

**NGĀTI KOATA TRUST & TE PĀTAKA a NGĀTI KOATA TRUST**  
**Hui-a-iwi**

Held at Whakatū Marae, 99 Atawhai Drive, Nelson  
on Saturday 16th October 2021

	Meeting opened – 12:10pm
<b>Present</b>	Ngawai Webber (Chair), Pirihiira Paul, Joanie Carew, Melanie McGregor.
<b>In Attendance</b>	<p>Rangiriri Kohe, Michael Elkington, Rosemary Sutherland, Roma Elkington, Rangi Elkington, Lovey Gieger, Pene Gieger, Samara Davis, Phylis Kohe, Ratapu Hippolite, Caroline Palmer, Scott Palmer, Bill Webber, Nolamay Campbell, Takuna Bayliss, Donna Case, Nita May Hippolite, Patariki Hippolite, Marlin Elkington, Bobbie Teariki, Valmai Palatchie, Jon McGregor, Celia Hawea, Anthony de Thierry, Janis de Thierry, Maria Robinson, Joanne Webber, John Webber, Te Rina Clark, Shaeana Robson, Jenny Reneti,</p> <p>Sarah Jones (minute taker), Jacqui Maitland (Ops Manager), Justin Carter (GM), Alice Woodward (Environmental Manager), Lovey Elkington (Office Administrator), Kimiora McGregor (Membership Coordinator), Noela McGregor (Kaitiaki Ranger), Evie Reay (Kaitiaki Ranger), Kaleb Kohey (Kaitiaki Ranger), RaNae Niven (Comms), Hemi Toia (KL CE), Margaret Soderberg (KL), Joanie Wilson (Chair), Tom Speers.</p> <p><b>Via Zoom:</b> John Dobson, Logan Dobson, Erana Dobson, Zealan Simpkins, Melissa Williams, Kyle Edmonds, Anthony Pātete, Nadia Keogh, George Elkington, Benjamin Hemi, Jarom Hippolite</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Kowhai de Thierry, David de Thierry, Renee Evans, Matthew Kohe, Myron Elkington, Leana Leary, Rob Pooley (Chair - KL), Jason Rogers (Director - KL), Kim Beazley, Lane Beazley, Waiao Elkington, Lindsay Elkington, Jason Laing, Kylie Laing, Dion Laing, Karl Elkington, Vicky Thorne, Colleen Carew, Cathleen Walker, Helen Carew, Tania Elkington, Lara Elkington, Aaron Elkington, Karl Elkington,
<b>Presentation and Farewell to Departing Trustees</b>	<p>Presentations were made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joanie Wilson, as the outgoing Chair.</li> <li>● Departing Board member, Nadia Keogh.</li> <li>● Ngawai Webber, as Chair of Kaumātua Council.</li> <li>● Pirihiira Paul &amp; Maria Robinson as manukura.</li> </ul>
<b>Preliminary Election Results</b>	<p>Joanie Wilson, thanked all candidates for this year's Trustee Election.</p> <p>Justin Carter announced the 2021 Trustee Election results and declared that Kyle Edmonds and Nadia Keogh were elected as Trustees for the Ngāti Koata and Te Pātaka a Ngāti Koata Trusts. As the highest polling unsuccessful candidate, Zealan Simpkins was confirmed as the alternate Trustee.</p>

	<p>Justin announced the results of the Proposed Trust Deed Changes (Special resolutions).</p> <p>Resolution 1: To agree to proposed changes to the iwi membership definitions. 87.77% of valid votes cast voted ĀE/YES.</p> <p>Resolution 2: To agree to proposed changes to the election provisions. 79.75% of valid votes cast voted ĀE/YES.</p> <p>Resolution 3: To agree to disallowing Trustees being contracted to provide services to the Trusts. 79.57% of valid votes cast voted ĀE/YES.</p> <p>Resolution 4: To agree to other proposed administrative and compliance changes. 85.58% of valid votes cast voted ĀE/YES.</p> <p>As more than 75% of registered adult members who voted on Resolutions 1-4 votes ĀE/YES all 4 resolutions were declared as Carried</p> <p>The voter return percentage was 17.07%, being 344 votes received from 2,015 eligible electors, of which 84.01% voted via the internet and 15.99% voted by post or at the AGM.</p>
<p><b>Welcome to new Trustees</b></p>	<p>Ngawai Webber invited Nadia Keogh to address the hui. Nadia expressed her thanks to whānau and to the outgoing Chair, Joanie, for their support. Encouraged those who stood for nomination this year to keep standing, as the Ngāti Koata whānau needs each and every one of them.</p>
<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>A couple of corrections to names - Jodie Te Arika should be Jodi, Eva Rongo should be Eve. On page 2 - the list of Land Trustee replacements is not complete. Amend to say “some of the current trustees are..”. Page 3 - Future AGMs. This should read Themes for future AGMs.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That, pending the above alterations, the previous Hui-a-iwi minutes of 10 October 2020 be accepted as an accurate account of proceedings.</p> <p><b>MOVED:</b> Tom Speers    <b>SECONDED:</b> Roma Elkington    <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>No requests sent in for discussion. Invitation to the floor for items of General Business. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michael Elkington – Whenua Iti Outdoors are running youth wānanga into the Abel Tasman National Park and are looking for recruits.</li> <li>● Pene Geiger wanted to acknowledge the Ngāti Koata kaimahi for their hard work and for their assistance with the various projects in the Taiao space.</li> <li>● Marlin Elkington noted that in the AGM book there was a page about stories. He requested that he be part of the proofreading process.</li> <li>● Celia Hawea noted that some of the names of Trustees of the Māori land blocks haven’t been updated with the Māori Land Court. This is an issue that needs to be taken care of. Some Trustees have passed away and new Trustees need to be elected to those blocks. Suggested to look to the younger generations. Discussion continued following the recess for lunch.</li> </ul>

