

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2022

MATAORA INCORPORATION

Ko Tai Whakarunga Ko te Oneroa tapu O Mataora

Ko Tai Whakararo Ko Nga Wai Ronaki a Harataunga

Ko Whaita te tapae toto

Oreore Kau ana nga uri a Paikea-Moana-Ariki

Ki te Tara O te Ika a Maui

INTRODUCTION

As I have expressed in a number of previous Chairperson's Reports, the felling of 240 hectares of Pinus Radiata was always going to have a major, adverse impact on the health of our Whenua. In addition decisions made between 1992 and 1994 mean that the majority of these trees felled are not owned by us and therefore, the benefit from them does not accrue to us.

We hold approximately 40 hectares of trees, together with a number of shelter belts that are being felled at the same time. From that particular asset class we have banked \$180,000 this financial year as part of our payment on trees felled on the Uriwha Block. That block, by and large, has been replanted in natives, which all occurred within a three month envelope of felling and replanting.

We are lucky to have John Douglas on our Komiti, who is a specialist in the Forestry area with a particular emphasis on environmental protection. Our Komiti and whanau would have struggled to manage this large undertaking without him. In addition he has contributed much of his expertise without proper and appropriate remuneration.

This Chairperson's Report signals the start of a totally new era in regard to the management of our whenua. It allows us to embark on a 35 to 50 year plan as we reconsider our opportunities as a whanau with the absolute necessity, at all times, to ensure our whenua is never placed at risk. That is a risk financially, a risk environmentally and a risk from internal fragmentation leading to poor management.

MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION PER ANNUM

We are only now getting into a position where we can lay out a firm plan for repairs and maintenance of our major structures. The two houses owned by the Incorporation are in the process of being upgraded and it is anticipated our repairs and maintenance thereafter will not require a significant investment, given we have brought them back up to very good repair.

As a facility and amenity for the whanau we are looking at repairing and upgrading the Whanau woolshed as a facility to host a range of events whilst we proceed to plan the rebuilding of our Marae.

We continue to have a very simple business, the income of which is secured by the lease of our land to a farmer and for the benefit of Vodafone and Powerco Services.

We have a windfall level of income as a one off, caused by the felling of our own trees. I alert you to our major difficulties over the next 10 years as our income from renting our land out to a forester is no longer going to be paid. We will have to endeavour to replace this income from other opportunities and sources.

Our Whanau will now have to maintain the upgraded access routes, that have been formed to ensure trees felled were able to be removed.

SHORT TERM LEASE REQUIRING LIMITED CAMPING SEASON 2023

The Komiti have negotiated a contract with a company that is shooting nine episodes of a series and have identified the North End of the beach, where the camping ground exists. That six week lease commences on 4th February 2023 and concludes in the third week of March 2023. It will add \$70,000 of cash and improvements to our land.

We acknowledge this will interfere in Whanau Christmas arrangements but it is important that we derive as much income as possible so that we can commence building our Wharenui and Wharekai as soon as possible. In addition we are looking at the continued lease of our land for farming purposes which will continue to require unfettered access and use of our whenua to the Whanau. If any Whanau can provide us with other opportunities that do not have this type of adverse impact on use, we look forward to your contribution at the AGM.

RIGHTS OF ACCESS

Keys to access Mataora are held by five Whanau. Hauraki, Ngamu, Tamihere, Mareroa and Ranga. The key holders are ultimately responsible for the conduct and behaviour of all their Whanau in the event access is granted. The camping ground is open for camping this season 2023 from the 19th December 2022 to Waitangi Weekend 6th February 2023. For reasons expressed above, that is the season and also as part of the film company's requirements they require undisturbed occupation while they shoot their film.

SHAREHOLDER REGISTER

It is with great delight that we finally acknowledge our Shareholder Register is now up to date, having been reviewed and audited by an ex-Registrar of the Maori Land Court, Mr Lindsay Wilson. That Share Register is loaded onto the Mataora Incorporate website www.mataora.co.nz. All matters involving Mataora Incorporation and our whenua will be advised and loaded onto this particular website.

Accordingly, it is over to each whanau to ensure that they and their whanau are fully aware that this website holds all information about news, reports and happenings for Ngati Porou Ki Mataora.

OCEANA GOLD

This company is a multi-national and mines in the Waihi District. It has sought consents to mine under the Conservation Estate on a block that is adjacent to Mataora. It has indicated that it holds an opportunity of between 15 to 20 years mining in this valley, known as Te Wharekirauponga. This valley was harvested by our ancestors from Rongoa to Kereru, timber and all other kai sources.

It is named after a Ngati Porou Wananga. The mine will have a detrimental impact on our water table, in terms of noise, pollution, etc. We will be one of the only directly affected iwi by this activity and we are not happy with the way in which Oceana has conducted itself in disclosing its plans to mitigate the adverse impact of their mining.

We continue to protect our interests and will hopefully have more information at the AGM.

TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU KI HAURAKI

This year we travelled to six separate destinations and received over a 90% endorsement to agree that our Runanga be the Post Settlement Government Entity for our Treaty Settlements. Our information hui occurred whilst there was a Covid lockdown and many whanau visited our hui by way of Zoom. 30 odd whanau voted against the PSGE and over 640 voted for it. This is a major milestone and we are very proud of it. We will update you at the next Runanga AGM which is to be hosted at Harataunga on Saturday, January 21st 2023, commencing at 10.00am.

CONCLUSION

The healthy balance sheet of our whenua, together with the outstanding plans put in place are a tribute to your cousins that work diligently on this Komiti. Two vacancies are available for filling by way of election at this AGM. All documentation from this Report through to a Nomination Form can be drawn down off our website and forwarded to info@mataora.co.nz

Our main ambition as a Komiti is not just to safeguard the mana of our whenua but also to enrich it with the rebuilding of our marae. In that regard we will be seeking any whanau that whakapapa to this whenua who have skills of any sort to support the building of the marae, to make themselves known to us over the next 12 months. We will be appointing working committees to achieve the build and our whanau who are the Trustees of the Marae site will build our Toitu Ngati Porou systems while we concentrate on building the bricks and mortar.