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Tena koe Evelyn

Thank you for providing the Board of the Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust with the report from the Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri ki Poneke Hui a Whanau. Your report was considered by Trustees at their meeting held 20 February.

Trustees welcomed your report and were encouraged by the fact that many of the matters raised had already been elevated in terms of priority for the Iwi Trust to address going forward, including:

1. Communication:
The Board has recognised the need for more timely, effective and relevant communication. The Trust will now be providing high level monthly updates along with more robust quarterly Panui. The first quarterly Panui is due out in the week beginning 7 March and we believe you will find this a refreshing update on key initiatives and projects.
2. Settlement:
The Iwi Trust has been working with the Settlement Governance Group (SGG) with finalising membership for the SGG and the appointment of negotiators. Further work is being undertaken to strategise and determine the best pathway for the claims. We have also developed a framework
3. Capacity and Capability:
You may have seen that the Iwi Trust has engaged the services of the Decipher Group to seek and recruit a General Manager for the Trust. We have also engaged professional services from various service providers to add capability to the Iwi Trust so we can advance key strategic priorities with confidence.
4. Engagement with and Participation of Whanau:
Trustees were encouraged by the forming of a whanau group in Poneke and would like to encourage and support this initiative. Although early days, we believe this is the start of a great initiative. Trustees would like to work with our whanau in Poneke to formalise this forum with Terms of Reference to confirm and clarify what the forum is. We would like to identify how best to resource the forum by providing pūtea to an agreed fixed budget, to assist with venue hire, kai and secretarial services for the drafting of minutes, letters and reports

from the hui. We would then look to replicate this model initially in Tāmaki-makau-rau (Auckland), Urenui (in Taranaki), Otautahi (Christchurch) and Wharekauri (Chatham Islands).

We have agreed that this will provide a forum within which the Iwi Trust can engage and seek input, feedback, guidance and the support of our members and beneficiaries on various matters, issues and opportunities, some of which you had listed in your report.

In terms of engagement with the Iwi Trust, the appropriate process is for the whanau forum to communicate with and report directly to the Trust by email or post. We acknowledge that Mahara is the Te Ika-a-Maui representative of the Iwi Trust, however, that doesn't default to her being a conduit to the Trust and the Board for all North Island based members. That is unrealistic and was not the intention of having a board member based in the North Island and one in the South. Only the Iwi Trust Board or an authorised delegation of Trustees can represent the Iwi Trust.

We look forward to further dialogue on this exciting opportunity.

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