

Te Ngare Hauata Hapū Hui

Hapū Hui Report

Saturday 1 May 2021

Kia ora whānau,

Te Ngare Hauata have been on a journey of discovery and learning more about the significant mahi carried out by our ngā tupuna.

As part of Te Ngare Hauata Hapū agreement to collaborate and cooperate with Ngā Hapū O Te Takutai Moana as a cluster of hapū developing strategy, we were able to draw down funds to support us coming together for this hapū hui.

Earlier this month we gathered at Ruapekapeka as the first hui since the nation was burdened with Covid 19, restricting previous opportunities to meet kanohi ki te kanohi.

It was wonderful to see whānau members come and participate on this journey of discovery. We all got to learn more about our connection to each other, our tupuna and ngā hapū across the rohe.

The day itself was broken down into four segments in which some good discussion and ideas came from whānau present. As I don't have everyone's email addresses, please pass this report onto your whānau as we continue to build our connection with more whānau that connect to Te Ngare Hauata.

Mauri ora mai

Te Ngare Hauata

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Te Ngare Hauata Hapū Hui

SATURDAY 1 MAY 2021, 10:30AM – 16:30PM / RUAPEKAPEKA

Attendees

Wayne Stokes, Frances Stokes, Te Arahi Stokes, Maude Milina, Sean Hall, Frana Milina-Aga, Chirarn Wilson, Samantha Gollings, Laura Gollings, James Wilson-Roberts, James Wilson-Roberts Jnr, Kirsten Job, Natalie Beckham (Milina), Melanie Sweet

Apologies

Aorangi Stokes, Chris Graham, Bayley Moor, Lyndsay Snowden, Wiremu Tane, Lianne Penney, Maurice Penney, Katrina Lemon, Tui Needlam, Sandra Starr, Andrew Maika, Josephine Dawson, Morgan Cassidy, Shelley Cassidy, Summer Hawke, Matua Houltham, Oriana Houltham, Doug Beckham, Ellen Young-Smith, Erin Shanks, Paora Graham, Miha Graham, Natasha Claydon, Linda O'Grady

Whakatau & Karakia

Wayne Stokes

Agenda

1. Whakawhanaungatanga

Following whakatau and karakia, Wayne introduced the tikanga for the whare "Tapeka" and then encouraged whānau to introduce themselves and share a little about what they might want from today's hui. This allowed each of us to connect with each other in a safe and nurturing space.

2. Whakapapa

Wayne then encouraged each of us to speak to how we each connect to our Ngare Hauata tupuna. He illustrated this using the whiteboard so each of us could have a visual about how we connect to our tupuna, and

also to each other. This created wonderful discussions about our parents, grandparents and tupuna in terms of the stories each of us had learned over the years growing up.

Wayne then took us on a journey connecting us further with our whakapapa. We got to learn about our connections to ngā hapu across the rohe and the motu – Te Hikutu, Ngāti Rahiri, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Manu, Ngāti Kawa, Te Uri Taniwha, Ngāti Hineira, Ngāti Hine, Te Kapotai, Whakatohea, Taranaki.

This new knowledge helped us all connect more strongly to our whakapapa. Wayne provided some stories of different tupuna speaking highly of the wars, and challenges they faced with other hapu and also Crown, the strength of many including our wahine, and some of their journeys from other parts of the motu to Ngawhitu, Pakaraka, Taiamai and Pewhairangi to name a few.

3. Dynamics of Whanaungatanga

We learned prior to the hui that both Wayne and Frances Stokes had completed some of Pa Henare Tate's training in the Dynamics of Whanaungatanga.

Frances provided context to the models of whanaungatanga that included:

- a) First Model – Heke Tika (direct line of descent)
- b) Second Model – Tuakana – Teina (sibling line)
- c) Third Model – Karanga (in name only outside of direct line)

The key Relationship terms being: Whanau, Hapū, Iwi

Frances then had everyone break up into groups to discuss which model they best associated with and why. The groups were then asked to present their group korero back. Each group spoke passionately about which model resonated with them and here is some of the commentary that came through:

- Succession planning – not only skill based but in terms of Te Ao Māori thinking and concepts including tikanga based models

- Disconnect – many of us don't know quite how we connect or how to connect and are in fear of getting it wrong
- Understanding our roles in a Māori setting, how do we learn the basics to help us grow confident
- Having a safe environment to learn, grow and develop
- How we behave as Ngare Hauata at hui involving other hapū
- How decisions are made as a hapū (consensus leadership model where all opinions are valued including tamariki and considered in the outcome of what is best for the hapū)

4. Te Arawhiti

Melanie then provided an update on the Te Arawhiti mandate proposal further explaining the collaborative and cooperative relationships we have with both *Ngā Hapū O Taiamai and **Ngā Hapu O Te Takutai Moana.

Ngā Hapū O Te Takutai Moana (NHTM) was able to secure funding from both Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kokiri for the Stage/Milestone 1 for developing of mandate proposals. This enabled Te Ngare Hauata to draw down funds to support our hapū to wananga to build capability, communications, project management and coordination that contribute toward a mandate proposal. Through NHTM, we have reached an agreement that Hapū in this 'collective' will have access to funds to run up to two hapū hui and wananga to develop their hapū strategy.

With that in mind, these funds are limited to Stage/Milestone 1 of the Te Arawhiti process, which enables us to fund another Hapū wananga for end of June. **Important Note:** Te Ngare Hauata will not be drawing down funds from the collective Ngā Hapū O Taiamai for any Stage/Milestone 1 funding.

Melanie went on to explain that with our Wai Claim 1679, completed by Maurice Penney and Wayne Stokes, requires further research and validating of the research to be carried out, to clearly identify the land parcels owned by our tupuna and gifted to Crown, or taken through other means.

The group discussed the type of work that might be required to help us develop our own Hapū strategy that enables us to have a seat at the negotiating table. This led to an agreement by the whare to hold regular hapū wananga at Ruapekapeka and to progress the Working Group mahi.

Before closing our hui, Melanie asked each member to write down what was important for them to see in relation to our hapū and how we work and plan together moving forward.

There was some consistent messaging from the group but these were the key considerations:

- a) Succession planning – Te Ao Māori
- b) Whakapapa
- c) Origins of Te Ngare Hauata
- d) Te Ao Māori, tikanga and cultural learning
- e) Hapū wananga
- f) Values and principles about how we want to work together.

5. Next Hapū Hui

The whare agreed the next Hapū hui to be **26-27 June** at **Ruapekapeka** (the whare will be available on the Friday 25 June for travellers)

6. Closing Mihi and Karakia

Wayne Stokes

*** Ngā Hapū O Taiamai**

- Te Uri Taniwha
- Ngāti Korohue
- Ngāti Hineira
- Te Whiu
- Te Ngare Hauata

**** Ngā Hapū O Takutai Moana**

- Ngāti Rehia
- Ngāti Kawa
- Ngāti Rahiri
- Te Ngare Hauata

