

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
Notes of Board Review Hui

31 August 2009 6.30-9.00pm
Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
4 Park Avenue, Masterton

Attendance List

Annette Pile	Matthew Paku	Christine Teariki
Henare Manaena	Charmaine Kawana	Sue Taylor
Nelson Rangī	Naomi Taylor	Bill Hamilton
Rawiri Smith	Ada Tangiora	
Frances Reiri-Smith		
Panatahi Sue		

Apologies; Sam Morris, Tanya Sue, Jason Paku including apologies provided to Annette

Mihi Whakatau/Karakia: Henare Manaena

Response on behalf of Review Team: Bill Hamilton

Overview of the review process and rationale including selection of Review Team:
Christine Teariki

Overall general comments about the Board Review from the floor.

- The NKII Board has events and other great initiatives like the Takitimu Festival and the waka initiative. These events get the iwi on the map and it looks good to some people. There are a lot of people who are working in areas such as social services, education, violence in the home, and helping people run local initiatives – who lack financial resources yet there seems to be plenty money to run the larger iwi activities.
- Perhaps the iwi could look at distributing money to these areas rather than holding high priority on big events such as 'Takitimu Festival'.
- There is a general feeling that the iwi doesn't have enough money to support us.
- It's good for the Board to be here to hear some of our concerns here in Wairarapa.
- "It seems that small sums are hard to squeeze out when the iwi seems to pour money into the larger activities".
- Hastings spends money on big events. When Wairarapa and Wellington want to hold activities, the money is not there.
- There are concerns about the taiwhenua distribution and what the iwi is using the money for.
- The NKII Board was acknowledged for coming out and getting the views.

- The KKW office deals with Resource Management issues. KKW have come out with reasonable outcomes. A lot of the RM consents have an effect on our wahi tapu. KKW are now engaged in lodging an appeal to the environment report...
- KKW has struggled to participate RM process and submitted a request for support. KKW had to satisfy the NKII Board that the appeal was substantial and legitimate. KKW had to jump through a considerable amount of hoops to get help from NKII. KKW received a very small amount to help us through the process with suggestion to find the rest of the money ourselves. This is very hurtful.
- Fresh Water is a very main issue throughout the whole of Kahungunu. The support in terms of our request has been a struggle for us. KKW was hoping to use the legal team of NKII for support but were advised by NKII to look for someone else. KKW found someone, but thought NKII could have been more supportive. KKW has lodged the appeal and was able to lodge the fee.
- Very disappointed on the lack of support from the NKII Board.
- Acknowledged the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa structure that the Wairarapa whanau have moved on to...that is supported by the whanau of Wairarapa with the exception of some. But that will always be the case. "We'll deal with that here as we go on down the approved avenues".
- "Don't be dismayed by the few numbers tonight. We have lots of apologies dues to the time of the hui and the cold".
- Regarding the restructure and the effect that we are Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and not Wairarapa Taiwhenua. It annoys me when we are acknowledged incorrectly. We will never be Wairarapa Taiwhenua because of our past. Our preferred name is Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.
- Stats work regarding Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi as a whole. Of 60,000, 7440 members belong to Wairarapa. There are 19000 registered members on the iwi database and of those 1800 are Kahungunu ki Wairarapa whanau which are not good stats compared to NZ stats.
- We recognize two avenues here. Suggest to have someone up at the NKII Office specifically employed for Wairarapa Registration work. Stats would look a lot better than current registration stats.
- Regarding sums where KAHC provides NKII with \$1.4m per annum – how much does Kahungunu get in order to participate as Kahungunu?
- With regard to percentages, Kahungunu ki Wairarapa should get 10% of the amount which is: \$140,000.00 per annum out of the \$1.4m.
- Recognition of the NKII office work.
- At the moment Kahungunu ki Wairarapa receives zero dollars in recognition of our 10% of the register. Why?
- How does NKII expect KKW to participate in a political avenue and to provide for our people when you (NKII) don't provide us with anything?
- That's a very serious indication – How does NKII expect us to survive? NKII doesn't provide us with funds to deliver.
- How much do we get to service our office here in Wairarapa? Zero.
- Suggest that the \$1.4m be filtered out, not just sitting at Hastings.
- Where does Wairarapa sit in the wider perspective?

