



# CEO Management Report

February 2015 – May 2015

**K**ia ora koutou,

Welcome to the Board report for February – May 2015. It has continued to be a very busy, but productive, work period since the last Board meeting in February 2015.

The increase in work activities identifies that progress is being made on a number of fronts as we transition into an asset receiving role (Farms / Forestry) and how we continue to develop those business operations within the settlement process, linking that into our PSGE strategy, aligning that work also into the work that we are doing with other iwi in Te Hiku (Social Accord / Korowai / Beach Board) and with other Iwi groups regionally (Maori Economic Strategy). This all being underpinned with legislation requirements and detail, as we head towards a Deed of Settlement goal of 2015.

The opportunity to welcome Cyril Cook (Wharemaru Marae) and Dion Hobson (Te Pa A Parore members) onto the Board is acknowledged. This gives the Board a full compliment of representation as we progress to wards completion of settlement legislation and our PSGE structure.

## **Work Task One: CROWN**

The crown has since our last meeting revamped its settlement timeframes, The **First Reading** of the Te Hiku Settlement Bill took place at Parliament in November 2014 and the **Second Reading** of the legislation is scheduled for late **May 2015** with a possible **Final Reading** Scheduled for **June 2015**. Dates to be confirmed.

Select Committee hearings were held in Kaitia on the 02 March and representations were made by the x3 NgaiTakoto Marae Chairpersons to that hearing of a negative nature. O responded to those Marae chairperson's submissions by attending a select committee hearing on the 18 March 2015 in Wellington to correct the allegations made against the Runanga. Our Submission was well received and supported by OTS staff present, and the Select Committee membership.

There is also still a High Court action pending on behalf of Ngati Kahu against the Waitangi Tribunal scheduled for 22 June in Wellington.

## **Work Task 2 PSGE**

PSGE – Road show's were scheduled and completed in April 2015, in Kaitia – Whangarei – Auckland, and the potential for Australia. The **Framework for Change Discussion Document** was the basis of the Road show content along with a PowerPoint slide show. The overall attendance was good at about 150 in attendance total. There was ample positive feedback from those present including a number of young people to the work involving the progression of the PSGE with the overall theme of recognising a need for change, allowing for fair member Representation and Participation, building capability and capacity, sound financial investment and the link of our work into the bigger picture Te Hiku Tai Tokerau growth strategies.

Further follow up Road show's are planned for November 2015.

**2.2 Charitable Trust Deed** – Work is continuing and progressing on redrafting the Charitable Trust Deed to ensure its functions and criteria are relevant to the overall PSGE Operations. Further scrutiny from the Board will contribute to improvements in and of the draft.

**2.3 Commercial Entity Update:** Information Packages were sent with consent request forms to the intended members of the proposed commercial entity. Responses have been received from: Heta Hudson (Crowe Howorth), Craig Wells (Sumpter Baugher), Hugh Karena (Members), Mark Marino, (NgaiTakoto) and Sam Johnson (BNZ) they have formally signed up to be a part of this entity.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> the group held its first introductory meeting in Whangarei to commence discussions about their roles / functions, and the entities purpose. The day was very productive with agreements that the proposed commercial structure be built from a “clean slate approach” and that policy requirements such as investment strategies and management agreements, be tailored to suit the business operations and ideals of Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto

- Commercial Entity Management Agreement - In the process of being developed to draft form (Heta Hudson / Craig Wells).
- Investment Policy / Strategy - In the process of being developed to draft form (Hugh Karena / Sam Johnson)

## **Work Task 4: OPERATIONS**

### **4.1 Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 (attached)**

Requires approval from Board

**4.2 Financial Audit** – Update Accounts and Sumpter Baugher are continuing and are progressing this for IRD and GST purposes. Awhirangi is working directly with Sarah Kessell in this space.

#### 4.3 Administration / Communication's Position.

Drew Sloane has been employed in this position, which is temporary at this stage and up for review in June. The role entails co working with Awhirangi on the Communication strategy and filling the office Administration support role in reception. A job description and contract has been completed and signed.

### **WORK TASK 5: COMMUNICATIONS**

#### 5.1 March 2015 Panui / Roadshow panui.

- Completed and mailed out to members.

#### 5.2 Board Members Roles / Tasks.

- Building Profiles and relationships between Board members and Beneficiaries – Using registrations and data base Information. Completed.
- Discussion / Feedback on role and support for Road shows and future beneficiary communications by Board members.

#### 5.3 Website Iwi Connect: Database and Social Media platform.

- Completed.

