

# Our News

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## Chair's Corner

Karen Tataiwhetu Vercoe



*Ko tēnei taku mihi ki a koutou e noho mai rā i runga o tātau marae maha o Te Arawa, otirā, ki te whānau, whānui o te motu ki tāwāhi hoki, tēnā koutou.*

*Me te tangi aruaru anō hoki ki te kāhui whakangaro, ngā kākā wahanui o te Wao nui ā Tāne, ngā Kaihautū o ngā Marae o Te Arawa, rātau kua huri kaweka nei, haere atu, tahuri atu, whakangaro atu rā.*

*Tihe mauriora ki te Whai Ao, ki te Ao Mārama. E taku iti, e taku rahi, e rau Rangatira mā, ka nui te mihi atu ki a koutou e tautoko ake ngā mahi o Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa. E whai ake nei, ko ngā kupu hai whakamaharatia te huarahi e pa ana ki enēi mahi katoa.*

*No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.*

**S**adly, this year started off with the passing of one of our esteemed kaumatua and trustee, Arama Pirika. Kia koutou kua wheturangitia, haere, koutou, haere, haere atu ra.

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on 12 March 2017 at Parawai Marae, hosted by Ngati Tura Te Ngakau. Although it was a wet day we had a great turnout with almost all affiliates represented.

At the AGM, we were able to explain our activities in a clear accountability matrix which also included our sustainability strategy to trim excess expenditure and seek additional financial support.

Thanks to our team, Wally, Dawn and Tahnee for a smooth AGM and also our two advisors who attended. Auditors: Trevor Newland of Ngati Rangiwewehi descent and our Accountant from Deloitte, Mana Newton of Ngati Tahu / Ngati Whaoa descent.

Thank you to those that provided us with positive feedback on the recently held AGM. Feedback included:

*Don't forget our journey from the past*

*Efficiency*

*Nice to see wahine at the table*

*Well run AGM*

*Transparent dialogue*

*Clearest information on financials ever had  
Have come a long way to where we've been  
Finished well ahead of time*

*It was a great AGM, all the information was there*

*Will share these positive reports with my Affiliate  
This is a collective settlement do not forget the smaller Affiliates*

*Transparent positive relationship between Chair and Management*

### Second Distribution from Te Arawa Group Holdings

By now some of our Affiliates have commenced the certification process in order to receive the second distribution of \$100,000 from TAGH. These are exciting times for our affiliates as we are now starting to benefit from the great work of our commercial entity TAGH (Te Arawa Group Holdings).

### Financial Sustainability

I am pleased to report that we are progressing our discussions with TAGH regarding financial support for TPT. Last year we held our first Board to Board meeting and this year we had our first

Audit and Risk Subcommittee meetings together. Both subcommittees are now charged with finding an adequate solution to TPT's financial sustainability issue.

For those who are unaware TPT will exhaust its cash reserves by 2022, however these estimations have been made without consideration of any CNI / Mana Whenua expenses. We have had indicative quotes that CNI / Mana Whenua expenses will be costly to TPT.

### Comments / Suggestions / Feedback

As the Chair of TPT I am open to receiving your comments and feedback. My email details are: [chairperson@tpota.org.nz](mailto:chairperson@tpota.org.nz)

*Karen Vercoe*



# Measuring whanau well-being

About September 2016 a series of workshops facilitated by Waka Digital Ltd, noted interest by those affiliates who attended to learn more about developments in a New Zealand Maori Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) and opportunity for TPT to participate in its early development.



The last newsletter described (GPI) as a system of measure suggested to replace, or supplement, gross domestic product (GDP) as an indicator of economic growth. The GPI is designed to take fuller account of the well-being of people.

Indicators factored into GPI include cultural values, depletion, pollution, and long-term environmental damage not accounted for in GDP measurement.

GPI is an attempt to measure whether the environmental impact and social costs of

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economic production and consumption in a country (in this case Te Arawa) are negative or positive factors in the overall health and well-being of the people.

