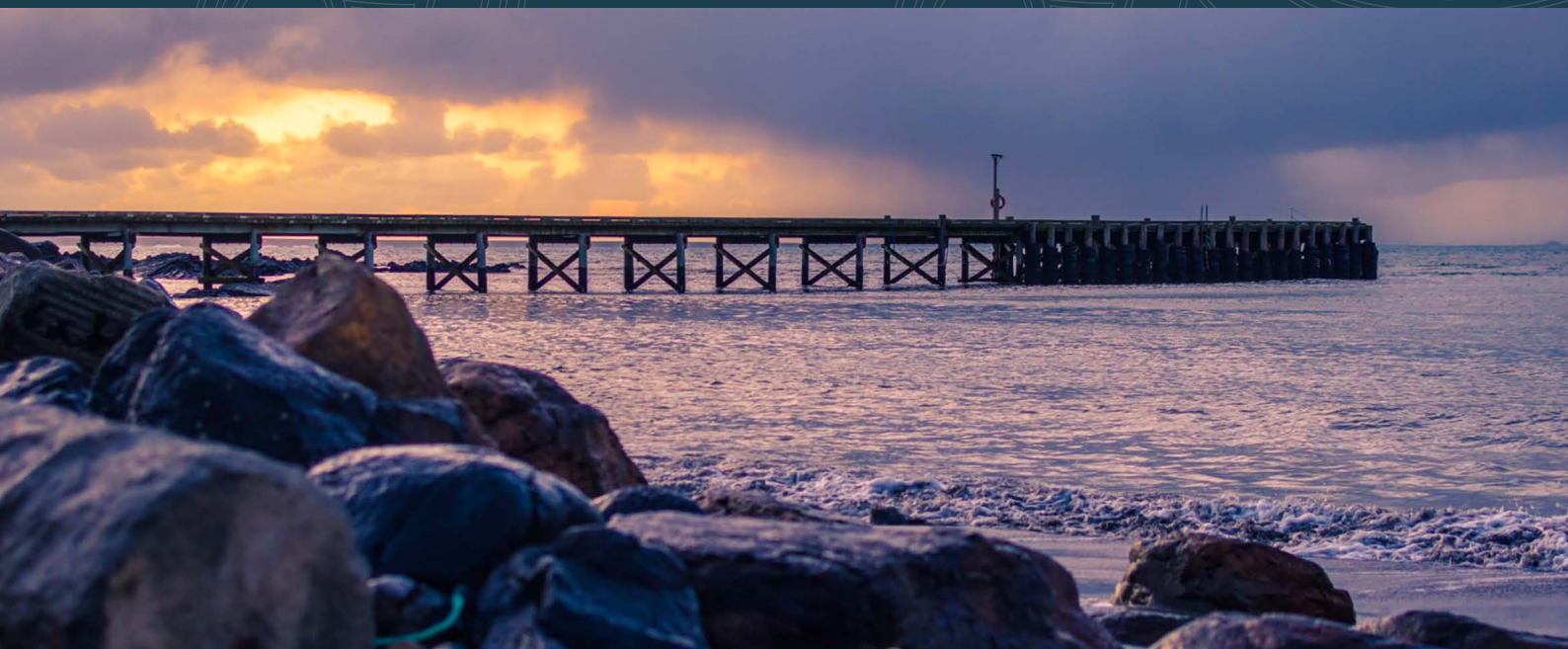


NGĀTI MUTUNGA O WHAREKAURI IWI TRUST

HAKIHEA PĀNUI, 2020



Te Tiamana (Chair) Kōrero

Tēnā tatou katoa ngā uri o Mutunga me Te Rerehua.

Whānau, we celebrated a successful Annual General Meeting held in September. The Board has been working hard to deliver more to you, our iwi. We hope you take the time to enjoy this pānui and the kaupapa within.

Recently Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri lodged an objection to Te Papa Atawhai's notice to vest Taia Historic Reserve exclusively in Hokotehi Moriori Trust. We thank those that took the time to make a submission to Te Papa Atawhai supporting our submission regarding this kaupapa.

This year has been a difficult one both on Wharekauri, in Aotearoa and further abroad due to the impacts of Covid-19 and the disruption it had on our day-to-day lives but thankfully we are starting to ease back into our Chatham Island way of life. So with our days getting warmer and evenings getting longer, take the time to focus on the wellbeing of yourself and your whānau. Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o ngā katoa – let us work together for the wellbeing of all.

We have a lot of programmes now in play or being rolled out. These include: Tipu Rangatira program (succession building for Rangatahi); In-Home Learning Grant; Pūtea Tautoko Kaumātua; Secondary School Boarding Grant and Pūtea Whanaungatanga Grant. We welcome and encourage you to contact the office to find out more about these opportunities.

