



### Chair's Foreword

Tēnā koutou

Tēnei te mihi atu kia koutou. He mihi aroha kia koutou katoa ngā uri o Ngāti Pūkenga, otirā Te Tāwera me Ngāti Ha.

He mihi hoki kia koutou ngā kaiwhakahaere o Te Au Maaro o Ngāti Pūkenga mo o koutou manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga hoki mo Ngāti Pūkenga whānui. He mihi tēnei mai ngā kāinga e whā me ngā whānau katoa o Ngāti Pūkenga.

Kua homai koutou te rākau kia mātou o Te Tāwharau inaianei. Nā reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Te Au Maaro is now in the process of winding up (as planned from the very beginning), and as Chair of Te Tāwharau, I would like to congratulate and thank the past and current trustees of Te Au Maaro for your commitment to and leadership of the Treaty settlement negotiations. You handled a truly difficult process with dignity – ka nui tēnā!

In 2015 Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga is entering another phase of our evolution, but the challenges remain the same – even though we have received some of our Ngāti Pūkenga settlement, as predicted the settlement is not enough to do anything meaningful without taking the risk of running out of money within 2 - 5 years.

The settlement was agreed on the understanding that we (Ngāti Pūkenga) would do everything in our power to grow our assets and to use them wisely for the benefit of successive generations of Ngāti Pūkenga people.

So even though we have more money in the bank than Ngāti Pūkenga has ever had before, Te Tāwharau is expected to use that money to make more money and make sure new generations of Ngāti Pūkenga get something from the settlement too. So your trustees have had to make some difficult but necessary decisions.

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Have you seen the new Ngāti Pūkenga Iwi Website?

[www.ngatipukenga.com](http://www.ngatipukenga.com)

If you have some high resolution photos of the kāinga and would like to share them for the website please email:

[tetawharau@ngatipukenga.com](mailto:tetawharau@ngatipukenga.com)

## Important Hui Dates

### KAINGA HUI

Saturday 2nd May, 10am — Pakikaikutu  
Tamaterau Hall, Whangarei Heads, Whangarei

Sunday 3rd May, 10am — Manaia  
Manaia Marae, Manaia

Saturday 9th May, 10am — Maketu  
Maketu Surf Lifesaving Club, Beach road, Maketu

Sunday 10th May, 11am — Tauranga  
Ngāti Pūkenga Iwi ki Tauranga Trust, Te Whetu o te Rangi Marae

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Te Tāwharau o  
**Ngāti Pūkenga**

## Chair's Foreword cont'd

As a group of trustees, we have cut back the number of activities the Trust will engage in in the 2015/16 year so we can live within the Trust's means. The activities we have agreed to fund this year are set out in the table.

We are confident these priorities will provide Ngāti Pūkenga with some huge opportunities, but we will also have to work in conjunction with each kāinga to find ways of funding and/or investing in helping each kāinga to realise your aspirations. The first step will be assisting our kāinga to develop Kāinga strategic plans. It is vital we hear from you so we urge you to attend the Kāinga hui we will be holding in May 2015.

This is going to be a difficult year but it could also be exciting and fun! We need to remind ourselves of how to have fun while we also go about achieving the things we want, but we need to work together to get there.

As a final word, I also wanted to remind you all that with the election of new trustees just around the corner, we need really capable people as our trustees. These will be the people who will have to make sure we use our settlement wisely and our settlement helps us build up our resources for future generations as well as for the current ones.

I urge you to think hard about your nominations for and election of trustees and alternate trustees – your choices will be critical.

In the meantime, kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui!  
Nā,  
Rahera

| STRATEGIC OUTCOME  | PRIORITIES FOR 2015/16   |
|--|--|
| Excellent Governance Practice                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustee elections</li> <li>Implementing the strategic plan</li> </ul>   |
| Management of Assets                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish off the negotiations (TMIC and Hauraki Collective)</li> <li>Get our legislation introduced into Parliament</li> <li>Support Ngāti Pūkenga Investments Limited</li> </ul> |
| Whanau actively participating                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help the kāinga to develop their Kāinga plans</li> <li>Provide contributions to the marae refurbishments for the wharenui at Manaia and the wharekai at Tauranga</li> </ul>     |
| Strong and enduring leadership                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support younger members of Ngāti Pūkenga to develop a programme of events</li> </ul>  |
| Sustainable Economic and Business Development              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine Business in a Box</li> </ul>   |
| Strong and positive profile for Ngāti Pūkenga is developed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to establish kāinga entities in Pakikaikutu and Maketū</li> </ul>  |

## Negotiations - Transfer of Mandate

As advised in the last panui, Hauraki Collective negotiations have been halted due to Waitangi Tribunal proceedings revived by five of the Hauraki iwi. These same proceedings are stopping our individual and TMIC Deeds being introduced to Parliament.

