



TE KAHU O TAONUI

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Te Kahu O Taonui and Agencies Hui
Wednesday 18th August 2021
COVID-19 LEVEL 4 NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN
Online via Zoom
Start: 2pm

RUN SHEET/PRESENT:

Te Kahu o Taonui and Agency Agenda Run Sheet		
No.	Iwi/Agency	Name
1	Ministry of Social Development	Eru Lyndon (Regional Commissioner), Glennis Christie, Ani Pitman
2	Northland District Health Board	Nick Chamberlain (CEO), Catherine Jackson (Medical Officer of Health), Lorna Smeath, Huria Bruce-Iri
3	PHE	Mataroria Lyndon, Jensen Webber
4	Te Tai Tokerau Border Control	Hone Harawira, Nyze Manuel, Reuben
5	ICF	Mike Smith
6	New Zealand Police	Super Intendent Tony Hill (District Commander)
7	Te Puni Kōkiri	Tui Marsh (Director TPK)
8	Ministry of Education	Hira Gage (Regional Director MoE), Ropata Diamond
9	NorthTec	Toa Faneva
10	Civil Defence Emergency Management	Tony Phipps (Manager CDEM), Hone Dalton
11	Far North District Council	Shaun Clarke (CEO)
12	Department of Corrections	Pauline Hopa
13	Whangārei District Council	Rob Forlong
14	Northland Regional Council	Tony Phipps
15	DIA	Justine Smith
16	Northland Inc	Murray Reade
17	Te Hiku Iwi Development Trust	Carol Berghan, Justine Rae
18	Ngāti Kuri	Harry Burkhardt, Sheridan Waitai, Walter Wells
19	Te Aupōuri	Rhonda Kite, Mariameno-Kapa Kingi, Peter-Lucas Jones
20	Ngāi Takoto	Wallace Rivers, Craig Wells, Craig Hobson
21	Te Rarawa	George Riley
22	Ngāti Kahu	Margaret Mutu, Anahera Herbert-Graves
23	Kahukuraariki	Geraldine Baker
24	Whaingaroa	Mariameno Kapa-Kingi, Toa Faneva, Bree Davis
25	Ngāpuhi	Wane Wharerau, Te Ropu Smith (IMT)
26	Ngātiwai	Aperahama Edwards, Huhana Lyndon
27	Ngāti Whātua	Alan Riwaka, Antony Thompson, Boyd Broughton
28	Te Roroa	Snow Tane
29	Ngāti Hine	Rowena Tana, Geoff Milner
30	Te Kahu o Taonui Communications	Kaye-Maree Dunn, Merepaea Dunn.

KEY ACTION POINTS:

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1	Contact Eru Lyndon or Kararaina Coulcott Cribb if there is a demand for accommodation.	Te Roopu Ringa Raupa o Te Kahu o Taonui
2	Sub-committee regarding border control to be developed and meet. <i>MSD & Police requested to be informed of outcomes from subcommittee.</i>	Antony Thompson (Lead Iwi CE)
3	Next hui date/time to be confirmed.	Antony Thompson (Lead Iwi CE)

Meeting opened at 2.03pm with karakia timatanga by Antony Thompson (Lead Iwi CE).

1. Ministry of Social Development (Eru Lyndon)

- We have integrated our agency hui with this one, setting ourselves up for success - kotahitanga.
- Reached out to our key work stream leads across health and our economic development agency and civil defence.
- The resources that we have deployed in previous lockdowns means we have funding in communities now through MSD resilience fund. Some sit within the providers who are on this zoom.
- Funding provided to foodbanks – they are resourced and have support.
- Our work with Te Kahu o Taonui around food provision as we have done previously.
- Our activities are to put our whānau into the best position possible.
- From MSD, Income support and employment services, our service centres are closed, the best way to access is via 0800 or website.
- MHUD currently working on a proposal around landlords and their tenants enables security around their tenancy. Working to communicate via Māori Housing Network.
- If you are seeing demand for accommodation, Te Kahu o Taonui to reach out to Eru or Kararaina with what those situations are to seek support.

2. Northland District Health Board (Nick Chamberlain, Catherine Jackson)

- Seven (7) confirmed cases; clear that the first case was a secondary case.
- Expect to see more cases, majority in younger people who are less likely to be tested and have different socialisation patterns.
- Ministry are not electing to put public advice on places of interest on website but encouraging calling Healthline.
- Isolate for 14 days if you have been in the locations of interest.
- Staff should not be at work even with a negative test result until 14-day isolation complete.
- Surged testing and contact tracing. All contact tracing is managed nationally.

