



“Mā Whangaroa a Whangaroa e korero”

December 2021

Whangaroa Regional Hapū December 2021 Update

E ngā tongarerewā kua nunumia ki te pō, hoki wairua mai. Tē taea te karo i ngā tohunga kōkōrangī e kite ai ngā whetū hou kua whakaaria mai ngā ripeka ki runga te mata o tēnei whenua. Koutou katoa kua nunumia ki tua, koutou katoa kua āhuhua ki te pō, haere atu rā.

Tiro ki te whenua, tiro ki te tangata, mā te aha rā i te tiro ki ngā kāhui i te rangi e kore ai a wawata e wawata, a manako e manako, a moemoe e moemoeā!

E ngā piki kotuku o ao, o awatea, o ata — tui, tui, tuituia. Tēnei a Hine-te-raumati, a Tamanuiterā e whakamahana ake ana i a tātou, e whakawhiringa-ā-rangitia ai tātou katoa. Kia āheia te whakawhanaketanga o a tātou tamariki, a tātou mokopuna, me ngā reanga kei te haere mai.

Me whakamua, kia whakawhanake.

As the heat of Hine-te-raumati and Tamanuiterā again warms our lands, seas and waterways, Whangaroa Papa Hapū wishes to acknowledge all claimants, whānau and hapū and the wider community of Whangaroa that continue to support our strategies and activities, either in person or spirit, as we continue working towards our shared goals, developing within the present for those that follow after us.

Despite the different challenges surrounding the current pandemic - lockdowns, alerts, border controls, hui postponements and event cancellations - we have still managed to reach several milestones and have much to be thankful for, with much more to look forward to in 2022 and the future.



Whangaroa Regional Hapū Hui

For the first six months of 2021, ngā hapū o Whangaroa came together monthly at the Kaeo Rugby Sports Club. For the last six months, hui were less often and participants began attending via zoom, with management of, and access to, this technological tool improving each time.

Throughout the year, various whānau attended from over 12 hapū, consistently

reaffirming that Whangaroa hapū need to work together to achieve the best outcomes.

Importantly, the current activity is about developing a proposed mandate strategy to enable Whangaroa as a collective, to move forward towards a negotiation phase in the Waitangi Tribunal process. The current proposed strategy involves selecting hapū kaikorero, who have also been called kaikawekorero, kaimahi, and kaiārahi during discussions. This selection and appointment process is proving challenging as hapū grapple with initiating, planning, and managing this as a first step.

Given the previous failed attempts by Crown and various others, Whangaroa as a collective need to consider whether to **adopt or adapt** the current proposed mandate strategy.

Opportunities have been provided to present alternative models and strategies and these are available for whānau on request. Discussions around developing the Terms of Reference, or tikanga, for both kaikorero and hapū working together first, have also taken place.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū maintains that hapū themselves must develop the Terms of Reference for their own kaikorero, and it is genuinely understood that kai korero cannot be working in isolation.

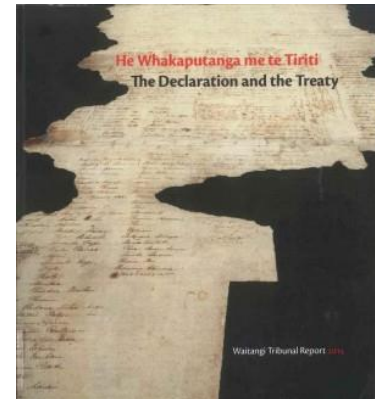
With the pandemic and other global and domestic crises continuing to remind us to look after ourselves, our whānau and those around us, what we know is that it will take time to make progress as there are mixed views and levels of knowledge of what a mandate strategy and redress process involves, as well as limited resources.

We are creating an inventory of what hapū and whānau require to be able to fully engage in what lies ahead. At the top is resources, as there is a desire to connect with each other,

and to connect we need to know who one other are.

We also know that, by December 2021, virtual Zhui attendees were outnumbering those physically in attendance, and it was agreed that 2022 Whangaroa Regional Hapū Hui will primarily be held online.

As we continue to take small steps, everyone participating is encouraged to read about how the Crown approaches negotiations, by reading **The Red Book**, recently updated with the Crown Overlapping Interests Policy - <https://www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/treaty-settlements/the-red-book/>



Stage Two Report

There were rumours that the Stage Two Wai1040 Te Paparahi o Te Raki Tribunal Report was to be released before Christmas 2021. Although this has not occurred, we are aware however that the report writing process is nearing completion, and hope to receive official information in the New Year.

