



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023

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

Tēnā tātou ngā uri o Porou Ariki. Tēnā hoki tātau i ngā tini aitua e whakangaro atu nei ki te pō. Tātau kei muri nei, tēna koutou, otira, tēnā tātou katoa.

INTRODUCTION

The Incorporation had an extraordinarily busy financial year in that the felling of forest on our whenua picked up in pace and intensity. Over the same period we gave rights to a film production crew to film a number of episodes featuring Jason Momoa, Cliff Curtis & Temuera Morrison.

As you are all aware the weather over this full period was as wet a nine month spread as we have witnessed over the last 50 years.

You will all be aware that our infrastructure and the investment in it has increase dramatically as a consequence of both contracts occurring at the same time.

The wet weather caused and ensured contractors to lay tonnes of more hardfill into our roadways. On top of this significant culverts were placed of which we anticipate that over \$1.5million dollars was spent on this exercise alone.

A major event occurred where the forester felled some of our sacred Pohutukawa trees at Roto. Suffice to say a compensation agreement for \$200,000 was settled. We can never replace what occurred and the circumstances in which our history was savaged of course brought back the trauma of previous times. As part of this compensation package, \$50,000 was paid into the Marae rebuilding account.

FURTHER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

We ensured that the floor of the Wharekura was varnished and polished. We ensured that the Woolshed was re-roofed, the ablution block servicing the Woolshed refurbished and a fit for purpose kitchen installed at the Woolshed.

This means the Woolshed is now available for Whanau birthdays, weddings and other events, whilst we continue to advance the building of our Wharenui and Wharekai.

SHAREHOLDER REGISTER

The Shareholder Register, along with other material, is available to be searched at www.mataora.co.nz. Our register is finally clean and up to date as at 2023. Our iwi history can be searched at www.npkhrunanga.com.

FIFTY YEAR PLAN

We are embarking on re-setting an intergenerational plan for our whenua to the extent that the legacy we were left continues to benefit those of us that are yet to come. The work that John Douglas will outline to you in his Report to the AGM covers off some significant work in re-indigenising our forest but also taking account of the fact that exotics will need to be planted to safeguard high erosion areas quickly. In addition new pasture will be broken in and natives will be planted along our main routes into our marae.

Our waterways are being planted out of natives and wet areas are being redeveloped with the removal of significant feral plants, that have been poisoned, and will be removed over the next 24 months. This will allow a regeneration of two estuaries. One serving Waipatu Awa at the Papatu end of the Bay and one serving Waikerikeri at the Mataora estuary.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Given the road is now highly developed and able to be easily driven by 2 wheel drive vehicles, **speed limits are being set at 20Km per hour**. Anyone breaching that speed limit will be trespassed. The entry into our lands traverse a difficult typography and present danger on a number of levels. The Incorporation and Marae Trustee Members are now, individually and collectively, liable for any injury or accidents that occur on our whenua. On that basis we must be vigilant and ensure the safety of all whanau, whilst they visit and/or stay in the campground on the land. Mataora is a place of sanctuary not a speed zone to test your off-road driving experience. If you want to do that go to the Pakeha speedway in Mt Maunganui.

Access, once again, will be open to the whanau from **15th December 2023 through to 1st March 2024**. Thereafter access can only occur through consent by the Marae Trustees and the Incorporation Committee.

TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU KI HAURAKI

It is our turn to host the Runanga Annual General Hui at Mataora and next year we travel to Harataunga Rakairoa Marae where they will host the Annual General Meeting. It is important that we support one another and that means everyone coming onto the whenua must start to participate in our waiata wananga, our whakapapa wananga and in a number of work committees that we desire to set up.

WORKING COMMITTEES

We invite whanau to make their names and contact details known in regard to the following possible working committees:

- Papakainga Committee
- Safety, repairs & maintenance committee
- Urupa and beach maintenance Committee
- Wananga Committee
- Wananga/Toitu Ngati Porou Committee
- Marae Construction Committee

OCEANA GOLD

We continue to object to Oceana Gold mining the conservation estate adjacent to our lands. You were alerted to this last year and the whakapapa of that estate known as Te Whare Ki Rapunga, being the name of a Ngati Porou Wananga and being joined with our block through the name Mataora, Niwareka and Rarohenga. We will need to advance our protest movement in this regard and look forward to your support.

CONCLUSION

The financial balance sheet may look healthy but we have major capital works to invest in as we implement an intergenerational property plan and the raising of our marae as the key priority over the next three years.

Finally I would like to thank my cousins on the Management Committee who provide hours of voluntary time in the love of their whenua and whenua is whakapapa.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, likely representing the initials J H.

J H Tamihere
CHAIRPERSON