



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2024
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

2023/2024 year was a fitting of two halves - it was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

We finally safeguarded our wahitapu areas by completing a weatherproof route. We also ensured that intergenerational culverts and drainage systems were embedded. We planned our next 50-year use of whenua, while at the same time we suffered some difficult tangihanga with two Tamihere and two Hauraki whanau passing away in the one year and being interred at Ruahine Urupa.

We are all required to act as Kaitiaki over our whenua, to ensure we restore the mauri and incorporate physical, cultural and spiritual wellbeing into our plans.

A significant policy discussion will take place at this AGM in regard to our papakainga policy, which you have been alerted to over several years. In fact, on several occasions at the AGM, whanau have been invited to participate in the discussion around papakainga.

SHAREHOLDER REGISTER

The Shareholder Register has become a very important document in planning papakainga rights and entitlements. That is why over the last four years we have worked to have an independent, retired deputy registrar of the Maori Land Court audit, review and bring up to scratch our shareholder register.

As a part of a process of keeping people safe, no share transfers or registers will occur unless by Maori Land Court Order. This means the Land Court has scrutinized the Share Succession and/or the Share Transfer and/or the Share purchase. The Maori Land Court therefore becomes a very good point of record so families can follow the movement of shares from their ancestors down.

The Shareholder Register, along with other material, is available to be searched at www.mataora.co.nz. Our iwi history can be searched at www.npkhrunanga.com.

WHENUA ORA

Major work is going into ensuring that all our waterways are planted in natives, such that the native planting regime acts as a natural filter in regard to ensuring that our water is best as can be and remains untainted by grazing animals, feral animals or others.

John Douglas has conducted a huge amount of work in planning, laying out new forestry, laying out the replanting of natives, of our own forest, fencing and labelling ensuring that approximately 50 hectares will be returned to pasture.

As part of a transition back to whanau management and control of our land we are entering into the last part of a lease with the present farm leaseholder, Warwick Matthes. That lease will run 5 + 5 + 5 years, including this particular year. By the 11th year of this lease, we will be looking for Whanau managers as part of a succession management approach. By this time, we would have settled our Treaty Claims for both ourselves and our cousins at Harataunga, which will ensure we will be bonded and better off once that occurs.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There is no doubt that speed limits within and on our land are being broken. This does three very bad things to our land. Firstly somebody, and it's only a matter of time, will be seriously injured, in either a vehicle to vehicle contact, or a vehicle to person contact, because of the silly way certain people are starting to drive in and out on our all-weather road. Secondly, it is not a racetrack but is being used as that and inevitably this will have an impact as our roading network requires repairs and maintenance.

Under the Pike River Mining laws all committee members, as well as marae trustees are held liable for any injuries or otherwise that may occur on our land. On that basis you must advise your whole whakapapa that they have obligations and duties to look after our whenua and look after their Oranga.

This committee will have no hesitation in trespassing people that in the knowledge of these things show no respect for their whenua. And in showing no respect for their whenua they are showing no respect for their whakapapa.

CAMP GROUND USE

The camping ground is reserved for whakapapa first. If any whanau member is going to be bringing any more than four 'friends' they are going to have to advise the Incorporation Komiti. It is only a matter of time before whakapapa starts to lose out to non-whakapapa and that can never happen on our whenua. So, we will be commencing within the next 12 months a register of people coming in and out of the block for safety reasons and to keep one another safe over any allegations being made.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Committee has expensed a lot of resource on slowly starting to maintain all of our infrastructure including houses on our land. The woolshed is now available for whanau events whether it's from 21st birthdays, weddings through to first aid. As with all halls and the like there is a fee payable for the maintenance and upkeep of that building should you wish to use it. The woolshed and our wharekura are not doss down areas, they are areas that are to be used by the multiple of whanau that whakapapa. They are not there to be used by the few in the name of the many.

SUB COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

We will soon be asking for names to represent their whanau on the Papakainga Committee, the Safety Repairs and Maintenance Committee and on the Marae Construction Committee. I am aware that at the Marae Trustee AGM there may be a light request for their working groups.

TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU KI HAURAKI

The Runanga will be holding their Annual General Meeting in January 2025 at Rakairoa Marae in Harataunga. The hui date and other information will be communicated to all whanau as well as being available on both websites later in the year.

CONCLUSION

We stand committed to continuing the proud traditions of our tupuna. I give thanks to our Committee Members as they look to lead out the implementation of our 50 year plan that will maintain and build upon the our forebears stewardship. It is this protected legacy we hold as we deliver the greatest hope for a better future for those to come.

Ngā mihi



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