### Joint Application

Management has been working with Dr Anthony Cole Ipansophy Limited and Aaron McCallion, Waka Digital, in a joint application to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment for funding assistance over a 2year period. TPT's contribution will be in kind. Integration of the beneficiary register could be an be an integral component of this project.

The goal is oranga tangata, oranga taiao. The GPI accounting system will give TPT and its affiliates data and analysis needed to understand how we can grow wealth in a way that also grows ecological, social and cultural wellbeing.

## Mana Whenua

### Ngati Rangitihi Comprehensive Settlement

Ngati Rangitihi are currently negotiating their comprehensive Treaty Settlement Claim. Preliminary data indicates potential overlapping interest. Meetings have been held with Office of Treaty Settlement (OTS) to understand the detail of Ngati Rangitihi's Claim and its possible impact on TPT's settlement. OTS advised negotiations will focus primarily on cultural and historical redress. This detail is being provided by Ngati Rangitihi to OTS, for consideration by the Crown, and subsequent notification to TPT for consultation with the appropriate Affiliate. It is expected this will occur in late May or June 2017. Affiliates who have expressed potential overlapping interest include, Ngati Rongomai, Ngati Tarawhai and Tuhourangi. Other affiliates may be affected once the detail is known.



### Northern CFL's

Mana whenua discussions over the Northern Crown Forest lands are continuing with Ngati Raukawa and is work in progress. The three affiliates in kanohi ki te kanohi with Ngati Raukawa include Ngararanui, Tuhourangi and Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara. Agreement has been reached between Ngati Rangitihi and Ngati Whakaue over the Northern Cluster.

### Southern CFL's

It is understood discussions have occurred between Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa and those CNI Affiliates with interest in the Southern CFL's. Concern has been raised with the Board that TPT needs to be included in all kanohi ki te kanohi discussions on mana whenua matters in regard to all CFL's in which TPT have an interest. We are working with Ngati Tahu, Ngati Whaoa for an updated position.

# Adjudicated Blocks Update

In 2015 Ngati Manawa took a case against the CNI Iwi Holdings and others regarding their mana whenua claim in the CNI, Crown Forest Lands.

This followed appointment of an adjudication panel to determine allocation with their findings disclosed in a report dated June 2014. Following a decision of the High Court hearing held on 2nd June 2016, in regard to Ngati Manawa case, the Adjudication Panel was instructed to reconvene to properly complete the allocation process as required by the CNI Act. The Adjudication Panel submitted its second report to CNI Iwi Holdings in November 2016. It is the view of the Directors of CNI Iwi Holdings, that the statements made by the Adjudicators require clarification to ensure they are consistent with the Deed of Settlement and Judge Ellis' decision and sought a legal opinion. CNI Iwi Holdings Board is now seeking clarification from the Adjudication Panel on issues raised by Counsel and will provide a report as soon as the Panel has given a response. The decision will affect Ngati Manawa, Ngati Whare, Ngai Tuhoe, Ngati Tuwharetoa, TPT and Ngati Rangitahi in different amounts.

## Equity & the Spreadsheet Tool

Under the Mana Whenua project a spreadsheet tool has been developed to highlight and better understand the equity issue and enhance decision making in the mana whenua process. The tool uses the principle of "equal levels of satisfaction" and is guided by a paper presented to the Board in 2006 by Howard Moore.

We are finalising valuation formulas for insertion into the tool and once completed will be socialised with each affiliate. This will give each affiliate the opportunity to better understand the equal levels of satisfaction principle, to question and if necessary challenge or reaffirm the background research, and the valuation assumptions/formula. The purpose is to assist affiliates in their decision making for mana whenua/equity matters.

## Registration of Beneficiaries

The number of beneficiaries registered and validated by their koeke as at 1/05/17 are shown in the table below.

If you wish to register as a beneficiary to any one or more Hapū or Iwi listed:

- Complete the registration form online at [www.tpot.org.nz](http://www.tpot.org.nz) or
- Email [office@tpota.org.nz](mailto:office@tpota.org.nz) or
- Phone (07) 347 4615 to request a registration form.

