser Community Foundation.

Helen Nathan explained the position with Geyser. She said she was a trustee. At the initial formation of the Trust there were tax issues to be considered. A number of affiliates were involved in looking at options. She felt it was not appropriate to make the whole of Ngati Rongomai Trust a Charitable Trust. The option was to create a separate charitable trust. Rather than do this Ngati Rongomai chose to place its money with Geyser Community Foundation which was established to manage charitable trusts on behalf of others. Ngati Rongomai has a special fund within Geyser that can only benefit beneficiaries of Ngati Rongomai. They have a special right to withdraw their fund at some time in the future if they do wish to establish a separate charitable trust.

Willie Emery sought clarification on the cultural redress assets. Chairman advised that these are all held by TPT in a process of transfer from the custodian trustee to the affiliates.

TRUST DEED VARIATION:

Chair explained that the Trust Deed conflicts with the 30 June appointment process of trustees required by TPT. Helen Nathan has put together a paper with variations. Helen advised that TPT changed the process in March 2013 requiring trustees' details by 30 June. The Ngati Rongomai Trust Deed requires that elections be held at the AGM. TPT also expected postal voting to be done. Accordingly the Trust Deed variations were proposed to make the Trust Deed compliant with TPT requirements. She is confident that the process will work well for the Trust.

The motion was put that the Trust Deed variations to the Ngati Rongomai Iwi Trust Deed dated 26 February 2009 as tabled be approved.

(Colleen White/Tania Turner)

In speaking to the motion, Dennis Curtis queried if this meeting had been advertised correctly. The Chairman confirmed that it had. Eva Moke suggested rotational basis be considered to ensure that not all trustees are lost at the same time. Helen explained that the 3 yearly elections was a requirement of the TPT Deed so that could not be done at this stage. Colleen White suggested a facebook/website site for communications. Chair confirmed the trustees are developing a website and will make forms etc available.

The motion was passed **unanimously**.

Merehira Savage acknowledged the progress being made by the trustees on the various issues.

Chairman encouraged members to stand for the election to take over from trustees who may wish to stand down. She confirmed the AGM will be held on Saturday 30 November 2013. Willie Emery queried the validation process for the iwi register. Ruka Hughes advised that he and George Epapara had been doing this. Willie suggested that other kaumatua such as Toby Curtis could be involved in that process.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm with karakia from George Epapara.

Signed as a correct record

CHAIRMAN

NGATI RONGOMAI IWI TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NGA MIHI

Tena Tatou Katoa Ngati Rongomai,
He honore, He kororia, He maungarongo ki te mata o te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa
Arohaina ki nga teina me nga tuakana
E noho nei i runga i te whakaaro Kotahi
Me whaka honoretia i to tatou Kiingi a Tuheitia
E noho nei i runga i te torona o ona Maatua Tupuna, o tona Whaea
Pai Marire.
Ki nga mate huhua o ia marae o te motu
Moe mai, moe mai, moe mai koutou Katoa
Hoki mai ki a tatou te kanohi ora
Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa Ngati Rongomai Whaanui.

As the chair for the Trust our journey has been an exciting and sometimes challenging and frustrating in terms of realising "A Hope" "A Wish" "A Dream" to "Success".

Our endeavors from the outset were arduous, we had to unite as a team, forget our individualities and focus on the Kaupapa being Ngati Rongomai Whaanui and not be influenced by individuality or personalities. We were in this claim to benefit Ngati Rongomai in terms of retrieving whenua if that were ever to be a possibility.

Today we can look back and pay tribute to a man "Rawiri Te Whare" who had a dream and gave his life to the purpose of what the 11 affiliate groups of Te Arawa succeeded in reaching settlement. "Moe mai ra e te Rangatira e Rawiri.

The trustees have been prudent in managing their affairs always holding the best intentions for Ngati Rongomai at the fore front of all that we did and whilst we have not pleased everyone, our intentions were to always give, the best that we could give on behalf of everyone involved.