Although we are trying to resolve these proceedings, these things take time, and we have not been able to progress since our last panui.

In the meantime, there is another matter to address. For the past five years, the Crown has recognised Te Au Maaro o Ngāti Pūkenga ("Te Au Maaro") as the appropriate entity to represent Ngāti Pūkenga in settlement negotiations with the Crown.

Although Te Au Maaro has concluded our individual and TMIC negotiations, the Hauraki negotiations still continue. For some time, we have been foreshadowing the winding up of Te Au Maaro and that time is now, but Ngāti Pūkenga will need an entity to complete the Hauraki negotiations. Te Tāwharau signs the Settlement Deeds, is responsible for seeing our settlement become law and it is managing the settlement assets we've received from the Crown to date, so it is logical that Te Tāwharau should continue with the settlement negotiations.

Te Tāwharau will therefore seek your approval of the following resolution at the kāinga hui next month:

*That Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Trust becomes the iwi entity mandated to complete negotiations with the Crown for the settlement of all of the historical Treaty of Waitangi claims of Ngāti Pūkenga whānui with thanks given to Te Au Maaro o Ngāti Pūkenga for the work they have done throughout the negotiations.*

Voting will only take place at these hui so come along and have your say. In the meantime, if you have any questions, just contact the office (either by email or freephone) or ask your Trustees.

## Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Elections

Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga will be holding its first election this year:

- One Trustee and one Alternate must be elected from each kāinga
- The initial term is two years for Manaia and Maketu trustees/alternates and three years for Pakikaikutu and Tauranga
- Trustees/alternates must be:
  - On the Ngati Pukenga Register;
  - Have chosen the kāinga that they are seeking to be elected in; and
  - Not otherwise disqualified as per standard criteria
- Retiring Trustees are eligible for reappointment

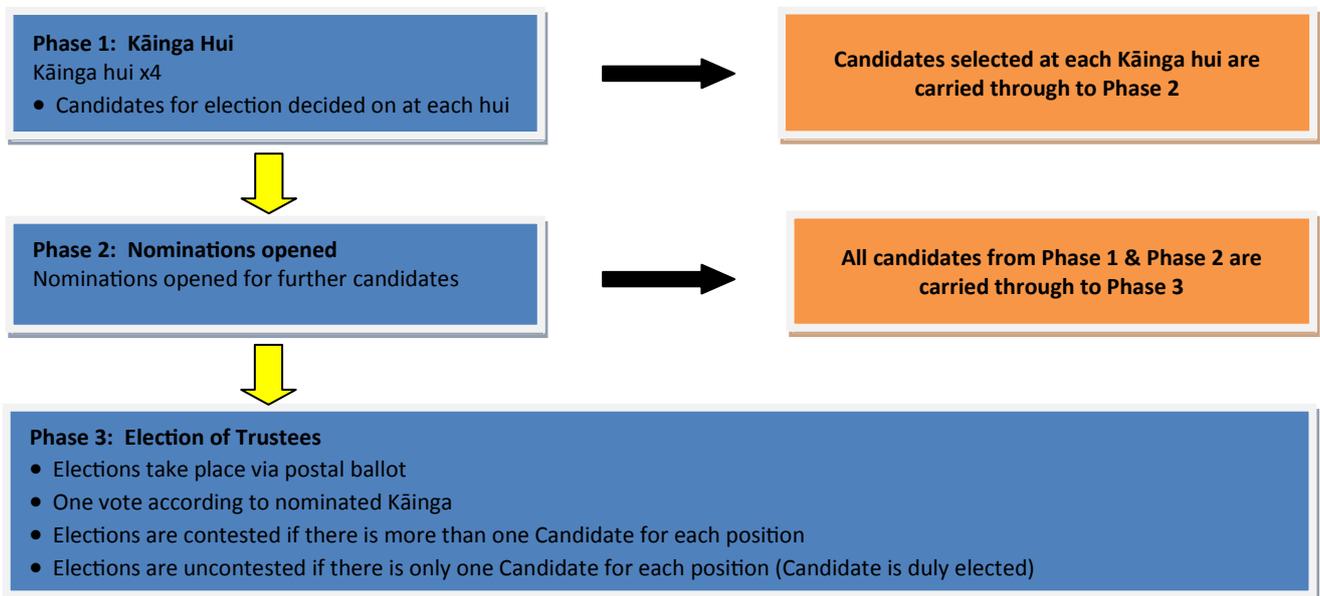
a long term strategic direction for a period of 5 to 50 years. Our Trust Board therefore needs people with the following skills:

