

NGATI TE WHITI WHENUA TOOPU TRUST

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 MARCH 2022

Tena koutou, tena koutou tena tatou katoa.

I wish to present this report as Chairperson for the Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Toopu Trust.

Whanaungatanga

From our last AGM, came a request from our beneficiaries to 'work closer' with the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Society (the Hapu),

The trustees have met representatives of the Hapu Board on a regular basis, to discuss activities and actions that can be undertaken collectively that will benefit all Hapu members.

One such activity is the proposal of a joint Members Register. To date the Trust have established a list of Tupuna that has been shared with the Hapu at monthly hui.

There are still process and policies to establish regarding sharing and storing of peoples' personal information, between the two entities.

Whakapapa Committee

Current members of the Whakapapa Committee are Jemma Toa, Garry Nicholas, Rita Rukuwai, Haydn Te Ruki, Julie Healey and Jack Cassidy. Grant Knuckey has tendered his resignation.

Tracey Moore, Perry Cassidy and Linda McCulloch are associate members.

The inclusion of associate members allows beneficiaries to participate in the discussions.

In keeping with the Trust Deed, the role of the whakapapa committee is to make recommendations to the Trust Board for adoption\amendment\deletion of beneficial owners.

Objectives of the Trust

In accordance with Trust Deed, the Trustees have been working: *to make provision for better use of the land for the beneficiaries.*

You may recall several years ago there was a master plan for the land at Bayly Rd / Ocean View Parade, this site included Marae, Papkainga and a Commercial Space.

With this in mind the Trustees have submitted an application to New Plymouth District Plan to have the land at Bayly Road Designated Māori Purpose Zone. This will allow the Trust to undertake activities that will promote and allow benefits for Ngati Te Whiti.

The Trustees have continued to seek funding for the Building of the Marae.

Whenua

All properties have current leases. We are fortunate in the present climate that our leases are predominantly with the Ministry of Education, the Taranaki District Health Board and the New Plymouth District Council, and are not affected by the impact of COVID19.

The Rangiatea Building has been leased by the New Plymouth YMCA.

The Trust has spent money to ensure the 'building is fit for purpose'. Required maintenance to this building is ongoing.

Our longstanding tenant remains in the house on Bayly Rd and provides a very effective information service, advising the Trust of any disturbances in the area.

Financial Position

The financial statements will be presented today.

Review of the Trust

The review of the Trust is ongoing.

The Māori Land Court, ruled the former Trustees were not personally liable to repay the funds, stolen by the former Chief Executive.

There are still matters remaining before the court to decide, being:

- if the Trustees, during this period, are required to reimburse sitting fees received during this period.
- If the Trustees during this period are required to refund the termination payment made to S Keenan
- If there is any basis under Clause 7 to make orders concerning the ineligibility of Trustees to stand in the future

Leo Watson is working on these matters for the Trustees.

Trustee Personnel

I wish to acknowledge the contribution of our former Trustees Perry Cassidy and Jack Cassidy, (who both served their respective tenure) and Rita Rukuwai our Administrator who retired.

As you are aware Perry Cassidy was appointed by Judge Harvey as an Advisory Trustee and he retains this position currently. Pauline Lockett also remains as an Advisory Trustee and is also contracted by the trust to undertake day to day Management of Trust Business.

I was reappointed to the Trust and Haydn Te Ruki joined the Trust in April 2021. Since this time our activities have been to continue to better our financial position and look for opportunities to make better utilisation of the Trust's Assets for our members.

I welcome Allan Tito and Shelton Healey to the Board, upon their appointment by Judge Warren, in chambers on the 22 February 2022.

Moving Forward

In the last 18 months the Trustees have turned its attention to developments and projects that will allow it to realise the objectives of the Trust Deed.

There are opportunities that are presenting that we believe will make best use of the whenua for our members. Such as continuing with establishing the Marae at Bayly Road and investigating the option of Papkainga Housing.

I am motivated by the prospect of the Trust being able to offer a tangible asset\ s for the use of our Hapu members.

No reira Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Linda McCulloch

Chairperson