- We are obviously not important enough to give support.
- The Council has often described us as poor and not being able to submit an appeal, but we are determined to stop the pollution of our waters.
- The appeal was not lodged on a whim. We believe that we have an obligation and a duty to make an equal stand for and in behalf of our people.
- Questions were asked about the iwi board structure in comparison to the Kahungunu Wairarapa structure.
- The Review Board asked how marae hapu have input?
- KKW – Kotahitanga structure for Wairarapa is the board of Marae representation where information is brought through to the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Board.
- KKW acknowledged Sue Taylor.
- How do we realize the asset that we already have? The Water? Along the coast is a significant asset. Also the manuscripts in Wellington and the Alexander Turnbull Library.
- We want to take that asset and do something with it.
- It's disappointing when there are higher priorities in other areas.
- We understand our numbers may not make us a priority but we like to think that the quality of our assets might make us a bit more significant.
 - The river spoken of is 180km
 - Wairarapa Moana – second biggest fresh water lake
 - Coast line 48% of Kahungunu's coastline
 - The manuscripts – written korero...is being borrowed from without acknowledgement to Wairarapa for years.
- We are the face of Kahungunu here in Wairarapa. We have the opportunity to grasp what's in front of us. Investments should come back to the people.
- Nelson went over the structure and the forum of meetings and the administration mahi.
- Everything that comes through from NKII is put into all of the communication lines and still people say they don't know anything about it. These are some ways Wairarapa has tried to engage and the relationships there.
- Concerned about the iwi coming to Wairarapa for resources and the use of their information to be made public and accessible for schools. As much as it is a good Kaupapa, we also need to survive. If we have a direct iwi link to the education department, it would allow us to work with people who can provide and develop further resources. These are wonderful gestures, but the energy put into these areas and we need to survive. Kahungunu ki Wairarapa needs to be there at the development process.
- Other funding that goes to schools for Maori students. It's our belief that the students realize their cultural potential.
- Bill mentioned information about looking at indigineous education as a right. Bill will email more information to the attendees.
- Concerned about Kahungunu Asset Holding Company in regard to Wairarapa having the Paua asset in Wairarapa. Have seen changes over the years. Hear about black market and recreational. Asked if Kahungunu knows about the Commercial industry for paua in Wairarapa. Divers are coming over from Cook

Strait in their boats. Taking paua to South Island. Ministry cannot police the Cook Strait. Someone has leased them quota. This is a concern because it is the biggest asset in regard to fish. There is a big fear that this can happen.

Requested that Kahungunu look into this.

- DOC have stopped all commercial fishing in our big lakes. It's a great concern for us here. We can still do recreational and customary fishing there.
- There are hopes to improve the planning cycle of the NKII Board. The Board really hasn't taken charge of the Annual Planning.
- There is a Research Environment being established. One of its main functions is to support and assist and grow hapu/marae research.
- Our whole planning should be geared around that. The plan should be grown from hapu initiatives. At the moment there is no mechanism to be able to bring the issues to the table. There are ways to improve the planning.
- The purpose of this review is to see how things can improve.
- Kotahitanga works here in Wairarapa but we have no funds to run on. KKW has an advocacy role.
- Acknowledgements to Charmaine and Henare who support KKW.
- A lot of advocacy work is done by a group of strong people within KKW.
- We don't get this support from the NKII Office. It was compared to "Kids are looking after the kids... Parents are not supportive"
- Concerns about succession planning and looking at someone who will take over Nelson for when his time is up. But without resources it is very difficult.
- The Board might consider creating a federation of iwi. How it would work?. What the Board is doing now is not working. The Taiwhenua are struggling. There is something wrong. Perhaps a federation would make a difference.
- Other iwi are doing this. Perhaps we can visit with some of these iwi to see if it could work for us.
- Kahungunu is tremendously spread out.
- The purpose of this review is to offer options as to what might work for us.
- We are concerned that Wairarapa cannot get access to Radio Kahungunu. Christine mentioned that she had informed Paora Ammunson of what they needed to do. If we could receive the radio information here in Wairarapa than information can be disseminated out.
- Regarding Radio Kahungunu - As part of the cultural standards and the reo structure, we could be transmitting the information and participate in this opportunity as well. We would have Kahungunu listening to Kahungunu reo. It's a great training opportunity.
- Bill spoke about the review process and terms of reference and how communication and relationships was identified as a big problem. "We (NKII) don't have a solid communication and relationship with you. The information from whanau is in agreeance with this"
- There are many people not here who have a different view point. Who is presenting the Rangatahi?
- Regarding the review – the opportunity is here. This is an opportunity for whanau to share. It's no reflection on the rohe. It's how the iwi board is being perceived