3. PHE (Mataroria Lyndon)

- We know more about the virus now and the Delta strain - more likely to become sicker or hospitalised.
- Better tools now including faster contact tracing and mandatory masks.
- Vaccinations are to restart from 8am tomorrow.
- General practices are still providing care.

- MoH Māori Health Team – in this alert level funeral directors can continue to work however coming together at tangihanga cannot proceed. Only those in the same bubble as deceased can visit the funeral home.
- Kaimanaaki roles – still being stood up but are coming as a resource for Iwi, Māori, hāpu and Māori health providers.

4. Te Tai Tokerau Border Control (Hone Harawira, Nyz Porter)

- Currently in Whangārei, on way to Brynderwyn Gorge.
- Going to stand-up a checkpoint if people are not protecting Tai Tokerau.
- We are happy to work with Police if it is effective to stop those coming North.
- From 10am yesterday morning, hundreds of vehicles coming into Northland – will be standing up checkpoints around various points of Te Tai Tokerau.
- Do whatever necessary to protect our communities.

Ngati Kahu:

- Considerable concern in Karikari, flood of campervans. Appreciate any support we can get out there.

Ngātiwai:

- Ngātiwai considerably concerned, coastal communities last night had steady flow of traffic. No checkpoints Police wise at Southern points, some whānau got through without being stopped. Very busy roads.

Te Rarawa:

- Te Rarawa support border controls at whānau, hāpu and Iwi level.

Iwi Lead CE:

- Level 4 does not include checkpoints but needs to be done. Will form subcommittee to deal with this – contact Kiri if you would like to be on that forum. Need to get base plan out.

Te Aupōuri:

- Mariameno and Sheridan to be included in that subcommittee.

Northland District Health Board:

- Regarding boats coming through - using recreational water vehicles is prohibited in Level 4, can be reported to the police.

Tai Tokerau Border Control (Nyz):

- Nothing being done on maritime, MPI is grounded. We have whānau that live on their boats, so there needs to be more thought put around maritime movement. People in harbours still trying to launch their boats.

Ngātiwai:

- To be added to subcommittee for both road and maritime blocks.

Northland District Health Board (via chat box):

- *Ministry are prepping PPE level 4 vaccinating advice. Will include at least PPE for staff, masks for patients, and social distancing. Expecting drive through advice which will help with the distancing but will require more space. MoH have stopped all new bookings into the NBS and the existing slots I understand are being prioritised for essential workers.*
- *From a public health perspective, it would be ideal if essential staff working on the frontlines were vaccinated to reduce the risk of transmission to others in their whanau or communities should someone get sick.*
- *Vessels arriving from overseas into Northland continue to be managed by public health and are required to quarantine and be tested before being released and coming on shore for any leave.*

5. ICF (Mike Smith)

- Network similar to this - they have good communication going. Need to touch base with Prime Minister's department to see if there is any formal communication coming out.
- Is there comms coming through Te Kahu o Taonui from the Government directly?

Iwi CE Lead:

- No communications directly.

Ministry of Social Development:

- This is the forum we've used previously to ensure Iwi and Hāpu are given support from Govt.

Te Rarawa:

- Can Mike go directly to the Prime Minister's department regarding 48hr grace period for travelling?

Ngati Kuri:

- Border control – we have stood up the opportunity to protect our border in the Far North as we speak. Willie Te Aho – allowing 48hrs grace period for whanau to get back and then will close borders. Need to be briefed on what our partners should be responding to.

6. Police (Tony Hill)

- Acutely aware of the numbers travelling North, collecting data so everyone can make an informed decision. Want to protect our most vulnerable communities.
- Implement everything but checkpoints yet, they are resource intensive for hāpu and Iwi but also for the Police.

- There is a checkpoint at the top of the Brynderwyn's, our focus is vehicles that look foreign to Northland we are stopping.
- More than normal service delivery South of Whāngarei and North – all possible resource on the roads.
- Can come to next meeting and talk to it there.
- Whangarei, Kawakawa, and Kaikohe, the compliance is reasonably positive.
- Will ask that Coastguard to monitor vessels.

Northland District Health Board:

- Advisable that those executing the checkpoints are vaccinated and wearing masks.
- *(via Chat box) Endorsing Māori Providers to vaccinate essential staff today. Vaccinators and staff should wear masks and social distance except during the actual vaccine event as per usual COVID-19 level 4 procedures for healthcare. There will likely be an access code for essential workers to book in the NBS - will ask the DHB vaccine team to circulate info on how essential workers can access the DHB vaccine sites - likely this will be by booking online. Anyone who has been at a location of interest (knowing that not all of these have been announced) or who have symptoms should be staying home.*

7. Te Puni Kōkiri (Tui Marsh)

- Want to reinforce the gains that were made through this forum in the previous lockdown. Will continue to push for our people's rights and interests.
- Working with my team to see what we can free up as a resource.