Registration will give you:

- a vote at your Affiliate AGM meeting
- participation in the trustee election for your Affiliate
- participation in trustee election for TPT board of trustees
- entitlement to free seasonal hunting permit within Kaingaroa forestry and hunting or gaming in Rotoehu forestry

No.	Iwi / Hapu	Registered
1	Ngāti Rongomai	1632
2	Ngāti Pikiao	3897
3	Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao	3721
4	Ngāti Tahu Ngāti Whaoa	1722
5	Ngāti Tarawhai	1335
6	Ngati Uenukukopako	2524
7	Ngati Tutenui	1321
8	Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangī	1852
9	Ngati Tura Ngati Te Ngakau	655
10	Ngati Kearoa Ngati Tuara	900
11	Ngararanui	866
<b>Number of beneficiaries registered</b>		<b>11,320</b>
<b>Registered beneficiaries that Whakapapa to more than one Iwi/Hapu</b>		<b>9,105</b>
<b>Total beneficiaries registered</b>		<b>20,425</b>

# Nau mai haere mai



Can't wait to meet,  
**those tiny little feet!**

May your dear little baby boy,  
So, precious, new and free,  
Bring a whole world of pleasures,  
So, special for you three.

## Newsy Bitsy Corner

### Welcome

#### Teteira Hikairo Ormsby Vili

We are pleased to announce Tahnee Ormsby delivered a healthy baby boy at 1.58am on 24 March 2017 weighing 6lbs 12oz.



## Welcome Mariana

An extended welcome also to Mariana Vercoe who has joined us temporarily to fulfil the role of Administrator/Receptionist whilst Tahnee is on parental leave. May you enjoy your time with us at TPT Mariana.

*Ko Te Arawa te waka*

*Ko Ngati Pikiāo me Ngati Rangiteaorere nga iwi*

*Ko Ngati Hinekura me Ngati Tamateatutahi/  
Ngati Kawiti nga hapu*

*Ko Matawhaura me Whakapoungakau nga pae  
maunga*

*Ko Rotoiti te moana*

*Ko Okere me Waiohewa nga awa*

*Ko Pounamunui, Tapuaeharuru me Mataikotare  
nga marae*

*Ko Mariana Sherrie Vercoe ahau*



# Ngāti Tarāwhai Looks to the Future with Confidence

As part of its strategic plan to increase its business value and invest significantly in the education future of its tamariki mokopuna, in April 2015 Ngati Tarāwhai officially opened its purpose-built early childhood centre, Te Puna Reo o Puāwai in Pohutukawa Drive, Owhata.



**Ruiha Christie Centre manager with tamariki**

**A**n immersion Māori puna reo, it is licensed for a maximum of 40 tamariki including up to 16 tamariki under two years old. A teacher led centre, its vision and philosophy is underpinned by Ngāti Tarāwhai tikanga.

In its first and only review to date carried out in December 2016, the Education Review Office reported the tamariki learn in an environment that promotes the aspirations of Ngāti Tarāwhai. They learn about their iwi and hapū histories and stories, share their pepeha and recite the mātāpono of the puna daily. Tamariki support kaikōrero with waiata tawhito, karakia and hīmene.

The report also stated the teacher roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and that they support each other well. Individual pouako strengths are utilised well in the

planning and delivery of learning programmes which provides leadership opportunities for new staff. Ngāti Tarāwhai tikanga has contributed to the development of the curriculum and assessment of the tamariki's learning.

The learning programme and environment provide challenge, interest and security for the tamariki. The puna is spacious and allows tamariki to explore freely. The programme has both structure and unstructured activities that support their interests. The puna is well resourced and provides a range of activities and opportunities to exploration and imaginative play, including pō whakangāhau and marae trips. Tamariki benefit from a programme that is well managed, consistent and predictable. The centre manager and team leader have well established relationships with parents and whānau.