**Recess for lunch 12:40pm to 1:30pm**

Māori Land Blocks:

- Continued discussion regarding Māori land blocks. Celia Hawea noted that the reservation called Ohana is spelled as Ohaua with the Māori Land Court. New Trustees needed for this block and others.
- George Elkington noted other blocks in need of Trustees, and recalled that a recent hui had been held, but none of the appointments made have officially gone through to the Māori Land Court. Anthony Pātete confirmed that appointments had been made to some of the islands & islets around Rangitoto, but there are others that haven't been completed. Regarding Ohana and Te Puna – the current location of Te Puna is incorrect, as it should be over where the lagoon is. Anthony confirmed he is currently helping with this process. Confirmed that Tania Kawharu is aware of this and is going to the Land Court.
- **ACTION:** George confirmed that he will look through the minutes to confirm who has already agreed to be a Land Trustee and will come back to the Kaumātua Council. As a surviving Trustee, Ngawai Webber will then need to call a public meeting of owners, as part of the Court process.

Writing our story:

- Following on from the discussion at the AGM re-writing our story, Nolamay Campbell suggested that there is opportunity for Whānau Ora funding. Confirmed that RaNae Niven would be willing to help with the application process. Good process will involve making a project plan and a timeline prior to application. Possibility of assembling a project team.
- Melanie McGregor noted that the Trust may not have the capacity to take on this project, but that interested people from the hui should come together. Anthony Pātete confirmed that some of the groundwork has already been done, so this could be used as a basis.
- **ACTION:** To be discussed at next Kaunihera Kaumātua hui in November.
- **ACTION:** Operations Manager to send an invite to interested parties – Celia Hawea, Marlin Elkington, Nolamay Campbell, Takuna Bayliss, Joan Carew, RaNae Niven, Anthony Pātete.

Importance of younger generation involvement within the marae:

- Samara Davis acknowledged the newly elected Board members and other candidates who stood for election. Samara spoke regarding how she had noticed the absence of the younger generation and her parent's generation from the marae. This inspired her to hold her first exhibition, at the Refinery Artspace on Hardy Street, which highlights the importance of the marae within the community. Queried as to how we can make the marae accessible for the younger generation. Can we identify our tūpuna, do we know their stories? Suggested holding a wānanga.
- Marea Teariki observed that we need to protect our kawa and to have a strategic plan in place to bring the next generation through, in order

	<p>to protect the pae. Agreed with Samara regarding having a wānanga with the next generation. It was noted that the numbers of men are low. We have rangatahi who are willing to learn the process of karanga. It's about making them comfortable enough to turn up and take on the role. Suggestion of holding a wānanga with the young men, so that they feel comfortable in various roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kimiora McGregor commented that manning and protecting the pae, the kawa and the tikanga is all about te reo. To have te reo is to fully understand the depth of whaikōrero and all of the associated mātauranga.</li> <li>● Janis de Thierry noted that it is the karanga that cements the pae – when we refer to our men, we must also remember the role that our women play. We need to be proactive and pragmatic in the way we invite our younger ones into the space. We are now in a place where the majority of our people are second language speakers and we worry that the knowledge we have learned second hand isn't good enough. Sometimes the pae is full of men who can't speak, and the ones that can are sitting behind. Succession is key within indigenous cultures.</li> <li>● Ngāti Koata to host the first wānanga in the whare, learning together as 6 iwi. Joanie Wilson updated that the outcome of the Ngāti Koata hui around kawa and tikanga was that we were going to prepare for ongoing wānanga around the paepae, kawa, tikanga etc. It was a natural fit for Koata to extend the invite out to other iwi to join us. Confirmed that the office already has the wheels in motion and the Cultural Manager is leading this mahi.</li> <li>● Justin Carter confirmed that we have secured funding from NMIT to run our own programme.</li> <li>● Jon McGregor commented that we all need to bring our children to the marae.</li> <li>● Comment from Janis that our kura kaupapa Māori should be invited to witness what happens in the whare and learn from here.</li> </ul> <p>Access to Ngāti Koata hunting grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pirihira Paul commented that some of our moko went hunting and weren't allowed on Koata hunting land. Queried as to whether there was a better way of letting hunters know beforehand as to whether the land is closed. Confirmed that there is a weekly pānui regarding closures and road conditions. Alternatively, they could call the office to confirm. Justin Carter confirmed that the incident in question was a forestry related closure at short notice due to storm damage and mountain bikers, where there hadn't been enough time for the notice to go out. Ngāti Koata have an ongoing relationship with Tasman Pine.</li> <li>● Commented that some of our hunters do not behave with respect when hunting on the lands, and that they need to know their responsibilities and who they represent when they hunt on the land.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hui closed at 2.42pm</b></p>	<p><b>Karakia Whakamutunga by Melanie McGregor</b></p>