8. Ministry of Education (Hira Gage)

- All education facilities are closed. Supporting those that we can, particularly our high-risk whānau, online with resources.
- Education facilities are much calmer this time and prepared.
- Online learning resources are online accessible via OnDemand and Maori TV.
- Keeping watch on the case of a teacher at Avondale College, we have to rethink what we will do in that space if it progresses.

9. NorthTec (Toa Faneva)

- Suspended all of our NorthTec activity, students are on a break over the next 3 days.
- Trying to implement working remotely for education.
- Part of supporting Kaimanaaki efforts in providing good induction and training across the board.

10. Civil Defence Emergency Management (Tony Phipps)

- Have been checking in with stakeholders and partners to make sure everyone is refreshing themselves with a plan, in case there needs to be support from emergency response services.

11. Far North District Council (Shaun Clarke)

- Council is in high state of organisational resilience. Business continuity in a remote stance, minimal disruption.
- Priority on safety and wellbeing for our people.
- Being prepared for the extraordinary including assisting you guys with non-council tasks.
- Library and info centre are closed until Friday 12am.
- We are planning for longer than 3 days.

- Our services that remain going:
- Essential FNDC services in Level 4:
 - Drinking water and wastewater services
 - Solid waste services
 - Cemeteries and crematoria
 - Response to stormwater events
 - Maintenance of public toilets (closing of parks?)
 - Animal management services (responding to dog attacks and animal shelter operations)
 - Urgent repairs to road surfaces, bridges, and traffic management, including traffic lights
 - Public transport (e.g. Hokianga Ferry)
 - Social housing (support for elderly)
 - Building consents in urgent circumstances where required for essential construction work associated with COVID-19 response work
 - Recycling is closed but waste collection continues.

12. Department of Corrections (Pauline Hopa)

- All Corrections service centres in Tai Tokerau are closed.
- Staff working from home - calling clients etc. NRCF is closed to all except staff.
- FaceTime facility being implemented for tāne to contact whanau.

13. Whangārei District Council (Rob Forlong)

- Similar to FNDC except recycling can be put out.
- People in vehicles, ensuring toilets and showers are available.

14. Northland Regional Council (Tony Phipps)

- Many services such as consents can continue, non-essential fieldwork is not continuing.
- Standing up any emergency services needed.

15. DIA (Justine Smith)

- Main comms is through local government authorities directly. Supportive of Eru in his role.
- Happy to take messages and concerns heard in this forum and share with Minister who we report to daily.

16. Northland Inc (Murray Reade)

- Closed up shop, office still going.
- Last time we ran regional business programme partnered with MBIE to support small businesses.
- Can look at it again, wait to see what happens be prepared to do that if that is something we need to do.

17. Te Hiku Iwi Development Trust (Carol Berghan)

- Interested to who is supporting our communities, no agency has accurate list of SMEs – IR probably the organisation to have that. If this does go beyond 3 days, we will be supporting our SMEs.

Ministry of Social Development:

- You and your crew Carol did a great job last time, if you mobilise give me a heads up.

18. Ngati Kuri

- Put into effect our plans last night and again this morning, we have met with police around security border control, Māori local providers for health care etc.
- We have flying squads, not stationed checkpoints. Pushing distance socialising with our whānau outside and pumping the health messages.
- Have more support coming from police for controls.
- Closed all camps – Cape Reinga, Spirits Bay etc. All have been pushed to Rarawa
- Cameras and monitoring on all of our sites.
- Small team taking care of anxiety coming out of our community.
- Prepping now for what happens if we go beyond 3 days.
- Roads quiet north of Awanui

19. Te Aupōuri

- Met this morning with Ngati Kuri, NgāiTakoto and Whakawhiti Ora Pai.
- Closed both of our offices, pulled in our forestry workers and checked in with our farms, ensuring all are applying the same rule.
- Isn't BAU – this is not the same, we have the technology, but this is a different kind of disease and the stakes have gone up - this is the message we are running.
- Kaimanaaki roles rolling out, pandemic business continuity plan in action.
- Pleased to hear vaccinations will continue again tomorrow.
- Sense of whānau keen to do it for themselves.
- Fully behind TTT, border control and Te Hiku border control.

20. NgāiTakoto

- Set up our ground crew this morning and our hub, all logistics sorted.
- May need to look at our beach access as that was an issue last time.
- Our crews will need to have the vaccination as soon as possible especially in dealing with our whānau.

21. Te Rarawa

- Te Rarawa board is still meeting, reviewed our existing CIMS plan.
- Mental health messaging a key point.
- Reinforce support for TTT border controls, unified response so no hāpu are isolated.
- Assess demand for kai and wai through our marae structures to ensure our kāinga have good coverage and contact.

