



## **TRONM Marae Report March 2025**

Ko Tawhiuau te maunga  
Ko Rangitaiki te Awa  
Ko Rangipo te wehenga o te tuna  
Ko Ngati Manawa te iwi

Ngati Manawa tenei te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.

### **Mana Whenua**

Ngati Manawa along with Ngati Tahu/Whaoa and Ngati Rangithi have called for a **PSGE mana whenua hui**. This comes off the back of the hui we had on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February at Deloitte where the Forestry right extension was voted on and passed by 6 of the 8 iwi.

We have had only a very lukewarm response from the other PSGEs with only Whakaue/TPT /Rangitihī and Tahu/Whaoa accepting the invite. Tuhoe has declined the invitation, and we are still to hear from Ngati Whare/Tūwharetoa and Raukawa.

The purpose of the mana whenua hui is

- To get an agreed final allocation plan in place for the next 2 years which will include translating the mana whenua into a more forestry compartment level.
- To look at a new governance arrangement that will encourage forest owners in the Central North Island Including those owners not in the CNI Iwi collective to be able to act together while retaining their rights to act independently.

**The hui is to be held at GHA offices On Fenton Street on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 1-3pm.**

In relation to the High Court action to stop CNI Holdings progressing with the Forestry Right Extension (FRE) with Kaingaroa Timberlands this will be heard in the High Court in Wellington on 9-11 June. We can confirm that Ngati Tahu Whaoa have also intervened in this process and supports the position to halt this forestry extension.

### **Ngati Manawatanga**

- **Reorua** – Our team met with Whakatane District Council (WDC) regarding delivery of our Reorua contract which includes Rautaki Reorua – the bilingual plan for the community of Murupara. As a reminder the 4 Pou of the plan are below and is a programme we will deliver over 2 years.

- a. Pou Tuarongo – Murupara Reorua partners continuously build their Reorua capacity and capability.
  - b. Pou Tokomanawa – Enhance the mana/status of te reo Maori across Murupara and Ngati Manawa rohe.
  - c. Pou Tahu – Increase the breadth and depth of opportunities for our community to acquire and use te reo Maori
  - d. Pou Mataaho – Grow the reorua Kaupapa and share learnings with others.
- **Ngati Manawa Identity** – Digitisation and archiving, our staff met with DNA in Rotorua to progress the Ngati Manawa ariki animation project and website redesign– we are working through costings and approach with the intent to share this with our people and our community. The Ipou if progressed would fall into this area as well, including content generation which could be archived and shared across multiple platforms.
  - **Ngati Manawa Kapa Haka**- After seeing the last Te Matatini held in Ngamotu last month our runanga is keen to look at starting our own kapa haka roopu. The board has approved a 20k putea to start this process and our Ruareo team are working thru a process of how we can best get this implemented into our rohe.

#### **A. POU WHANAKETANGA O TE IWI – Iwi Development:**

- **Housing** –as you all know we have identified 7 Miro Drive as our new housing development area. We have been working with Sherren and Associates to work on this project on behalf of the runanga. We are basically shovel ready and we have budgeted the appropriate funds to progress this project over the next two years to planning and design. We our now talking with Te Puni Kokiri and MHUD to look at how this project can be partnered with these govt agencies.
- **Employment** – Manawa Tu and Manawa Trades are in place however both workstreams end by June 2025. The team has been involved in cohort support, work placement site visits, drivers’ licence, financial literacy and food safety training. We are looking at funding opportunities with agencies to see what support we can get to continue the ongoing mahi in this area.
- **Health** – Our team met with representatives from Te Whatu Ora re our positioning on the proposed Iwi Maori Partnership Board (IMPB) in our area which include Ngai Tuhoe and Ngati Whare. Our position is that we will stay with the current status quo and continue to be serviced through the Lakes District IPMB board and also the Te Moana a Toi board.
- Kaingaroa Forest Village Trust has been a focus this month where our CE and staff had a positive meeting with the trust on 20 March. The DIA community development plan funding to enable the village to work through its future has been signed. Our CE has also organized a meeting at the Kaingaroa village centre with senior RLC managers to work through the relationship with Rotorua Lakes Council, the repairs to the community centre and infrastructure requirements.

#### **Upcoming hui with Agencies.**

- Tipapa marae thru the runanga will be hosting the Te Moana Nui a Toi IPMB hui a iwi. This will be held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. At 9.30am. Ngati Manawa Uri and Kaumatua are more than welcome to attend.
- Also, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am Kaingaroa Timberlands in partnership with the runanga will be conducting karakia and do a formal blessing of the new storm water project at the Murupara log yard. We will have trustees and kaumatua attending from Ngati Manawa as well as representatives from KT.
- A number of meetings with WDC and BOPRC have also been scheduled for this month thru the CE to discuss funding streams thru our Pou Taiao and environmental mahi we are doing.



Finally, please note, after 22 years of dedicated service to our runanga we will be having a poroporoaki for our ex-CE Maramena Vercoe. The farewell will be held at **Rangitahi marae on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 10am**. A formal invitation will go out closer to the date.

Noho rangimarie

Kani Edwards  
Chairman

Te Runanga o Ngati Manawa.