Kua tae ki te wā Kirihimete whānau, ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou – Christmas has arrived whānau, and the Trustees, Management and Staff of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust wish you and your whānau a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you have a safe and fun festive season.

Ngā mihi,

Deena Whaitiri
Chair

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2020 Annual General Meeting

Our 2020 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 26th September at Whakamaharatanga Marae, Wharekauri and was a day of whānaungatanga, kotahitanga and Ngāti Mutungatanga.

Chair Deena Whaitiri and Deputy Chair Monique Croon co-delivered the section of the presentation highlighting our achievements during the year in review such as the inaugural Ngā Toi o Wharekauri wānanga and raising Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri visibility. Lead Negotiator Tom McClurg spoke to the mahi his negotiation team have been doing towards our Tiriti o Waitangi Settlement negotiations. While there have been some setbacks in this space such as the Hospital and Glory blocks, there has also been progress in working on a historical account of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (up to the mid 1850's) with John Armstrong.

Asset Holding Company Chair, Joseph Thomas, delivered a report on the mahi his board have been doing as the commercial arm of our entity. 2020 was a year of celebration as it was the tenth consecutive year our Asset Holding Company have earned a profit. This is an amazing achievement and one we can all be proud of!

Following the presentation, whānau joined in a hākari prepared by the Den kitchen and our ringawera. Wharekauri specialties such as slow-cooked weka, marinated kina and watercress salad were on offer and enjoyed by all. Events like these are never possible without the help and support from our kaimahi and their network of whānau and friends. A huge mihi to our ringawera Jayal Lanauze, Jaz and Megan Lanauze-King and Chevana Hough for their work setting up, preparing kai, and cleaning up. A mihi also to those that contributed towards the kai and ensured we were fed like kings on the day – Glen King, Ian King, Te Atawhai Amaru-Tibble, Kairyn King and Trustee Iwiroa Wairua.



Marinated kina, slow-cooked weka and watercress salad at our 2020 AGM

Proposed Vesting of Taia Historic Reserve

On 26 September 2020, Te Papa Atawhai (the Department of Conservation) issued a notice of its intention to vest Taia Historic Reserve (1,198 hectares) in Hokotehi Moriori Trust. Submissions regarding this matter were accepted until Friday 20 October 2020.

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust made a submission strongly objecting to the proposal to exclusively vest Taia Historic Reserve into Hokotehi Moriori Trust. While Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri uniformly support the recognition and protection of Moriori waahi tapu and rākau momori on Taia, we oppose the view that exclusive vesting is required to achieve that protection. Our mana whenua extends to all parts of the island and that was established by our tūpuna.

The Iwi Trust maintained the position that the best approach would be for Taia to remain in Crown ownership with a management plan involving both iwi and imi that is prepared under the umbrella of proper Treaty partnerships with the Crown.

Te Papa Atawhai have not released any further correspondence relating to the vesting of Taia following the close-off for submissions.



Reo Wānanga

Covid-19 has really impacted our reo programme and we are a whole year behind as a consequence, but we are pleased to announce the resumption of our reo programme with a reo wānanga on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January 2021 under the leadership of our whānau member, Jake Thomas. It is great to have one of our own to help us learn and build on our reo knowledge. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and please remember tamariki are welcome to come as well with parental support! Please contact the office to register your interest for catering purposes.

Kaumātua Pūtea Tautoko Grant

This is the third year we have been proud to deliver our Kaumātua Pūtea Tautoko, a financial contribution to support our Kaumātua. Applications are now open for this pūtea. If you are aged 65 or over, are registered with us and haven't yet received any correspondence regarding this grant, please contact the office on **0800 MUTUNGA** or **iwitrust@nmow.co.nz**

Civic Office Build

We are proud to report that work has begun on clearing the site for the new civic office build in Waitangi. The new office will house the Chatham Islands Council as well as the Chatham Islands Museum. As previously reported, the office portion of the building will be owned by the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Asset Holding Company and rented on a long term basis to the Chatham Islands Council, and the Chatham Islands Museum portion will be owned by the Chatham Islands Museum Trust and was funded through various grants and outside funding. Apollo Construction have been contracted to build the complex.

