



**I, Steven May, Chief Executive Officer, hereby give notice that
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 9 August 2018
Time: 12.30pm
**Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa**

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

9 August 2018

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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 12 July 2018

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAWHITI-A-MARU MARAE, 111 RUATANIWHA ROAD, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 12 JULY 2018 AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Jeremy Harker, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Mrs Here Nissen, Mr Paul Kelly, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mr Adrian Manuel, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

IN ATTENDANCE: D Culshaw (Māori Relationships Manager), C Knight (Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist)

The meeting commenced with a pōhiri.

1 KARAKIA

Given by Mr K Hammond.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (Mayor), Steven May (CEO), Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert, and Mr Henare Mita.

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – Oranga Marae meeting 13 July at the War Memorial Hall

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hau Kāinga – out front of the marae floods, drainage by church is poor, school bus stops in middle of road when it is wet. They would like the drain piped by Council.

Electoral Commission Shona Manihera, Pania Kiwara, Cheanne Johnson – electoral roll Māori option closing date 2 August 2018, link between numbers on Māori roll and number of Māori seats in parliament, link between Māori roll and Māori wards in Wairoa.

Nathan Heath HBRC – introduction as a new HBRC manager based in Wairoa, background in soil science.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/54**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 June 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/55**

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That the Committee receives the report

CARRIED

TAKIWĀ REPORTS

Mr H Mita submitted a written report for the meeting.

Verbal reports from – Mrs Here Nissen, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Mr Adrian Manuel, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Mr P Kelly to email a written report to committee members.

Closing karakia given by Mr K Hammond.

The Meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2018.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT - 9 AUGUST 2018

Author: Duane Culshaw, Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development & Engagement Manager

Appendices:

1. Reo ki Tua Symposium 2018 [↓](#)
2. Rakaipaaka Takiwa Report - Aug 2018 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on Council and community activities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee RESOLVE to accept the selection of Fiona Wairau as representative for Māhia Mai Tawhiti takiwā, effective as of 9 August 2018.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee DISCUSS and RESOLVE the option of sending representatives to attend the Reo Ki Tua Language Revitalisation Symposium on Thursday, 23 August and Friday 24 August 2018.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee DISCUSS and RESOLVE to confirm their preferred meeting schedule for 2019.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee DISCUSS and RESOLVE to decide whether representatives will/will not utilise the HUB platform.

2. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 2.1 This is an update from the previous minutes (July) of the Māori Standing Committee.
- 2.2 **Client Service Request** – a kindly reminder for Māori Standing Committee members to refer any repair requests or complaints to the Client Service Request form (accessible via the Council website – Request It – Fit-it or Report it). This will ensure a prompt response to any matter.
- 2.3 **Council Forum Rotation** – the Māori Standing Committee resolved that they will rotate members to attend the Council Forum's to include the Chair and one other member (rotational). The following members are rostered for the next three Council Forum's – **Tuesday, 14 August – Sharon Cooper**, **Tuesday, 25 September – Whai-ora Maindonald**, **Tuesday, 6 November – Hereturikōkā Nissen**.
- 2.4 **Salute Wairoa Dedication** – the dedication for the touch table (currently located in the library) was conducted on Saturday, 21 July 2018 at the Wairoa War Memorial Hall. Many thanks to those who attended. At the same time, another touch table was blessed at the Wairoa Musuem, which also has the same information regarding Salute Wairoa. The event was a success and the touch tables are proving a well-deserved asset and resource for the community.

- 2.5 ***Remission of Rates for Land Used for Papa Kāinga Housing*** – as discussed at the previous Māori Standing Committee the Senior Rates Officer submitted a report to Council regarding the Policy for the Remission of Rates for Land Used for Papa Kāinga Housing. A workshop with Councillors is yet to be confirmed.

3. MSC REPRESENTATION – MĀHIA MAI TAWHITI (DECISIONAL)

- 3.1 On Sunday, 29 July 2018, the Māori Relationships Manager attended the Māhia Māori Committee monthly hui at Tuahuru Marae. During this time the selection process for a representative for Māhia Mai Tawhiti on the Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee was concluded.
- 3.2 We are pleased to announce that Fiona Wairau was selected to replace Anaru Te Nahu, who resigned earlier this year.
- 3.3 As a matter of protocol the process went as follows:- Apaapa-ā-Rangi Marae nominated, Tuahuru Marae seconded, Ruawharo Marae, Te Rakato Marae and Kaiuku Marae (abstained from voting, but agreed in principle) all supported the nomination. Mahanga Marae was absent.
- 3.4 A nomination (via email) was received, however, no one seconded the nomination and the nomination was defeated.
- 3.5 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee resolve to accept the selection of Fiona Wairau as representative for Māhia Mai Tawhiti takiwā.