Our Hope! Was about getting back the whenua, which we have accomplished. The work has been completed for the whenua and all that we got was never thought possible. We can all share in the titles of Lake Roto Atua, Lake Roto Ngata and Pateko Island, we did not challenge Te Pumautanga in their decision to give the land under the Okataina Lodge to Ngati Tarawhai on the grounds of Whakapapa. The Trust envisaged long term interests in being able to restore our whakapapa links and it was our hope to work towards a working alliance between Ngati Rongomai & Ngati Tarawhai moving forward and into the future.

We started with nothing and we have ended with a future in sight, money was never in our equation, it has been an extra which we never envisaged.

To my Trustee colleagues, I congratulate you and your dedication to the kaupapa. The money has been the route of all evil for us, but from here on in it can only become a blessing for the next election successors, when that happens in 2016. Thank you for your comradeship and your commitment to the trust.

Murray Patchell, in all sincerity thank you for your commitment to Ngati Rongomai it has been admirable, and your assistance has attributed to our success and assisted the trust to being accountable.

Helen Nathan, thank you for your support and advice to the trust, you have assisted in positioning the trust to gain a future investment portfolio for Ngati Rongomai. Your legal expertise has taught us well.

In closing, I want to thank Ngati Rongomai beneficiaries that have supported the trust to realize its achievements and wish you all best wishes for a Safe and Happy Christmas and a great New Year in 2014.

Noho ora mai Koutou

Na Gloria Hughes

TRUST REFLECTIONS

Ngati Rongomai Iwi Trust acknowledges, its 13 years of significant milestones in our history as we move into another election year.

- 2002 The lodging of the Ngati Rongomai Wai 1213 claim.
- 2005 Telling of the stories where Ngati Rongomai expressed their suffrage to the Crown and visited culturally significant taonga.
- 2006 Signing of the TPT Deed of Settlement.
- 2007 The delay in the introduction of the TPT settlement Bill which in turn provided an opportunity for our CNI Partners, Ngati Manawa, Ngati Rangitahi, Ngati Raukawa, Ngai Tuhoe, Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Whakaue & Ngati Whare to collectively negotiate a settlement over the CNI forests.
- 2008 CNI negotiations successfully concluded.
- 2008 TPT and CNI settlement legislation.
- 2009 Formal Crown apology to Te Arawa
- 2009 Transfer of settlement assets to affiliates
- 2010 Te Arawa Group Holdings – commercial arm of TPT fully operational

- 2011 Distribution to marae, Ngapumanawa 150K, Waiatuhi \$100K Rakeiao \$150K
- 2012 AGM Re-entry back into negotiations with the Crown, in respect of parties being the Crown (DOC), TPT, Ngati Rongomai, and the Okataina Outdoor Education Centre.
- 2013 Settlement reached for Ngati Rongomai land returned transfer of ownership
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- Murray Patchell Partner Deloitte
- Helen Nathan Director East Brewster
- Geysler Community Foundation
- Te Puni Kokiri
- Te Poroa Malcolm - Whakapapa
- The Pukenga Koeke O Te Arawa
- Our team of dedicated whanau and supporters in and outside of Ngati Rongomai

1 A JOURNEY TOWARDS A CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

For me the arduous journey began in 1992 as a one who attended a Hui at Tapuaeharuru, to listen only to our Kaumatua/Koeke expound the land rights and land losses of Ngati Tamateatutahi Kawiti, or in its right context the descendants of Uruika.

I was captured by their recall of whakapapa and Hapu ties to what we later referred to as “The lost whenua and the displaced people”

A decision was made to lodge a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal, for the Rotoehu Forest, that later included Matawhaura Maunga.

Our claims group then joined forces in 1999, with many others who became known as the Volcanic Interior Plateau Collective Claimants.

Ngati Rongomai was added to the group, as geothermal ownership at Manupirua Bath and throughout Te Arawa, was included into the collective claim.