The puna is managed effectively. The Iwi Trust has set a strategic direction that focuses on the holistic development of the tamariki. The strategic plan is informed by the centres mission statement to provide the best early learning experience for tamariki with tamariki being at the heart of decision making.

Centre manager, Ruiha Christie said, "Our team bring their own unique skills to the floor that provide a holistic approach to the learning environment. Collaboration is what makes the Puna strive to achieve and meet the needs of the tamariki, their whānau and the community. The aspiration for the Puna is to provide learning opportunities that are based upon a Māori world view and Ngāti Tarāwhai history. We want our tamariki to become confident and competent learners and have a sense of belonging."

# I roto i te mahara

## In Memory

### Poiti 'Boydie' Pirika

16/2/1941 - 25/2/2017



**P**oiti Arama-Karaka Pirika (also known as Boydie) was born 16 Feb 1941 at the whānau homestead, Hinemoa Point and was number six of eleven children, born to Nireaha and Tinipoai Pirika. Dad attended Rotokawa School and Rotorua High School during his formative years. As a youngster, he and his older brother by 3 years, Te Amotawa (Pinder), were called on by the old people to fetch and gather whatever was needed. And the old people only spoke Māori to them. Dad was of the generation where Māori wasn't allowed to be spoken inside the school gates, but that never deterred them.

As a young fulla, Dad had a gift for fixing things either mechanical or electrical and had considered going in to the airforce as an engineer. That changed when at the age of 18, he boarded a bus and headed down to Lower Hutt, to find fame and fortune amongst his other Te Arawa family members who were already making a life for themselves in the big smoke.

Dad and Mum raised us kids in Upper Hutt in the early 1960's and life was great back in those days. We always returned home to Rotorua every xmas to be with our whānau and ensuring our roots were firmly fixed within us, was an important thing for Mum and Dad.

In 1987, Mum and Dad returned to Rotorua permanently and they quickly settled in by opening a business located in Haupapa Street,

called 'Munchies Lunch Bar'. It was a popular place where many of the customers not only ate, but a number of impromptu hui were also held.

Mum and Dad were also known to allow some of their customers to book-up their kai, which from a business perspective may not have been ideal, but from a relationship point of view, they were more than comfortable with. The bills were still paid thankfully.

After selling the shop, Dad took another career path and in 1999 graduated with a Certificate in Mental Health and began working at Te Aroha o Hinemaru residential home. He was eventually employed as Pou Awhina in Mental Health in 2002 where he worked until his retirement in 2014 at the tender age of 73.

Dad received a number of accolades and in 2008, he was appointed the Kaumātua for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). His tireless work with and for Māori with mental illness, his leadership and guidance in relation to appropriate service provision to Māori, and his extensive contributions to the work of the College as Kaumatua were acknowledged by receiving the RANZCP's Mark Sheldon Award in 2010. Dad was the second ever NZ recipient to receive this award, Sir Meihana Durie being

the first, of whom Dad held in great regard.

Whilst paving a career, Dad was also very much involved with our many Marae and whenua trusts we affiliated to, the Te Arawa Trust Board (as it was known then) and Ngā Kaihautu which eventually transitioned to Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa. Dad, along with his brothers Te Hei, Pinder (Te Amotawa), Mita and Paraone worked tirelessly for our respective affiliate iwi/hapū of Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa - Ngāti Tuteniu, Ngāti Uenukukopako and Ngāti Te Roro o te Rangi. More recently, Dad worked tirelessly as the Chair for Te Pukenga Kōeke o Te Arawa and this was a role that he cherished.

Dad was a gentle soul who was selfless, supportive and one of the hardest working elder statesmen I knew. The tributes that flowed and continue to flow about his exploits, his passions and his love for his family and friends are without par. Dad has left a legacy and many examples that we can only continue to aspire to.

E Pā, e whakangaro atu ana koe i te tirohanga kanohi, ko ngā aroha mōu e pūmau tonu ki te whatumanawa, ā, kai te tangi tonu mātau mōu.

Nga mihi

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