4. REO KI TUA SYMPOSIUM (INFORMATIONAL, DISCUSSIONAL AND DECISIONAL)

- 4.1 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated will be hosting the third, Te Reo ki Tua Language Revitalisation Symposium on **Thursday, 23 August and Friday, 24 August 2018** in Hastings. This symposium will showcase some leading te reo Māori experts, as well as an array of second-language learners who have made careers out of their passion and dedication to the revitalisation of te reo Māori.
- 4.2 The theme for this year's symposium is "Karawhiti Taua – Deploy the Language Army" and aims to inspire second-language learners.
- 4.3 There is an opportunity for the Māori Standing Committee to send representatives to attend this two-day symposium. The agenda for the symposium has been attached.
- 4.4 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve the option of sending representatives to attend the Reo Ki Tua Language Revitalisation Symposium on Thursday, 23 August and Friday 24 August 2018.

5. MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2019 (DISCUSSIONAL AND DECISIONAL)

- 5.1 We seek direction from the Māori Standing Committee as to their preferred meeting schedule for 2019 – once per month or six-weekly. The meeting schedule for 2019 will be presented to Council on Tuesday, 4 September 2018 for confirmation.
- 5.2 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to confirm their preferred meeting schedule for 2019.

6. MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE HUB PLATFORM (DISCUSSIONAL AND DECISIONAL)

- 6.1 We seek direction from the Māori Standing Committee as to whether they wish to fully utilise the services of the HUB. Currently, the Chair and the Deputy Chair have been trialling this resource. This will result in agendas no longer being printed for each meeting.
- 6.2 The Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist can give a brief explanation of the service and the cost to the Māori Standing Committee members.
- 6.3 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to decide whether representatives will/will not utilise the HUB platform.



7. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION (INFORMATIONAL)

- 7.1 On 24 July 2018 the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as the Council's final proposal, namely; **a Mayor** to be elected over the entire district (all registered Electors will have the opportunity to vote); **three (3) Councillors** elected at large from the **General Ward** (Electors registered on the General Electors Roll will have the opportunity to vote); and **three (3) Councillors** elected at large from the **Māori Ward** (Electors registered on the Māori Electors Roll will have the opportunity to vote).
- 7.2 There will be no Community Boards.
- 7.3 Members of the public have a one-month (30 July-24 August) objection/appeal period as per the Local Electoral Act. Should any objection/appeal be received, the matter is then required to be forwarded to the Local Government Commission for determination.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.
- 8.2 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee RESOLVE to accept the selection of Fiona Wairau as representative for Māhia Mai Tawhiti takiwā, effective as of 9 August 2018.
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Signatories