not the rohe. All we can do is encourage as many as possible to have an opportunity to participate.

- There a lot of people in the Wairarapa who will look at this review and comment on it according to what the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Board do rather than the NKII Board.
- This is a reflection of the lack of communication.
- This could draw a very different response from the people.
- Sometimes relationships and communications are about reacting rather than being proactive.
- We should think about what our iwi should be known for.
- How can we be innovative?
- We can take a step back and be proactive rather than reacting to an agenda of distraction, we can be involved in an agenda of engagement.
- The NKII Board should be seeing opportunities for a whole range of things.
- We should look at INNOVATION!
- The majority of our iwi are Rangatahi. How are we as Kahungunu relevant to them?
- How do we communicate with them? What are they saying about being Kahungunu?
- Rangatahi are narrow minded to things at marae/hapu level.
- Our Rangatahi are thinking of a whole wider view.
- It takes time, space and innovation.
- How can we best do this?
- Regarding the responses, are they going to give us value?
- The Takitimu Festival was focused toward Rangatahi. That was good. But how do we keep our Rangatahi there. How do we keep them engaged, online? Are we building on that? What attracts our people?
- Perhaps we can look at the direction for all our iwi. Our tipuna were innovative and travelled all over Aotearoa. They thought outside the square. We need to be innovative.
- A face book page has been set up by the Taiao project group. It's a great way of communicating for the Rangatahi.
- Taiohi magazine is a great style of communication for Rangatahi.
- The four main concerns for Kahungunu ki Wairarapa have been communication, advocacy, promotion & representation.
- We can send out emails about different things. Rangatahi get these, but the older ones want info by phone or Kanohi ki te Kanohi.
- When we set up Kahungunu ki Wairarapa we were involved in the Iwi Management Forum. The outcomes were brilliant. It was an opportunity for people to come from the each rohe to participate and be informed. It would be good to be brought together to discuss these things.
- Acknowledged the great worth of the Iwi Management Forum.
- IMF stopped because other taiwhenua felt manipulated and other taiwhenua representatives were not being supported by their taiwhenua.

- Communication goes every which way. Going to the mother ship is not always necessary. It goes out wide as well...sideways.
- One of the Kaupapa we had at the Iwi Management Forum was the election and if it didn't make sense we could discuss it. We can't do this from Wairarapa. The Iwi Management Forum concept was good.
- Regarding leverage – are we getting leverage that our numbers deserve? Other iwi that are bigger than us and the profile they have.....our energy seems to be on making a profile rather than creating a leverage.
- With Pita Sharples there at Parliament we have opportunities but what leverage are we getting as the 3rd biggest iwi in NZ if we are looking at the political scene of our political seat?
- Are we getting mileage for Kahungunu in that area?
- How we thinking strategically for the betterment of our people?
- Ngahiwi is in very influential positions. He's got the ears of ministers in every which way.
- Are we lined up with what we specifically want....rather than ... 'we want everything'?
- Regarding the freshwater issues....this is a clear focus. The leverage is that every iwi is on this essential issue. We die without water.
- Ngahiwi is often out of the country. There are delays in communication from the iwi office. Concerns about decision making in his absence and suggest NKII reinstitute the position of the Deputy Chair.
- There was some korero about how Heretaunga Taiwhenua is doing things. The Resource Management things are never ending. There are strong opportunities for marae to develop as well.
- The demand on marae is great.
- The issues are up and down the rohe.
- The work is never ending. Acknowledged Morry Black for doing some RM mahi for the iwi.

Information packs were given out.

Karakia & acknowledgements.