22. Ngati Kahu

- Referring our people to official sources in terms of the local issues - number one is border control.
- Will support whatever supports our people.
- Iwi response plan in place – keeping it simple.
- Look at standing up on the ground response, if need be, but it will be very different as to last time due to Delta.
- Should not have to be doing border mahi, don't know why they don't deploy the army?
- Our buildings closed lots of mahi to do.

- Get your vaccine as soon as you can, we will be pushing that messaging now.
- Many resources going out from our portfolios.

Ministry of Social Development:

- Stay home save lives. Get Vaccinated - simplicity of the messages is important.
- Different knowledge systems – importance of having all the kōrero and perspectives.
- This kōrero can go in many directions but key thing is two kaupapa – manaakitanga & whānaungatanga.

23. Kahukuraariki

- Noticed a lot of people in town weren't wearing masks or signing in/out using the app at the supermarket.
- Control what we can control, getting the right messaging out there.
- Keeping in touch with vulnerable whānau members.
- Referring people to well-resourced sources.

24. Whaingaroa

- Hui this morning to dust off old plans and check they are kept current.
- Vaccinations – for our health team, that had been slow, now with Delta and lockdown, there was a good push across forum to make sure they are happening.
- Different approach this time – need for essential worker support – whether kai or transport issues.
- Met with our marae and key kōrero, needing to better understand what the delta variant is and what the impact is.
- Different this time around – not wanting to put everyone on the front line with the delta variant.
- Our marae hui will be daily and will carry on until we have a better understanding.

25. Ngāpuhi

- Most of our workers are working from home.
- TTT Border control – always a sore point for us, our whānau anxieties. Having our most vulnerable and kaumātua kuia protected as our biggest taonga.
- Keep in touch with me if anything will happen Hone.
- We can keep track of who's moving with cameras - if people are moving through, I don't think the media messaging is strong enough.
- Be mindful of blocking off those egresses to the north if it gets worse.

26. Ngatiwai

- Recognising ourselves and Ngati Whatua as impacted iwi in this space from Tāmaki. Different challenges.
- Aotea Great Barrier – assessing what are the needs, we will require more PPE and vaccines.
- We are having a zoom this afternoon with our hapu and marae to see what surges are taking place.
- Stay home save lives, get vaccinated – maintain the simple messaging. Comms advisor linked into national iwi comms network.
- Worried about access to vaccination and testing.
- We have a team dedicated to call those whānau who we worked with in 2020 and our kaumātua to do an iwi check in.

27. Ngati Whatua

- Complicated being in both Te Tai Tokerau and Tāmaki.
- Met with our staff and made sure they are all good.
- Delivering home based support services and PPE still being used.
- Assessing whānau need, whānau hapu marae hui tonight.
- Keep others safe by staying home, get vaccination, scan in.
- Reminder to check with the different locations of interest.
- Remote counselling offered from our staff.
- For any whānau in Tamaki – 0800 MY TE HA is still activated for whānau in need of support.

28. Te Roroa

- Met last night and this morning, reviewed business continuity plans and stood down non-essential teams.
- Closed beach accesses and Tāne-Mahuta. Runners from Auckland come in overnight, told them they need to isolate for 2 weeks.
- Getting in contact with kaumātua, kuia and whānau.
- Agree with simple clear messages that we are also sending.

29. Ngati Hine

- Support TTT border control.
- Testing centres open in Kawakawa.
- Redeploying our nursing team into testing station.
- Te Manawaroa o Ngati Hine – yet to have that discussion as to when that will be reactivated.
- A lot of traffic on the road going in both directions.
- Anything we can contribute to, please let us know.

30. Te Kahu o Taonui Communications (Kaye-Maree Dunn)

- Tracking different comms across government and updates from iwi partners.
- Three priorities – release high quality information through all Chairs and CEs, gather quality information about delta variant, see if we can share a doctors info.
- Providing support to Iwi comms leads on the ground, reigniting weekly get-togethers so we can share assets, documents, information. If you wish to utilise what we post on Te Kahu o Taonui Facebook page, feel free.
- Link in with Peter-Lucas and Iwi radio managers.

Iwi Lead CE:

- Key messaging – hard and strong, stay home, tracer apps, wear your masks, information around delta.
- Resourcing – if you haven't already, thinking that this could be longer than seven days. Ensure our whānau and regions are well resourced.
- Border control – subcommittee group first to put in actions. Needs to be sorted properly.
- Will confirm future hui dates for this forum.

Hui closed at 3.37pm by Peter-Lucas Jones with karakia whakamutunga.