### **WORK TASK 6: BENEFICIARIES / MARAE**

#### 6.1 Road shows: Kaitaia - Whangarei – Auckland - Completed

#### 6.2 Wharemaru Marae:

- Progressing discussions / plans associated with Wharemaru Marae building project – x4 meetings to date. Renovation / Building cost budget \$35k. Deducted from settlement redress sum.

#### 6.3 Waimanoni Marae Opening:

- Support to funding the Waimanoni marae opening – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Budget \$36k Landscaping – Hosting Costs.

#### 6.4 Scholarship Applications –

- Letters of approval confirmations sent.
- Processes for payment confirmed. Pending scholarships to be considered, and overall application process subject to review, and amendments.

#### 6.5 Australian Representative Report. (Malcom Karipa)

## **WORK TASK 7: ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **7.1 Kaio role in DOC:**

- X3 days with DoC, X2 days with the Runanga. Awaiting confirmation from D.O.C of employment / PAYE agreement between DoC and Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto
- Iwi / DOC Project Application Te Mana O Te Wai Te Hiku Dune Lakes / Wetlands strategy (Korowai based) supported by NgaiTakoto Runanga.
- Worlds Wetlands Day 2015 – cancelled due to weather. Consideration being given to the event in 2016.
- Environmental Management Strategy Plan – Work in progress.

### **7.2 Tane Hikoi – 17,18,19 April 2015.**

This was undertaken over a 3-day period and involved 10 NgaiTakoto Tane.

The weather was fantastic and the event involved a trip up Te Oneroa A Tohe, Te Paki, Cape Reinga, and a camp at Taputaputa with diving and fishing on the agenda. **Day 2** involved a 5 hour walking hike from Taputaputa to Kapowairua, and a camp at Spirits Bay involving fishing and diving along the way. **Day 3** saw us travel to Te Kao with a visit to Winiata / Marion Paraone who are interested in supporting our next camp trip with a visit to inaccessible Takapoukura. The final leg saw us visiting Rarawa Beach before returning to Kaitaia and subsequent departures back to the participant's homes.

The enthusiasm for the continuation of these treks is continuing to grow and there may be a fourth potential leg added to the programme. A big thanks to Kaio and BJ for their continued support to develop this programme is fully recognised and appreciated.

## **WORK TASK 8: PARTNERSHIP / ALLIANCES**

### **8.1 Te Taitokerau Maori Economic Strategy :**

- He Tangata, He Whenua, He Oranga / Taitokerau Growth Study Report:
- Key priorities for progressing Iwi / Maori economic development in Northland, Farming, Forestry, Horticulture, Honey, Tourism.
- Relationship established with Central Government Departments / Ministers and Iwi to lead out te strategy in 2015.

### **8.2 Te Hiku Development / Social Accord**

Work stream clusters in progress:

- Economic Development
- Education
- Justice / Safer communities.

8.3 Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto are umbrellaring a number of contracts within the Accord / Te Hiku Make it happen. These being:

- Northland Regional Forestry Strategy: MBIE Funding \$75k
- Justice / Safe Communities: Te Puni Kokiri funding:\$50k
- Early Childhood Education: MOE Funding: \$35k

8.4 Te Hiku Make it Happen Projects: idebtified as priority community projects:

- Kaitaia Sports Hub -Sports Academy (Graham Lowe Foundation)
- Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs

Work in progressing these two initiatives are continuing.

8.5 Kaimaumu / Mekerene Resin and Wax Proposal - Updates.

- RWL- Sample testing project underway 2 tonnes extracted and bagged for testing and sampling in Christchurch. Kaio Hooper / Hayden Taylor working with John Cunningham to complete this work.
- Kauri Log extraction proposal from Matthew Hobman M&S Swamp Kauri Limited to enter into an extraction contract with NgaiTakoto. (Declined)
- Honey – Mekerene. Current short-term (12 months) agreement with Ian Broadhurst (King's Avocado) to maintain his hives on the Mekerene Block at \$55 per hive (x 500). Opportunity for further future discussions around avocado and a honey partnership.
- Conversation had with Haines Honey Ltd who are also looking to establish a business relationship with NgaiTakoto and somewhat of a grievance with regards to not having access to the Mekerene lands. Some concerns are being highlighted that Haines are actually placing their hives outside of their DoC contracts and within the Mekerene space.
- Ongoing discussions to be had with both parties to sort matters.

8.6 Sweetwater (Te Make) Iwi JV with NgaiTakoto and Landcorp Farming Ltd

- Ongoing work in progress to develop a Partnership Agreement that all parties are happy with.
- Sam Johnson (Farmer / BNZ) has been brought into this space to provide advice and support to NgaiTakoto in these discussions. Next meeting 14 May 2015.

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