

Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust

Chairperson's Report

For the Annual General Meeting

Held on

19 January 2024 in New Plymouth

Due to the delay with Maori Land Court processes, I am standing here today, to provide the Chairpersons Report for the last financial year 2023 to 2024. Unlike last year I can now say that I have completed my tenure on Trust as confirmed in the Maori Land Court Setting on the 5 December 2024 and at the same time Heydon Healey, Natalie Kirton and Haydn Te Ruki were confirmed as Trustees and their 3 year term commenced on that date also.

As with previous years, the Trust is in a sound financial position, the leases for all properties are current and payment for these is received as scheduled. The successful running of this trust can be attributed to the role of General Manager currently held by Pauline Lockett. Pauline undertakes all the operational tasks of the Trusts, ensuring the Trust is meeting compliance and regulatory obligations and her financial management expertise is demonstrated by our current financial reports.

As you are aware the Trust remains the sponsor for the Ngamotu Marae Development Project and continue to work to achieve this Hapū aspiration. This Trust also meets regularly with the Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū Society Inc board members to encourage synergy to again align our actions with Hapū members aspirations. I would like to suggest that thought be given to a future operational / governance structure for the overall Hapū entities, there could be operational savings across the board as well as a creating a robust Ngāti Te Whiti Governance Structure. This concept was touted a few years ago and I believe as a Hapū we are in a position to recommence these conversations.

One area that requires resource is in confirming applications from Hapū members. Our Whakapapa Committee have confirmed the list of Ngāti Te Whiti Hapū Tupuna and dedicated administration support would allow the Trust to enhance its obligation to members.

I extend my thanks to Shelton, Alan, Haydn and Pauline for the time I have spent on the Trust and welcome Natalie and Heydon. I mihi to you whanau / hapu members who continue to turn up and hold us who are in these governance roles to account.

Nga mihi,

Linda McCulloch