- Planning and strategic thinking to maintain a future focus
- Social development experience
- Cultural development experience
- Business development knowledge
- A good communicator who will keep people informed and respond to kāinga issues
- Ensure Ngāti Pūkenga infrastructure is in place and robust
- Lateral thinking and problem solving skills
- Financial literacy to monitor the financial performance and assets of Ngāti Pūkenga
- Governance experience of any kind
- Community oriented

The primary role of Te Tāwharau is to build the platform for intergenerational development of Ngāti Pūkenga and to develop

So make sure you come along to your kāinga hui!

### Election Process



### Iwi Database

As noted in previous issues, there may be whanau who are not receiving the panui. This can be due to several reasons:

- We don't have an address for them, or is it the wrong address because they have moved and not updated their address with us
- They are registered but haven't provided a date of birth which means we are unable to determine if they are of voting age (18+). The panui gets sent to whanau who are of voting age.
- The person is not registered on the Iwi database

Anyone not receiving this panui need to call us on **0800 895 212** so we can update their details and ensure they get important panui and voting forms for the upcoming Trustee elections.

### Poroporoaki

He maimai aroha, he mōteatea tā te ngākau ki a John Yuill, ki te hoa tāne o Rāhera Ohia ka ngaro i te ia taiheke ki Te Reinga. Haere atu rā ki te iwi nui tonu i te pō. Waiho mai tō hoa wahine hei urupā kōrero, hei taunga mahara ki a koe. John, e moe i tō moenga roa

# Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 10 May 2015, 10am**  
**Ngāti Pūkenga Iwi ki Tauranga Trust office**  
**612 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga**

Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga is holding a Special General Meeting on Sunday, 10 May 2015, to discuss and vote on the following resolution:

*That Ngāti Pūkenga Iwi approves the transfer of assets of up to \$10 million (either in one transaction or a number of transactions) by Te Tawharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Trust to Te Tawharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Charitable Trust for a period of 10 years.*

Some time ago, we held a number of hui in our kāinga to ascertain your thoughts as to how the Treaty settlement assets should be managed. As a result of these hui, it was proposed that we set up the Te Tāwharau Group as below.

Te Tāwharau has begun the process of setting up the Group and has established a charitable trust which will focus on “building our people, not an empire”. It is called the Te Tāwharau o Ngāti Pūkenga Charitable Trust (“Charitable Trust”) and a copy of its Trust Deed is available on our website or can be requested from our office.

The main points to note about the Charitable Trust are that it will:

- Have the same Trustees and Alternates as Te Tāwharau;
- Receive the assets from Te Tāwharau and hold them for ten years;
- Set up a commercial company to grow the iwi’s assets;
- Distribute income/profits to the Development Company for charitable, capability building activities; and
- Be taxed at 0% (note, Te Tāwharau is a Māori Authority and is taxed at 17.5%).

Now that we’ve set up the Charitable Trust, the next step is to transfer the assets Te Tāwharau receives from the Crown to the Charitable Trust. At some point in the future though, the assets will not need to be used wholly for charitable purposes and so they will need to be returned to Te Tāwharau. Thus the assets will only be transferred for ten years. To do this Te Tāwharau needs your approval.

You should have received a voting paper and freepost envelope. If any of these are missing or if you need replacements or assistance, contact Te Tāwharau by phone: 0800-895-212 or by email: tetawharau@ngatipukenga.com. Please read the voting paper carefully and return your vote either by post, by ballot box at our kāinga hui or by hand at the Special General Meeting.

You will see that we are running kāinga hui on 2,3 and 9 May 2015 and we will discuss the Special General Meeting resolution at those hui. If you are not able to attend those hui, but have any questions, please talk with your Trustees or call or email us at the office.

