

National Iwi Chairs Forum

Sharing the vision of Kotahitanga



PANUI

The National Iwi Chairs Forum meets four times a year. All chairs of iwi are able to participate and together they share information about matters of interest. The Iwi Chairs Forum establish Iwi Leader Groups (ILG) to research and work on specific issues.

The contents of this pānui is developed from the information shared by the leadership groups.

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Liana Poutu
Chair - Te Atiawa

MIHI

It is poignant that this National Iwi Chairs Forum hui was held in Taranaki on Te Pāhuatanga o Parihaka. The 5th of November marks the 1881 invasion of Parihaka. Taranaki Iwi acknowledged this hara on Saturday the 7th of November at Toroānui Marae.

*Nau mai e te motu, ki te pūtaka o Taranaki maunga,
Kia hukia tō mate, kia ranga tō mate, Te mate o te whenua,
te mate o te tangata*

*E takoto nei te ika nui, te ikaroa, te ika i
whakaraua kutikuti pekapeka,
Haere mai e te iwi, kia kite koe i te
puapua, kia kite koe i te weriweri,
Kia kite koe i a Tohu Kakahi rāua ko Te
Whiti o Rongomai*

*Te Tangata nāna i here mai te mamae mō
te motu, te tangata nāna i whakaura te
kara kaa e tu nei, Ko te rangimārie me te
rongomau ki te ao... nau mai kia piri, nau
mai kia tata.*

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POU TIKANGA



Professor Margaret Mutu
Chair - Pou Tikanga

Te Pou Tikanga continue to progress the Matike Mai Aotearoa work in relation to the Constitutional Transformation and Vision for Aotearoa.

Te Huia Taylor from Ngā Rangatahi-a-Iwi (NRAI) presented her report developed through interviewing Iwi Chairs on their thoughts regarding Tino Rangatiratanga.

Te Huia and co-presenter Te Wehi Wright shared the common themes from the interviews with the Chairs related to mana motuhake and succession.

“We need to be unapologetically Māori in what we want to do and be as Māori in all spaces” said Te Huia.

NRAI communicated to the Forum that they believe there is the ability to co-design mana motuhake pathways for inter-generational continuity in relation to decision making.

“As Māori, we have a long history of being able to unify at the national level, but those attempts have failed to entrench Rangatiratanga/Mana Motuhake in the current constitutional arrangements” said Professor Mutu.

The Iwi Chairs forum supported the recommendation from Pou Tikanga that mandate be given to facilitate the Rangatiratanga/Mana Motuhake sphere at a national level.

POU TANGATA

The Data ILG of Pou Tangata introduced two key pieces of work including their findings in relation to the significant undercount of the Māori population estimates since at least the 2013 Census. The Data ILG are seeking a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding an independent review of the data and wider issues such as; Census quality and trust in Stats NZ's competency to deliver high quality Māori data, political representation and the calculation of electoral seats, population-based funding in health and important health analysis.

The Data ILG also launched Te Whata, www.tewhata.io an innovative data platform for Iwi as a response to the current reliance on one data source.

Te Whata currently has Census, Te Kupenga data and Ministry of Education data available to access on an Iwi by Iwi basis that also has the ability for Individual Iwi to administer and customise to suit their purposes.

Pou Tangata updates also included a presentation from Te Roopu Waiora a kaupapa Māori organisation founded and governed by whānau hauā (whānau with disabilities). During COVID-19 lockdown Te Roopu Waiora developed Paerangi www.paerangi.nz a Māori disability relevant website that hosts information about services and organisations in the Tamaki area.



Naida Glavish
Chair - Pou Tangata



Ngahiwi Tomoana
Chair - Pou Tahua

POU TAHUA

Pou Tahua presented back the information, learnings and recommendations from the Iwi Asset & Māori Land Economic Entities Symposium that was held on the 4th of November in Taranaki prior to the Iwi Chairs Forum. The Symposium featured presentations from Taranaki Incorporations operating throughout the motu.

The next Symposium will be hosted by Ngāti Whatua at Eden Park on the 2nd of February 2021.

At the recommendation of Pou Tahua the Forum moved that the Iwi and Māori economic entities in attendance support a partnership between the Symposium/ Pou Tahua and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) that enables Iwi & Māori economic entities to capitalise on free trade agreements, ensures that Iwi/ Māori exporters are proactively supported and kept safe in trade environments and determines how Iwi to indigenous peoples trade agreements will be developed.

Alongside a number of recommendations proposing collaborative prioritising of housing, the Forum also agreed that an Iwi Housing Symposium be held on the 9th and 10th of December 2020 in Napier.



POU TAKE ĀHUARANGI



Mike Smith & Lisa Taumaihi, Co-Chairs - Pou Take Āhuarangi

Pou Take Āhuarangi was established by the NICF at the quarterly hui in Ōtaki on the 6th of August 2020. The intent of the Pou is to identify and address the cascading risks, impacts, mitigation and actions of Climate Change that will increasingly impact upon the work of all NICF Pou, Rūnanga, Iwi, Hapū & Whānau.

Adrian Orr, Governor of the Reserve Bank of NZ addressed the hui via video, expanding on the analysis of financial risks associated with climate risk.

Pou Take Āhuarangi have revised their work plan and reprioritised to focus on their digital strategy. This includes time and resource being dedicated to the development of a GIS platform.



Gerrard Albert
Chair - Pou Taiao

POU TAIAO

Within Pou Taiao the Fresh Water ILG have progressed the action from the August 2020 NICF, to call a hui with the New Zealand Māori Council (NZMC) and Te Kāhui Wai Māori to come together to understand the work that the various parties have been involved in to date and the opportunities for working together moving forward.

FILG technicians along with NZMC are working up a paper informing the commitment to work together and lead a work programme with the Crown.

A Wai Symposium will be hosted by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui in January 2021 to present and discuss a collective strategy and options for progressing rights and interests in freshwater.

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WĀNANGA

The purpose of the Iwi Chairs forum is to share information, work collaboratively on key priorities and advocate the collective priorities of the Iwi while continuing to recognise the rangatiratanga/independence of Iwi.

The NICF wānanga began by identifying what the priorities for the Forum might be for the next 3-5 years.

The following principles were agreed:

- Mana motuhake
- Equity
- Manākitanga
- Empowerment
- Enablement

These principles will assist the forum to determine its priorities and to measure success across each of the pou moving forward.

It was agreed that the pou chairs, ILG chairs and representation from NRAI would meet

Me mangumangu taipo tatau *Hold fast in who we are*

together to design a strategy and implementation framework which will be presented at the NICF hui in Waitangi 2021 for adoption.

This work will identify markers/measures to provide accountability back for each kaupapa.

It was agreed that each Pou have plans endorsed by the Forum and that reporting derives directly back to these plans.

Other key wānanga kōrero included:

- Identifying the extent of the role the Iwi Chairs Forum play in addressing the priorities
- Having a central voice in order to drive home key opportunities to influence change for the benefit of the people.
- Ensuring the NICF priorities are reaching our most vulnerable populations.

The NICF endorsed NRAI to hold a Rangatahi Symposium in January 2021 at Ratana and Iwi Chairs were encouraged to support their Rangatahi to attend.

