## NGATI TE WHITI WHENUA TOOPU TRUST

# Chairperson's Report For the Annual General Meeting held on 11 December 2022 in New Plymouth

Tena koutou Tena koutou Tena tatou te whānau o Ngati te Whiti.

### **Acknowledgements**

I wish to also acknowledge the contribution you, our whanau of Ngati Te Whiti, your ongoing attendance at hui, ensuring as Trustees we are operating within the objectives of the Trust Deed. I would like to acknowledge our Trustees, Hayden Te Ruki, Shelton Healey, Allan Tito and advisory Trustees Perry Cassidy and Pauline Lockett, for their respective contributions towards meeting our obligations and objections of the Trust Deed. I also acknowledge and Pauline's contribution as Manager, ensuring day to day operations and activities to advance establishment of the Marae.

#### **Financial Position**

Trust continues to perform well with income and investments. A full financial report will be presented today.

## Rangiatea Building

You will see in our financials there are ongoing costs for up-keep to the building, Rangiatea. Currently some of the costs are shared with the current tenant, the YMCA. Once all of the catch up repair work is completed a five-year maintenance plan will be developed.

#### **Review of the Trust**

This has been a drawn-out process for us all, we have been notified of a scheduled setting in April in the Maori Land Court. A report has been provided by Leo Watson and this will be presented today.

#### **Bayly Road Whenua**

Application was made to the Proposed District Plan to have all this site determined a Maori Purpose Zone. Initial feedback from the Commission is positive. The decision will be confirmed in early 2023. 'The Māori Purpose Zone recognises our relationship with our ancestral land' and enables a range of activities such as papakāinga housing, marae, and associated activities on Māori land to assist Māori communities to provide for their unique social, cultural, environmental, and economic needs. We also submitted on the Proposed District Plan for View Shafts to Ngamotu from our planned Marae Atea. *Papakāinga:* we have also sought funding from Te Puni Kokiri and He Taupae (infrastructure). We are having on going conversations with He Taupae who have indicated they are waiting on the outcome of our Maori Purpose Zoning Submission.

#### **Whakapapa Committee**

The Whakapapa Committee was confirmed at the Wananga held on the Sunday following the last Annual General Meeting, Current members are Garry Nicholas, Norrie Keenan, Rita Rukuwai, Haydn Te Ruki, Julie Healey and Whaea Gemma Toa and Jack Cassidy. Tracey Harris and Perry Cassidy are associate members. This committee have met twice since March to consider applicants and make recommendations to the Trust Board.

## **Trustee Elections**

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This has arisen due to vacancy from the last election. All the dates are published in the panui. The results the Trustee election will be announced on the website once the results are known.

Nga mihi

Linda McCulloch Chairperson