

# Hui a Hapū

Te Ore Ore Marae, Wairarapa  
13th June 2009

## **Purpose:**

- **This hui was an opportunity for Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Whanau to feed in their aspirations and tell the iwi what Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Whanau want.**
- **It was a time to learn about how we can better communicate and get more whanau registered.**

**Board members present:** Haami Hilton (Kaumataū), Ngahiwi Tomoana (Chair), Meka Whaitiri (CE), Te Huia (Bill) Hamilton, Christine Teariki, Neilson Rangi

**Tari:** Danielle Keil-Lambert, Ruth Wong, Kerrin Fair, Marina Sciascia, Eru Tahuri, Te Rangi Huata

## **Rangitane Settlement**

Ngahiwi gave some background information to the settlement:

- After the Fisheries settlement, the question was asked: what length of coastline did Rangitane own? Question for Kahungunu was: how do we accommodate our whanaunga without giving up our coastline?
- Had mediation rounds but couldn't get anywhere.
- Decided to settle with Rangitane, the agreement meant that Rangitane received a percentage of the quota and some money but no coastline. Kahungunu see this as a koha, not a settlement or punishment.
- If we hadn't of settled we would have to go to the high court and then to select committee.
- One reason we were compelled to settle was so that land claims could go ahead.
- Settlement didn't come out of total consensus and not all Rangitane happy. Dannevirke whanau dispute this settlement, not sure what is happening but they wanted to sue.

## ***Questions:***

### **What areas of Rangitane signed?**

Board: Agreement was signed on behalf of the whole of Rangitane.

### **Does this include Tamaki-nui-Rua?**

Board: Yes. The coastline is Kahungunu but Rangitane get 16% of the quota. The quota is taken from the entire coastline.

### **What about fishing permits?**

Board: Permits need to go through the coastal hapū.

## **What happens when a hapū has access to the coastline and whakapapa to Kahungunu and Rangitane?**

Board: Is up to the hapū and the local tikanga and kawa.

## **Where is our fish?**

Board:

- We took a two tiered settlement approach. The Iwi decided it would settle more 'vauge' issues like flora, forna, fisheries, te reo, waterways, oil and gas and would leave land claims to hapū. The idea was that there would be two economic explosions, one at Iwi level and one at hapū and whatever settled first would help the other.
- The fisheries money helps Iwi Inc. run. In the past the Iwi was funding Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and they were given \$250,000 to set up. Over the last ten years the Iwi has continued to distribute money to Kahungunu ki Wairarapa but some have not survived. Three years ago Iwi said this monetary support would come to an end and Iwi would instead concentrate on the other needs of our people. Thei Kahungunu is an example of putting our energy into te reo.

## **How is the fish deal effective on the ground?**

Other comments from Kahungunu ki Wairarapa:

- The deal for Rangitane means that they see the money and use it. Resourcing for us is a huge problem. The communication about the settlement left a sour taste in our mouths. Message we see is that Rangitane is getting clearer and stronger. Hapū here are getting diluted. We want to highlight that your decisions have an effect on us in Wairarapa and representation in making those decisions is an issue.

Comments from board:

- Kahungunu is a big Iwi. Hapū will have money soon. We need to be patient.
- Rangitane act as an Iwi, we are still acting on a hapū level.

## **What do you want the board to do to improve communication?**

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: For 2-3 years our hapū have not been fully engaged with the Iwi. We need to re-capture who we are on the coast.

## **Is the board coming to these hui helpful?**

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: Yes. Hapū has rangatiratanga here but we are not going to forget that we are Kahungunu and Rangitane.

## **General Questions/discussion:**

### **Wairarapa were not allowed \$250,000 because of the IRD. How much of that was actually given to us?**

Comments from the board:

- The whole \$250,000 was handed over but \$81,000 came back to the Iwi due to a debt being paid.

- Meka has talked with representatives from the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa board and they are going to work together on some strategies to get some funding.

Other comments from Kahungunu ki Wairarapa:

- While we are working on our land claims we are really struggling.
- The land claim is 2-3 years away, this is a long time for us to survive on nothing. Is there a possibility of a loan?
- When there is a tangi, Rangitane hapū have fish. People see that and think they are the better lwi to go with.
- We struggled to put a small ad in the paper about this hui - Rangitane can put full page ads in.

Board: Any advertising for Kahungunu can go through the office, they will help you.

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: We can't get through to the office.

### **Is the \$3million settlement with Rangitane a one off or on going?**

Board: 90% of the \$3million is quota, it was not \$3million cash but \$71,000 in cash.

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: Case in point of how information is disseminated in Wairarapa – we did not know this.

Board: Maybe the next newsletter, Hoera rā, could focus on Wairarapa.

### **What exactly was the percentage of fish quota given to Rangitane?**

16.6%

**Comments and discussion made about the land claims in Wairarapa. Some said they were “disillusioned” with the hapū. Some said they were “ashamed with what they saw and heard” at the land claim meeting. “As a hapū we can not pull together, we can not communicate with each other”. Many agreed that the behaviour at the land claim hui was un acceptable.**

Board:

- Don't feel that the issues you have talked about are restricted to the hapū of Wairarapa.
- When Kahungunu ki Wairarapa here went “belly up” the community came together, they were all at that meeting.
- Any money that was given to the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa at that time went straight to the IRD so we held it back. The hapū talked to each other about where to from here and gave yourselves your own solutions.
- It was a good process and can be done again.
- There is a wealth of possibilities and opportunities here that the rest of the lwi look to.
- All representatives on the lwi board for Wairarapa have always put the case forward about resourcing.

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa:

- The Kahungunu ki Wairarapa here are volunteers and serve as a link between Wairarapa and the Iwi.
- It is largely under resourced and most of the work done by the board is carried by Nelson. He represents Wairarapa well.
- The problem is resources – we need resources far beyond what we have.
- We need to listen and work together with the board, we look to the Iwi board for support – lets work together to find out we we can resource ourselves.

**Where did the money come from for the Takitumu festival?**

Board: \$300,000 came from sponsorship and may have to draw some from our reserve funds. A lot was absorbed in our budget; we don't have the figures at the moment but will know soon.

**Request that an audit is carried on the RIFF.**

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: Money is given to our community and we need to know where it is going, we want the Iwi board to help us with this

Board: There is a number of ways to find out how this is spent. The best way is to ask the Minister to do an audit on funding in Wairarapa. If you want help Bill Hamilton is happy to help but it shouldn't come from the board, you should ask the questions.

**Does the Kahungunu fresh water committee have a Wairarapa rep?**

Board: There is no committee yet, we would like to move that a fresh water committee is set up.

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: supported.

**What revenue do you receive from fish each year?**

Board: \$2.4million in income, \$1.4 of this is used to run the Iwi and the rest is invested back in the company.

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa: We need more information on what is happening, make it more transparent

Board: These figures can be found out through Neilson. The next reporting back to Iwi is in July, possibly through Neilson, these can be reported back to you.

**Meka: Your office**

We are looking at ways to get information out to out people and for smarter ways of communication. We see the office as "awhi –ing" you. We do not replace hapū but support you and we are happy to come and listen to your thoughts.