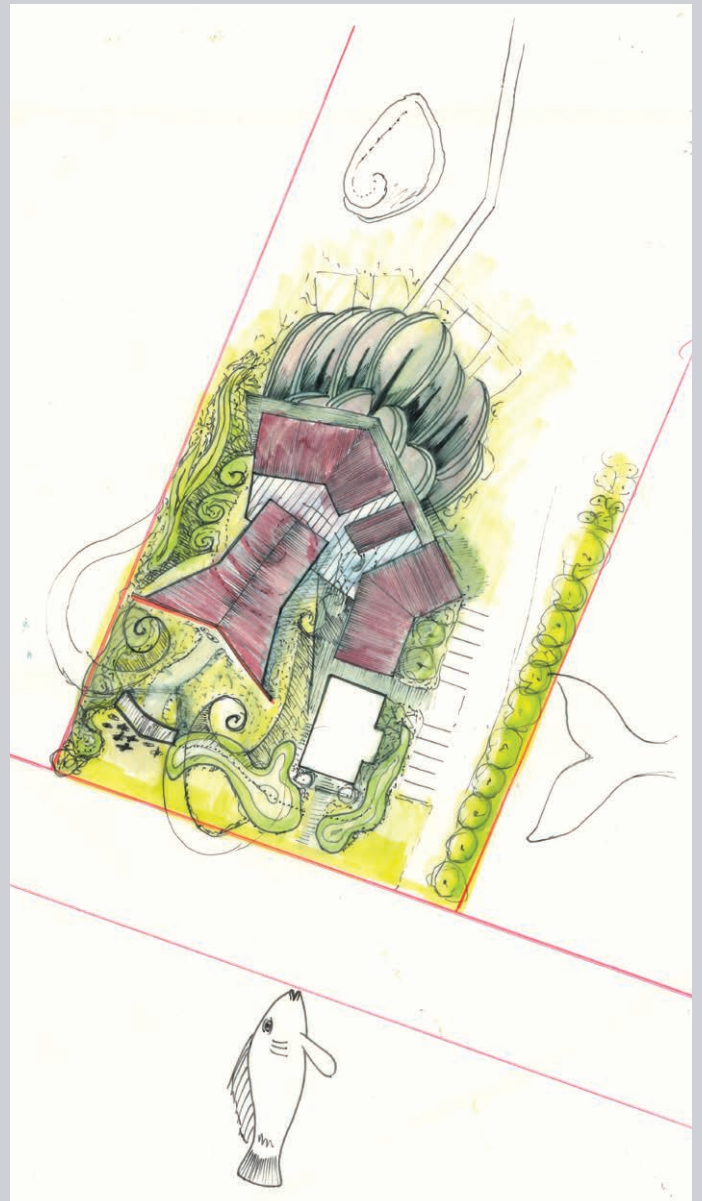
The site of the build was blessed in an early morning service in November 2020, and the construction is set to begin in January 2021. We look forward to keeping you all updated as the build progresses.

Pā Design

In January 2020, Nick Dalton and Te Ari Prendergast of TOA Architects presented the final concept plans for our Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Pā. The plans revolve around our original Pā Tangaroa that burned down in the 1920's and show a strong focus on kōura (crayfish) as the build narrative. We are also a strong agricultural iwi so this will need to be pulled into the design moving forward.

The Pā Feasibility and Concept Design document prepared by TOA architects was available at our 2020 AGM and is also available on our website under the 'Latest News' tab to view and provide feedback on.

These are not the final designs as there is still thinking to be done around the site, whakaairo, kowhaiwhai, tukutuku, size and scope and management of this future build. If you have any whakaaro on the Pā complex, please get in touch with us with your views. In the meantime, we are planning our next steps which include getting out to whānau to discuss!



Kōura Pā design concept

Registrations

Remember whānau, if you or a whānau member have recently turned 18 you are now eligible to register with us as an adult. Anyone aged 18 years or over with the correct whakapapa are entitled to register, and we encourage them to! Being a registered member means you can keep up to date with the Iwi Trust's activities through pānui and Annual Reports and you may be entitled to any distributions we offer. But, most importantly, you are eligible to both vote and be nominated in Iwi Trust elections.

Registration forms available on our website at www.nmow.iwi.nz/register/form or contact us for a registration form at iwitrust@nmow.co.nz or **0800 MUTUNGA**

Stay Connected

If you have moved house or changed email or phone number, please contact the office on **0800 MUTUNGA** or iwitrust@nmow.co.nz and let us know. And remember to like us on Facebook! [@nmowiwi](https://www.facebook.com/nmowiwi)



Christmas Office Hours

After such a busy year, our team in the office are looking forward to winding down for the Christmas period with whānau and friends. Your Iwi Trust office will be closed from 3pm, Friday 18th December 2020 and will re-open for the New Year at 9am, Monday 11th January 2021.

Next Pānui

Our next pānui will be released in the new year, and we'd love to hear news from you whānau! If there's anything you'd like to let your iwi know about such as hui, births or ngā mate, or to share photos or korero - we welcome your feedback!

Please contact Thornton on thornton@nmow.co.nz to include something in our next pānui.



Upcoming Events

18 December 2020	Iwi Trust Office closes, 3pm
11 January 2021	Iwi Trust Office opens, 9am
16 & 17 January 2021	Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Reo Wānanga
6 February 2021	Te Rā o Waitangi