At the time and under the Waitangi Tribunal process it was estimated based on the number of claims they heard each year, it would have taken 30 years or up to 2029, before our collective claims would be heard.

This timeframe was considered far too long and through Te Ariki Tumu Te Heuheu and the then Minister of Treaty Settlement Margret Wilson the idea of direct negotiations was tabled.

In the meantime the Volcanic Interior Collective had parted and the formation of Nga Kaihoutu O Te Arawa was born.

Ngati Rongomai and Ngati Tarawhai then submitted respective claims on the entire Okataina Reserve without success, but were to receive via a Cultural Redress Package specific areas only.

A phrase coined by the late Rawiri Te Whare was “There is no justice in a settlement, it’s just a settlement”

The negotiations with the Crown lasted 18months, which left most very tired, very broke, and very disheartened, yet we continued even at the risk of losing homes.

It is very easy to sit on the side and criticize any settlement, but the hardships endured by all who fought the battle has been recorded in history and hopefully bring some peace to our Tupuna who were robbed unknowingly.

For Ngati Rongomai what you now have is better than what you had.

Think of our Koroua and Kuia who fought the battle. It was their dream.

Ruka Hughes

4 YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income And Expenditure	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Interest received	34,320	37,266	20,072	411	92,069
<u>Less payments:</u>					
Accounting and secretarial			10,621	8,872	19,493
Administration (TPT)			288		288
Advertising				828	828
Audit			1,840	1,765	3,605
Bank charges	10	46	132	60	248
Claimant Koha	33,500	5,000			38,500
Hui costs		483		1,143	1,626
General Expenses				2,072	2,072
Legal Costs			2,577	2,588	5,165
Negotiation Costs				19,275	19,275
Printing and Stationery				896	896
Research costs			1,840		1,840
Tolls, faxes & stationery		514	205		719
Travel Expenses		18,687			18,687
Taxation	11,322	5,787	1,459		18,568
Total Payments	44,832	30,517	18,962	37,499	131,810
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,512)	\$6,749	\$1,110	(\$37,088)	(\$39,741)

Capital Transactions	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
<u>Net Deficit</u>					(39,741)
<u>Plus</u> Te Pumautanga Trust Distributions Received	100,000		1,000,000		1,100,000
<u>Less</u> Funds Transferred to Geyser Community Foundation	61,500		600,000		661,500
<u>Less Grants Made:</u>					
Hikuwai Kapa Haka			5,000		5,000
Te Kura Kaupapa Ngati Rongomai			5,000		5,000
Te Matarae o rehu Kapa Haka			5,000		5,000
Waiatuhi Marae			100,000		100,000
Te Ruato Marae			150,000		150,000
Tapuaekura Marae			100,000	50,000	150,000
<u>Total Grants</u>			365,000	50,000	415,000
<u>Net Deficit as at 31.3.13</u>					(\$16,241)

Statement of Holdings

Security	Coupon Maturity Rate % Date	Security Type	Holding Type	Quantity	Unit Cost		Price Local	NZ Dollar		Accrued Interest	
					Local	Local		Total Cost (Capital)	Market Value (incl AI)		Unrealised Gain/Loss
SUPERVISED ASSETS											
FIXED INTEREST											
NEW ZEALAND											
CIPIML Defined Portfolio Conservative Fund		Unit Trust	CSL	537,493	1.26		1.33	676,549	715,456	38,907	99.97
TOTAL NEW ZEALAND FIXED INTEREST								676,549	715,456	38,907	99.97
TOTAL FIXED INTEREST								676,549	715,456	38,907	99.97
CASH											
NEW ZEALAND											
CIP Ltd CCM- NZD Call	2.20	Cash	CMT	238	1.00		1.00	238	238	0	0.03
TOTAL NEW ZEALAND CASH								238	238	0	0.03
TOTAL CASH								238	238	0	0.03
TOTAL SUPERVISED ASSETS								676,787	715,695	38,907	100.00
TOTAL PORTFOLIO								676,787	715,695	38,907	100.00

Exchange Rates

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