	
Author Duane Culshaw	Approved by Kitea Tipuna

Symposium Agenda

Te Rārangi Kaupapa o te Hui

Thursday 23 August 2018

8.30am	Mihi whakatau – Jeremy MacLeod
8.45am	Opening address – Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Minister for Māori Development and Local Government, Associate Minister for the Environment) - TBC Kōrero whakataki – Te Hōnore Nanaia Mahuta (Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori, Te Minita Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, Te Minita Tuarua mō ngā take Taiao) – Taihoa e whakaungia ai
9am	Tawaroa Kawana (Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitāne) <i>Te reo Māori, a language of endless opportunities</i> Tawaroa Kawana is no strange face to our television screens. Born and raised in and with te reo Māori, his knowledge and love of the language has opened many doors to him. Tawaroa's story is inspirational to say the least, and he is a true testament to what rangatahi can achieve by loving, living and breathing te reo Māori. <i>Te reo Māori, he reo ara rau</i> He kanohi kitea a Tawaroa Kawana ki ngā mata whakaata o te motu. He mea whakatipu ki te reo Māori mai anō i tōna whānautanga mai, he ara rau kua wātea ki a ia i tana matatau me tana aroha ki te reo. He kōrero whakaohoho katoa tō Tawaroa, ka mutu, ko ia e whakatauiria nei i ngā momo tutukihanga ka taea e te rangatahi e ū pau te kaha nei ki tōna reo Māori.
9.40am	Peter-Lucas Jones (Te Aupōuri, Ngāi Takoto, Ngāti Kahu me Te Rarawa) <i>Innovation is the key to the language's survival</i> Peter-Lucas Jones, the manager of Kaitia-based Te Hiku Media, shares with us the ground breaking innovative work being undertaken in an effort to promote and broadcast te reo Māori along with unique Taitokerau dialectal variations via various digital platforms. <i>Me auaha e ora ai te reo</i> Ka whakamāramahia e te kaiwhakahaere o Te Hiku Media nō roto mai o Kaitia, e Peter-Lucas Jones, ngā mahi auaha e para nei i te huarahi kia whakatairangatia ai, kia whakapaohongia anō ai te reo Māori, ā, tae atu hoki ki ngā āhuatanga reo motuhake o ngā mita o Te Tai Tokerau mā ētahi pae matihiko.
10.20am	Kristin Ross & Hohepa Tuahine (Ngāpuhi, Te Arawa) <i>Dare to dream!</i> Winners of the People's Choice Award at the New Zealand Innovation Awards, Kristin Ross and Hohepa Tuahine share with us their journey in developing Pipi Mā, the Māori speaking dolls, which was recently launched as a cartoon series on Māori Television. Kristin and Hohepa are a young couple who in a very short amount of time have made a huge impact in the language revitalisation world, and they will share with us some of their journey. <i>Kia māia, kia moemoeā!</i>

	<p>Ka whakamāramahia e ngā toa o te tohu Makau a te Iwi i Ngā Tohu Auaha o Aotearoa, e Kristin Ross rūa ko Hohepa Tuahine, te ara i takahia e rūa e hua ai ngā tāre reo Māori o Pipi Mā, ērā i rewa hei pakiwaituhi ki Whakaata Māori inātata nei. He tokorua rangatahi a Kristin rūa ko Hohepa kua whai wāhi nui ki te ao whakarauora reo i te wā poto noa, ā, ka hura i a rūa ētahi wāhi o tā rūa haere.</p>
11am	<p>Mereana Pitman (Ngāti Kahungunu)</p> <p><i>The struggle is real!</i></p> <p>30 plus years at the coal face of activism, Mereana Pitman is very aware of the numerous challenges still facing Māoridom. She will share her recollections of the journey travelled thus far and the future as she sees it.</p> <p><i>Ka whawhai tonu mātau!</i></p> <p>Kua koni atu i te 30 tau a Mereana Pitman i te aroākapa o te hokowhitu kaiwhakatūtū, ā, e mōhio pai ana, arā noa atu ngā tairo a Kupe kei te aroaro tonu o te ao Māori. Ka hoki mahara ia ki te ara kua takahia, ā mohoa noa nei, otirā ka kōrerotia te āpōpō e whakapaetia ana e ia.</p>
11.40am	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Tina</p>
12.10pm	<p>Black Katz (TBC)</p> <p>Black Katz (Taihoa e whakaūngia ai)</p>
12.30pm	<p>Pānia Papa (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Korokī Kahukura)</p> <p><i>Meeting the diverse demands of second language learners</i></p> <p><i>Te whakatutuki i ngā hiahia kanorau o te hunga ako i te reo Māori hei reo tuarua</i></p> <p>Pānia Papa is a nationally recognised language exponent, with a career spanning over 20 years in the language revitalisation movement. Pānia will share her thoughts about the challenges of meeting the diverse demands of second language learners, and the need to implement innovative teaching techniques, utilising appropriate pedagogies and language that is contextual, and meets the students' needs.</p> <p>Kua hau te rongo o Pānia Papa hei mātanga reo, otirā, kua koni atu i te 20 tau a ia e tū toa ana ki te tauā whakarauora reo. Ka hora i a Pānia ōna whakaaro ki ngā taumahatanga o te whakatutuki i ngā hiahia kanorau o te hunga ako i te reo Māori hei reo tuarua, otirā, ki te whai kia whakaūngia ai he tikanga whakaako auaha, e ū nei ki ngā āhua whakaako e tika ana, e whakamahi nei i te momo reo e hāngai ana ki te horopaki, ā, e whakatutuki nei i ngā matenui o ngā ākonga.</p>
1.10pm	<p>Shane Taurima (Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwahine)</p> <p><i>In order for the language to survive, we require committed champions.</i></p> <p>Kura Whakarauora builds language champions to lead, promote and implement strategies to support whānau, communities and organisations to use more reo in their everyday lives and work. Language champions may not be reo exponents, they are people who are passionate and committed to language revitalisation.</p> <p><i>E ora ai te reo, me whai he hokowhitu reo Māori.</i></p> <p>Ko tā te Kura Whakarauora he whakawhanake i ngā mumu reo hei ārahi, hei whakatairanga, hei whakaū anō hoki i ētahi rautaki hei hāpai i ngā whānau, i ngā hapori, i ngā momo whakahaere anō, kia kaha ake ai te whakamahia o te reo Māori i ngā mahi o ia rā. Ehara i te mea me mātanga rawa tētahi e kīia ai he mumu reo, engari me aroha nui, me ngākau titikaha anō ki te whakarauora reo.</p>
2pm	<p>Closing remarks - Kōrero whakakapi</p>

