

## Executive Director Report 2018



Kia hōra te marino

Kia Whakapapapounamu te moāna

Kia tere te kārohirohi

I a tatou e whai hua ana I a tatou mahi.

Kātahi, me wehi ki Te Atua, nōna te whakairo nui, kia tapu tōna ingoa ake tonu atu. Kā rua, me mahara hoki ki te hunga kua riro ki tu atu o Te Arai. Nā rātou I manakohia, nā mātou e whakatinanatia a rātou moemoea, hei whai kounga hoki I a mātou mahi. No reira e ngā mate, haere, haere, haere atu ra.

Kāti rā, ka āpiti hono, tatai hono, te hunga mate ki te hunga mate, ka āpiti hono, tatai hono, te hunga ora kite hunga ora. Tihei Mauriora!

Next year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> year since the establishment of Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira Inc. Two or three years prior, I was on a committee that organised Te Reo Maori immersion programmes under the banner of Te Whakatupuranga Rua Mano. At the time, the Labour Government were proposing the establishment of Runanga or mandated Iwi Voice through a Bill in Parliament. This was a key platform of their programme, Devolution, or the disestablishment of the Department of Maori Affairs and the redistribution of Vote Maori to iwi. In anticipation our committee consisting of representatives from Ngati Raukawa, Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngati Toa, developed a prototype constitution for use by the three iwi. Our constitution retains many characteristics of that prototype. The last significant change to the Constitution occurred in 2008 to include changes including representation and requirements of the Maori Fisheries Settlement Act. In August 2012, Ngati Toa's Deed of Settlement for Historical Claims was signed. The two documents form the basis for Ngati Toa's development.

To honour a promise made in 2009 the Runanga has agreed to review the Constitution and to extend the review to the Deed of Settlement. It has appointed a panel of Jeanette Grace, Baden Vertongen and Rawiri Faulkner. The panel will be coming your way to seek your participation in the review.

In many respects the past year has been one of consolidation of our various activities. It pleasing to see movement happening on our Kenepuru subdivision development. Stage 1 is well on its way to completion. 148 sections have been sold and allocated to builders. A further 6 hectares has been sold to Somerset, the aged residential care developer and a 1.5-hectare block sold to ABI a disability provider. Iwi members were given an opportunity to have first pick of the planned homes in stage 1 and a number have taken advantage of that opportunity.

In November last year Oratoa purchased Waitangirua Medical Centre to complement our other four centres. Much of the equipment was old and obsolete and we were fortunate in obtaining a sizable grant from the Maori Provider Development Scheme operated by the Ministry of Health. Our Primary

Health Organisation (PHO) now has over 18,000 registered clients. There are only two other iwi owned PHOs in Aotearoa.

You now would have heard, that the Runanga has been developing two significant but different projects. First being Community Housing and the second in aquaculture. Both projects emanate from Treaty Settlements. Community Housing from RFRs (Right of First Refusal) and the second from the Maori Aquaculture Settlement Act which was an outcome from our challenge to the Crown's assumption of ownership of the foreshore and seabed.

The Community Housing project will result in the Runanga managing approximately 900 HNZ properties with options to purchase. These properties are in Takapūwāhia, Mana, Titahi Bay Elsdon, and Linden. We will have a contractual arrangement with Ministry of Social Development who provide the tenants and 75% of the rent. We expect that this service will have approximately 30 positions not including maintenance personnel.

The aquaculture project will initially be a collaboration of Tauihu iwi and could extend to other owners within each AMA. Via the Aquaculture Settlement Act, iwi is entitled to 20% of new coastal space allocations. Eight new AMAs (Aquaculture Marine Areas) have been established in Golden Bay and Western Tasman Bay totalling a little over 2000 hectares. The iwi allocation is 200 hectares with 1/8<sup>th</sup> entitlement to Ngati Toa. Stage 1 will comprise of 139 lines with an expected 2-year production of approximately 3,200 tonnes.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that for year ending 30 June 2018 the consolidated result for the Runanga and Trust was a surplus of \$16m and a net worth of a little under \$200m. Personally I would like to thank the Chair and Board for their support and also thank the management team and staff for their hard work and loyalty which enabled us all to achieve a wonderful outcome for the year.

Kāti rā, he kupu whakamutunga, he meri kihirimete me nga mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou.



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