Meanwhile, those wishing to access the Stage One report, which maintains that those rangatira who signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi on behalf of their hapū did not cede sovereignty to the Crown, is available online here [Report on Stage 1 of the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry Released | Waitangi Tribunal](#)

Hiko ki Tamaki-makau-rau

In July, we were able to travel as a roopu to meet with Whangaroa whanaunga based in Tamaki-makau-rau. Accomodated at Te Aka Matua ki Te Pou Hawaiki Marae, on the University of Auckland Epsom Campus, whānau arrived from as far south as Port Waikato and communicated their support for moving forward as a Whangaroa collective.

Whānau also expressed a desire for hold further Whangaroa focussed hui and wānanga in Tamaki-makau-rau and whānau members, iCinamon Whitlock and Terry Tauroa, were nominated to coordinate these.

Wānanga will commence in 2022. Please send us an email, or contact them directly, if you would like to be included in the Tamaki-makaurau email address network.



Auckland based whānau at Epsom marae (July 2022)

Sovereign Investment fund

In February, the Crown announced the Tupu Tonu Trust, a new Crown company to manage a \$150M investment fund to grow the asset base that can be offered by the Crown in negotiations with ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi.

The Whangaroa Papa Hapū insist that commercial redress for the Whangaroa region must be retained in Whangaroa and suggestions put to the Tupu Tonu Trust by the

Whangaroa Papa Hapū so far have been declined due to a company policy determining that investment in the Whangaroa region be focussed on forestry and aqua-marine developments.

Attempts to meet in person with Tupu Tonu have not yet come to fruition. It is intended to discuss this policy as the Whangaroa Papa Hapū does not consider it to be in the best interests of ngā hapū o Whangaroa.

Hapu Database Development

Ben Tairea from Ahau Digital presented in February and July in both Whangaroa and Auckland, and after the genuine interest shown by whānau, has been engaged to assist in connecting whānau online through the Ahau.Io program.

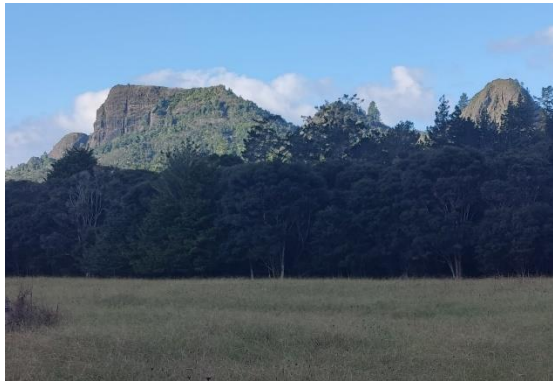
Online registration sessions have commenced and will continue to take place from 5.30pm-7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. (See Calendar of Upcoming Events).

Those interested in attending should email admin@whangaroapapahapu.org.nz.



Ben Tairea, co-director, facilitating the first online Ahau Onboarding Session (December 20220)

Māu e tiaki kei kōnā mā tātou,
Mākū e tiaki kei kōnei mā tātou.



Sites of Cultural Significance

In January, Heritage New Zealand-Pouhere Taonga (HNZ) Trustees, led by Chair Hon. Marion Woods, visited Whangaroa. This was to commence the Sites Project, whereby registering significant sites through existing Crown legislation will assist in the protection of culturally significant sites from damage and disruption caused by development and mining for instance.

Taratara Hapū Hui were held in May at Otangaroa Marae, following an application by kuia Pat Tauroa, and Ihapera (Babe) Baker to register maunga Taratara as a waahi tūpuna. With support from the hui, Taratara has been successfully placed on the national register.



Hinemoa, Mavis, Atareiria, MJ Martin, Dennis below Tangitu

An application by Anaru Kira, Awhirangi Lawrence, Pat Tauroa, Bill Hori, Raiha Fredrickson and Alan Heta is being considered to register Tangitu as a waahi tapū. A site visit was conducted in August with Researcher Dennis Ngawhare (previously pictured), who is responsible for developing reports for HNZ, based on the information supplied by the applicants, and any additional research he is able to undertake.

Further support for the Site Project has been provided by HNZ to record interviews and gather information regarding cultural sites of significance. This not only helps to protect the sites from development, but also the mātauranga Māori. All information will be stored in the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Library and Archives and is available on request.