Friday, August 24, 2018

8.30am	<p>Opening remarks – Ngahiwi Tomoana (Chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.) Kōrero whakataki – Ngahiwi Tomoana (Te Heamana o Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.)</p>
8.45am	<p>Heke Huata (Ngāti Kahungunu)</p> <p><i>The pivotal role of Kōhanga Reo within Ngāti Kahungunu</i></p> <p>36 years since the opening of the first kōhanga reo within Ngāti Kahungunu, Heke Huata recalls the journey, the ups and downs, and recent challenges in ensuring the sustainability of the movement. Heke shares the growth, decline and renaissance of the movement that continues to survive despite numerous challenges that it faces daily.</p> <p><i>Te wāhi nui o ngā Kōhanga Reo ki roto o Ngāti Kahungunu</i></p> <p>E 36 tau nō te whakatuwheratanga o te kōhanga reo tuatahi ki roto o Ngāti Kahungunu, ka hoki mahara a Heke Huata ki te ara i takahia, ki ngā piki me ngā heke, otirā, ki ngā wero o mohoa nei ki te oranga tonutanga o te kaupapa. Ka kōrero a Heke mō te tipuranga, mō te paheketanga, ā, mō te aranga ake anō o te kaupapa e ora tonu nei hāunga ngā uauatanga o te wā.</p>
9.25am	<p>Sir Dr. Tīmoti Kāretu (Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu)</p> <p><i>What price mana?</i></p> <p>Sir Dr. Tīmoti Kāretu explores several of his recent compositions that have contributed to the Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Language Revitalisation Strategy. He also shares his thoughts about the importance of creating new material pertinent to contemporary issues, and the important role such new compositions play in enhancing the mana of the tribe.</p> <p><i>Me aha rawa e mana ai?</i></p> <p>Ka wherawherahia e Tā Tākuta Tīmoti Kāretu ētahi o ana titonga o nā noa nei kua hāpai i te Rautaki Whakarauora Reo Māori a Ngāti Kahungunu. Ka puta hoki i a ia ōna whakaaro ki te whai take nui o ngā titonga hou e hāngai pū ana ki ngā take o mohoa nei, me te wāhi nui o ēnei ki te mana o te iwi.</p>
10.05am	<p>Scotty & Stacey Morrison (Te Arawa)</p> <p><i>The survival of the language rests within the home</i></p> <p>Scotty and Stacey Morrison are language champions within their own right, having developed numerous initiatives and resources aimed at supporting the return of te reo Māori to the home. They use innovative methods to ensure that te reo Māori is valued, used and normalised within homes. They are shining exemplars of parents who are fully committed to ensuring that te reo Māori is the primary language of communication, and the native tongue of their three children.</p> <p><i>Ko te oranga o te reo kei te kāinga</i></p> <p>He mumu reo a Scotty rāua ko Stacey Morrison, inā hoki, e hia kē nei ngā kaupapa me ngā rauemi kua puta i a rāua e whai nei kia ora anō ai te reo Māori i te kāinga. Ka whāia he huarahi auaha e uaratia ai, e whakamahia ai, e tangata whenua anō ai te reo Māori i te kāinga. Ko rāua tonu te tauira o ngā mātua e ū pau te kaha nei ki te whai kia noho ko te reo Māori hei reo whakawhitiwhiti matua, hei reo taketake anō hoki mō ā rāua tamariki tokotoru.</p>

