



# **SUMMARY OF THE NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED -MEETING OF THE BOARD-**

***Held at Tautane Station, Herbertville Road, Herbertville  
On Thursday, 29 and Friday, 20 January 2015***

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Ngā mihi mo te tau hou o 2015!

Welcome to the first Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Summary of our Board strategic planning discussions and meeting for 2015! Since our office opened on 05 January 2015, we have hit the ground running, with a range of significant events coming up in this first half of the year.

In January, the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Board held their first strategic planning discussions and Board meeting for the year at Tautane Station, Herbertville. Our Directorates were asked to identify key areas of growth for the organisation and the Iwi as a whole, and these are summarised as follows:

## **KEY FOCUS AREAS OF OUR DIRECTORATES...**

➤ **SMART Services:** SMART Services translates to **S**pecialised **M**anagement of **A**dministration and **R**esources **T**eam. Ruth Wong, SMART Services Director and Communications Advisor, spoke to the work of the team over the past year, and the need for our service to better streamline our processes using technology that better facilitates efficient information sharing and communication across our organisation and our members. Therefore, the key focus identified for this unit was that:

- The NKI Tari and NKI Board acknowledge the increasing use of technology and the digital world that our tamariki and rangatahi are engaged with, and would like to investigate how the Iwi can best utilise these technologies, including becoming “paperless”.

➤ **Te Ara Toiora/Health & Wellbeing:** Jenny Smith, Director for Te Ara Toiora/Health and Wellbeing Unit spoke to the work of the unit. The Unit have focused on forging governance relationships through the secondments and placements of Iwi representatives on a number of governance bodies, such as the police, social development and justice, in order to better address and facilitate the needs of our whānau. Therefore, the key focus identified is that the:

- NKI Board forge governance relationships that focus on positive ‘whānau’ outcomes.

➤ **Te Reo, Tikanga & Mātauranga:** Jeremy MacLeod, Director for Te Reo, Tikanga & Mātauranga Unit, spoke to the work achieved through the unit. There are popular misconceptions amongst the public that the Iwi do not invest enough in Te Reo, and that the organisation pays for all of Ngāhiwi Tomoana’s overseas trips. A key focus will be to challenge these misconceptions via the NKI website. A concern around te reo statistics which suggest

that there are steady decrease in the use of the reo both regionally and nationally. In order to address some of these, key focus areas identified include:

- Undertake a comprehensive review of research regarding Kahungunu dialectical variations; and,
- The creation of a business plan/project proposal package around the reo.

➤ **Environment & Natural Resources:** Jonathan Dick, Director for Environment & Natural Resources, spoke to the work achieved by the unit. The Unit are currently on target with their goals and budget. Working on existing contracts, specifically the paua monitoring contract with Ministry of Primary Industries, and developing a new contract with the Ministry for the Environment around water rights and interests. There is potential for engaging and working alongside the Large Natural Groupings (treaty settlement claimant groups) around environmental issues. Jonathan also provides support to the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company (KAHC). The key focus areas identified for this unit include:

- The development of a network of 'Kahungunu' contractors and 'Kahungunu' lawyers to increase our capacity in dealing with a wider range of environmental issues.
- Building stronger relationships with LNGs to progress a wider advocacy approach for our members around environmental issues.

The tari and the NKI Board will be working towards achieving the key focus areas identified by each unit, and we will keep posting our summaries with updates on where each unit is at.

## **KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE NKI BOARD...**

➤ **Developing Strategic Relationships:** With the number of major projects on the go, the NKI Board have worked hard to develop and maintain strong and positive relationships with a number of groups. For instance, Hastings District Council and the redevelopment of Hastings Civic Square and the Kahungunu Innovation Hub, working alongside the Large Natural Groupings (LNG's), treaty settlement claimant groups, as they head towards a post-settlement era, around resource management and environmental issues. It is vital that these relationships are maintained, to foster a a collective voice around a range of issues that will make our position as an Iwi, politically and strategically stronger.

➤ **Te Matatini 2015, Christchurch:** With Te Matatini 2015 fast approaching, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi have been busy galvanising to travel to Christchurch in support of our four Kapa Haka teams who will be performing. On the final day of the festival, the mauri stone will be handed over to Ngāti Kahungunu, and will be travelling back on board Te Matau A Maui Waka. It is intended that the mauri will journey through the Ngāti Kahungunu rohe, and will provide opportunities for each Taiwhenua rohe and major partners (ie, mayors, local and central government, business, whanaunga, etc) to host the mauri whilst in their area. Other key opportunities will include the mauri travelling and revitalising the old Takitimu trade route, as well as opportunities to revitalise kapa haka across the rohe. We look forward to supporting Te Matatini this year, and being a part of welcoming and hosting the mauri in our rohe.

➤ **Te Matatini Plus 2017:** As you are all aware, Te Matatini is coming to Ngāti Kahungunu in 2017. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi have been working alongside the Ngāti Kahungunu Rūnanga Arts

& Culture Board in the development of a proposed structure and overall strategy, to define the roles and responsibilities of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi as the hosts of this prestigious event. We will be providing updated information as it comes to hand, and will be posted via our website.

- ***Kahungunu Innovation Hub:*** The joint partnership with Hastings District Council in the redevelopment of Hastings Civic Square and the Kahungunu Innovation Hub is progressing well. We have received phenomenal support thus far. We will be providing regular updates via our website.

## ***UPCOMING NKI EVENTS...***

- ***Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Fish Hook Summit 2015:*** Our annual Fish Hook Summit will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2015 at the Napier Sailing Club. The theme of this year's Fish Hook Summit is "Climate Change", and will focus on the success stories happening in and around the fisheries and environment. The Summit will also trial a workshop strategy to review the Kahungunu ki Uta, Kahungunu ki Tai (KKUKKT) fisheries strategy. Those interested in participating in the Fish Hook Summit can find the registration information via our website, or give our tari a call to register your interest.

For any further information on any of the Directorates, or for updates on activities and events in general, please visit our website at: [www.kahungunu.iwi.nz](http://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz). We look forward to bringing you more updates from the tari and our NKI Board.

***Tihei Kahungunu!***