

HUI A HAPŪ SUMMARY

On the 21st March 2009 a Hui A Hapū was held in Wairoa that focused on two themes:

- **Freshwater Ownership and Kaitiakitanga**
- **Whanau, Hapu and Iwi Economic Development**

The Hui a Hapū aimed to:

1. Strengthen relationships between the Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and hapū leaders
2. Discuss ways to achieve our 25 year plan
3. Put strategies in place to protect and develop water in our rohe.
4. Put strategies in place to protect employment and growth during the recession

The sessions were facilitated by Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board members and Managers. Sessions included the background to the issues, an analysis of the current situation and workshop discussions for progress solutions for a more positive future.

SUMMARY OF NOTES:

Notes were taken during the workshops and have been consolidated for dissemination to the iwi. These notes will contribute to the annual and strategic planning of Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

Freshwater Ownership and Kaitiakitanga

Workshop Facilitator: Christine Teariki

Solutions Given From The Hapū In Attendance

Rangatiratanga / Kaitiakitanga

Key issues are ownership and guardianship.

- The missing key is the asset ownership. Similar to what happened with the Seabed Foreshore and again with the land claims. Ownership is the issue.
- We have management over Waikaremoana, the forests, the fish the birds, we know the karakia. With climatic changes, the worms are going deeper and the birds can't get them. The fish are going deeper because the water's getting too hot. We have sponsors for our mahi.
- Conserve what is left.
- Accept our rights! Stop being victims or being programmed! We have to stop mucking around! Hikoi!

Tukuihotanga

The conservation practices of our tipuna need to be recalled and followed as much as is currently possible, for the future of our mokopuna.

Tangata whenua know the area of each waterway better than anyone else, it's in our whakapapa, and we have to be included for solutions to improve the quality of the water and restore the intrinsic and surrounding ecosystems.

I have to write about the wai ... people need to know and have the knowledge base to work from ...ours is the whole brain approach ... we take the lead.

Our role is to control and manage the resource.

Wananga

Upskill our people by wananga and as much knowledge as we can gather from all sources.

- There are different levels of advocacy, we strategise for the best results and pick our battles.
- Learn everything you can and everything you need.
- Answers are in the Waitangi Tribunal claims.
- Be smart and keep under the radar

Tautoko

Support be given from our own whanau, hapu and iwi in the first place, the local bodies, other central government agencies, local industry and from all other users..

- Wastewater issues need to find more effective solutions.
- A heritage order can be taken out on our waterways.
- We are still working on our own solutions but are really struggling.
- The Resource Management Act over-rides us, that has to be corrected too.
- We need to minimize waste, and maintain care when water is plentiful.
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- License waterway users and 40% given to local hapu.
- Pay for the rental of the land for the rivers and lakes.

Whanau, Hapu and Iwi Economic Development

Workshop Facilitator: Te Huia Bill Hamilton
Solutions Given From The Hapū In Attendance

1. Breadth of Hui

30 Ngati Kahungunu people attended the workshop which aimed to develop Kahungunu responses to protect employment and growth during and beyond the recession. The main focuses of the hui were employment, income, housing and relationships. Cultural, economic and social development issues were central to the responses. The main themes that emerged were:

Whakamana Tangata

- Skills development
- Tikanga and matauranga Maori
- Acting our values
- Building and strengthening Papakainga
- Infrastructure development
- Dealing with “naughty children and youth
- Addressing Pakeke abuse
- Work – family balance
- No future for our children here
- Whanau and hapu driving the solutions
- Combating drugs, alcohol, violence

Job creation and protection

- We are asset rich
- Business and development
- Migrants are taking our jobs
- Our people do not want to do some of the jobs available

Better utilisation of land and other assets

- We have land and water but no productivity
- Keep an eye on the big picture
- Utilisation of the sea and fresh water
- Water supply and quality
- Forestry for job creation and skills development

Strengthening relationships

- Being able to work with agencies
- Clear away obstacles
- Utilising structures in place such as RIF's – (Regional Intersectoral Forum's)
- Institutions need to be responsive to Maori eg UCOL
- Being more influential
- More sessions to work these issues through

Accountability to Ngati Kahungunu People for Services and Support

- What outcomes are really being achieved by Councils for Kahungunu people?
- What is actually happening with funds tagged for Maori? Who receives them?
- Role of the Iwi

The workshop, which sought local solutions, illustrated that our people have solutions and they have much to contribute towards protecting and growing our people during and beyond the Recession.

2. Solutions proposed

Land and other asset utilisation

- Forums for whanau to share information about land utilisation
- Develop ways that will enable leased land to be transferred back to whanau
- Discuss with banks/funders better access to capital
- Restoration and regeneration of land. What options?
- Building homes on our land. Gardens
- Marae infrastructure development
- Return North Clyde School to the Hapu

Job protection and creation

- Focus on skills development.
- Be employers
- Engage with big employers to discuss collective ways forward
- Get into economic development

- Ensure proper representation/engagement with “Governance Board?” and Councils

Supporting our people

- Assisting leaders to focus on transferring knowledge especially tikanga
- Find/develop work for our tradespeople and bring them home especially those who understand tikanga
- Valuing tikanga Maori in the workplace
- Workforce training with employers on Marae

3. Actions for the Iwi

Main role is facilitation and keeping people informed

Show leadership and enable leadership across the rohe

Establish a Leadership Team that will develop a work programme for Wairoa and lead its implementation

Establish a network that will share information and assist each other.

Facilitate discussions and provide advice

Assist with engagement with Government

4. Relevance for the Minister’s Taskforce

This work is in its infancy and needs development. It is an Iwi lead initiative that has initiated a hapu and iwi response. The process is simple and engaging and brings out achievable actions. The work needs a bit of polishing and may be a good initiative for the Taskforce to pilot.

Where to from here?

The following were the aims of the hui a hapu. Ngahiwi indicated at the hui that he would invite members to participate in a Water Taskforce to:

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