11am	<p>Turuhira Hare (Ngāi Tūhoe)</p> <p><i>Te Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe, 47 years on</i></p> <p>Turuhira Hare has been involved in the Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe since its inception in 1971. Since that time, the Hui Ahurei has played a pivotal role in uniting Tūhoe and preserving the language and customs of the tribe. 47 years on, the Hui Ahurei is still the annual pilgrimage for the Tūhoe tribe, and the vehicle to ensure the future-proofing of the unique identity of Ngāi Tūhoe.</p> <p><i>Te 47 tau o te Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe</i></p> <p>Kua whai wāhi atu a Turuhira Hare ki te Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe mai anō i te whakarewatanga ōna i te tau 1971. Kua whai wāhi nui te Hui Ahurei ki te whakakotahitanga mai o Tūhoe, otirā, ki te oranga tonutanga o tōna reo, o āna tikanga hoki, mai anō i taua wā. I tōna tau 47, ko te Hui Ahurei tonu tērā e whakahuihui ana i a Tūhoe, otirā, koia hei ara e ū tonu ai te motuhaketanga o Ngāi Tūhoe, haere nei te wā.</p>
11.45am	<p>Jeremy MacLeod (Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Arawa)</p> <p><i>Kahungunu, kia eke!, 5 years on</i></p> <p>5 years has passed since the review of the Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Language Strategy which gave rise to the revised Kahungunu, kia eke! Strategy. Jeremy will share the journey of the strategy since its inception, and also the challenges that lay ahead.</p> <p><i>Te 5 tau o Kahungunu, kia eke!</i></p> <p>Kua hipa te 5 tau nō te arotakenga o te Rautaki Reo Māori a Ngāti Kahungunu i hua mai ai te rautaki hou o Kahungunu, kia eke! Ka puta i a Jeremy he kōrero mō te huarahi kua takahia nō te orokohanga mai o te rautaki, tae atu hoki ki ngā wero kei mua tonu i te aroaro.</p>
12.30pm	<p>Taupatupatu</p> <p>“Kua tikanga kore te ao Māori. Convenience versus custom.”</p> <p>Nellie Johnstone, Ruth Smith, Hīria Tūmoana (TBC), Tawaroa Kawana, Tūhākia Keepa, Piripi Winiata</p>
1.30pm	<i>Ka mutu</i>

Please note: All speakers will be allocated 30 minutes.

Hei whakamōhiotanga: Ka 30 mēneti te roa ki ia kaikōrero.

Karawhiti taua!
Deploy the language army!

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee**Rakaipaaka Takiwā Report**

Henare Mita
Thursday, 9 August 2018

Client Request Service:

Thank you to council staff for their quick response to my request. Thank you also for keeping me informed about marae road signage. We are fortunate Aunty Liz Hunkin was available to advise us.

Tahaenui Bridge:

It is a relief to have our bridge back. People familiar with this stretch of road realise that traversing Tahaenui Bridge in the face of oncoming heavy traffic offers some risks, and so the new one-way signs and painted lines are a welcome precaution.

Kokohu Road, Tahaenui:

There is one family living up Kokohu Road, who are overjoyed with the tar-sealing of their road. Years of regular correspondence and the odd personal submissions concerning the hazards of dust from this road, have finally brought rewards. It has been a huge victory for them.

Tāne-nui-ā-rangi Marae:

Hosted final-year hauora students for an overnight stay. Viewed as a way of promoting life in rural New Zealand, and engaging Māori customs and protocols. We trust they will gain invaluable insight that will assist them in their chosen fields. It is important that these initiatives continue.

The Wairoa Star:

There have been some very interesting reports from The Wairoa Star over the past few months. It is good to see progress being made with the huge subsidence up Nuhaka River Road. There is too the optimism of Railbike Adventures, growing banana in our region as well as the hopes and aspirations concerning improving Wairoa River and Whakaki Lagoon water quality and biodiversity. These reports showcase some of the good work our district and regional councils are doing.

Contemporary Art Exhibition:

Wairoa is fortunate to play host to the Te Wairoa Matariki Art exhibition. Our young people under the tutelage of renowned Pāhauwera artist Sandy Adsett have done remarkable work. Visit the Taiwhenua and see for yourselves.

Aon Insurance:

On 20 July 2018, Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Incorporated (TIORI) marae representatives hosted a small contingent of Aon Insurance staff, to discuss the feasibility of a marae collective securing insurance coverage. It was a positive meeting, everyone in agreement that this seems the best available option for marae. Certainly not a new idea, talks are ongoing.

Commiserations of course to our chairperson, his mother, siblings, their partners and children. Fate's hand comes upon us all at one time or other and we are all touched by the loss. Into God's grace do we commend him, and may his comforting hand counsel your path forward.

Nāku noa, nā

Henare Mita
MSC Rakaipaaka Takiwā