If whānau are interested in this project, would like a particular site registered, a specific person interviewed, or copies of the reports, email admin@whangaroapapahapu.org.nz.

Submissions for Māori Wards

In May, both Anaru Kira and Pat Tauroa presented submissions to the extraordinary meeting of the Far North District Council in favour of creating Māori Wards. Motivated by our whanaunga Moko Tepania, this motion was won, and represents another milestone in the development of local politics and governance for Māori.



Pat, Moko Tepani, Anaru & Ruth Heta at FNDC, Kaikohe

Relationship Development

The Whangaroa Papa Hapū have recently begun developing a relationship with Te Kura Tangata, the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland. The initial online Zhui was well attended and feedback from ngā hapū who participated was overwhelmingly in support.



Kevin Herewini, Karanga Pourewa, Georgina Lawrence at Whangaroa Gamefish following Te Kura Tangata Zhui

Academic Success

Congratulations to all those who have achieved their academic goals in 2021, regardless of level, subject or institute.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū particularly acknowledge three wāhine Māori – Miriam Nelson, Waiatua Hikuwai, Kawhena Paul - who have completed their Level 4 Certificate of Museum Practice after almost 3 years of study, elongated by pandemic interruptions and other circumstances.

Their journey has involved hikoī to museums and GLAM-focused events in Kaitaia, Waitangi and Russell. These wāhine have also assisted in the development of policies and procedures for the Whangaroa Papa Hapū Library and Archives, to ensure the long term appropriate storage and handling of our taonga.

Through networking and visits such as these (pictured below), the vision to acquire a purpose-built facility to house and share our growing collections of taonga is becoming more important and will become a focus point from 2022 onwards.



Kororareka Musums hosts surround students & supporting whānau from Whangaroa.

Whangaroa Moving Forward

Te Arawhiti, Department of Māori-Crown Relations have agreed to continue supporting the Whangaroa Papa Hapū in a series of hui and other activities in the development of a strategic manifesto to progress redress for Whangaroa hapū.

Te Puni Kokiri, Māori Development have also agreed to assist with Hapū development, such as building the Ahau hapū and whānau database project to improve connectivity with whānau and hapū members residing elsewhere.

Te Puni Kokiri have also funding Kaupare Legal to develop a booklet containing information on the range of organisational structures considered suitable for hapū. These will be distributed to those hapū who registered for the Kai-a-Roto program in the New Year.

Whangaroa Papa Hapū continues to encourage all hapū to meet and discuss issues of hapū lands, hapū boundaries, Waitangi Tribunal Claims and Claimants and their areas

of interest, overlapping areas of interest, and hapū elections.

These issues will be key to future steps in progression of redress.

Calendar of Events

January – March 2022

5 January	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau
19 January	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau
21 January	Whangaroa Regional Hapū Hui Online Meeting ID: 864 0800 6123 Passcode: 123456
9 February	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau
4 February	Whangaroa Te Tiriti o Waitangi Exhibition & Event
23 February	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau
9 March	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau
23 March	Ahau Database Development Online Workshop – Register your Whānau

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Kaupapa and other Inquiry Updates

Wai45 – Renewed Muriwhenua Land

This renewed inquiry is being prompted by Te Runanga-a-Iwi-o-Ngāti Kahu into the Crown's handling of Ngāti Kahu land interests in the Muriwhenua settlement. The current inquiry program indicates 2022 will focus on research into the connection of Ngāti Kahu to specific lands, including land interests in Whangaroa.

Wai2522 - TPPA

The Waitangi Tribunal has found that the Crown has failed to protect Māori rights and interests in data, and data sovereignty in the international agreements forged under TPPA. Calls to cease agreements and breaches are ongoing.

Wai2500 – Military Veterans

The Presiding Judge has recently released the draft Statement of Issues for comment and feedback from claimants and interested parties.

Wai2575 – Health Services and Outcomes

Research priorities have been compiled and researchers are currently being appointed to undertake Tribunal commissioned research to support this inquiry. An Urgent Inquiry into the government's handling of Covid-19 has recently taken place, with a summary report forthcoming.

Wai2700 – Mana Wahine

Three Tuapapa Hearings have been held to date, with two more scheduled for 2022. A new approach to providing evidence, Takapou Whariki, is currently being developed and discussed via Judicial Conferences.

For all Kaupapa and other Inquiries, Whangaroa claimants should maintain contact their counsel for regular and ongoing updates.