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Chair's Foreword

*Ko Tokomaru te Maunga
Ko Wairau te awa
Ko Wairau Pa te Marae
Ko Paretona ratou ko Pareteata
ko Turangapeke ko Te Arawaere
nga hapu
Ko Ngāti Rārua te iwi
Ko Olivia Hall ahau
No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā
koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.*

I write this humbled by the opportunity of being of service to the people of Ngāti Rārua in the role of Chair. Previous Chair, Anaru Luke has taken on the role of Deputy Chair and we welcome Ropata Stephens to the table in a seconded position, replacing Lee Luke who resigned as a Trustee at the 2015 AGM.

At the last AGM, I was a member in attendance. Much frustration was shared and the expectation of more from the Rūnanga was voiced. In particular:

- Better engagement and communication with our whānau;
- Greater transparency regarding the inner workings of the Rūnanga;
- Better financial performance;
- Better relationships with our whānau, Wakatu and NRAIT;
- Better management of our registration database;
- Better metrics for knowing Ngāti Rārua; and
- A Ngāti Rārua kaitiakitanga / environment plan.

Our Trustees have listened and have incorporated this into our planning for the 2016/2017 year (1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017), beginning with our strategy which was confirmed by Trustees in February.

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New Year Honours



In the 2016 New Years Honours list Rachel Taulelei (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Rārua) was recognised and awarded as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the food and hospitality industry.

As the founder of Yellow Brick Road Ltd, Rachel was referred to as having led change in the New Zealand fishing industry, developing an innovative, provenance-based supply of responsibly caught fresh premium seafood to hundreds of establishments across the country.

Rachel was formerly New Zealand Trade Commissioner in Los Angeles, and in 2012 received a Sir Peter Blake Leadership award. She is now CEO of Kono NZ LP, the food and beverage company owned by Wakatu Incorporation.

Heartfelt congratulations to such a deserving recipient!

Chair's Foreword (cont.)

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TRONR Strategic Plan 2016/2017

Te Matakite - Mission

Kia tu katoa rā, te Mauri ora, me te Ohaoha me te Hononga o Ngāti Rārua, a te tau 2040.
By 2040, a viable Ngāti Rārua Culture, Economy and Society.

Te Wawata - Vision

Whakamana te puna mauri ora o Ngāti Rārua, kia kaha pupuri ai ngā hekenga ā muri ake tonu
Realise the wellspring of vital identity that is Ngāti Rārua, to strengthen all the migrations yet to come.

Hononga	Mauri ora	Mahi Ohaoha	TRONR
Social Connection	Cultural Identity	Economic Growth	Professionalism
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gather metrics so we will know Ngāti Rārua people better than anyone else Actively communicate with and inform whānau about Ngāti Rārua activities and achievements Improve registration process & iwi register to best practice level 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hauhunga marae plans confirmed & on track for opening in 2018 Ensure & support the upholding of our mana in each of our Marae & Rohe Wananga developed, delivered and scheduled for 2017 & 2018 Kaitiakitanga – generate an iwi environment plan “Ko wai au?” Supporting and strengthening the practice of Ngāti Rāruatanga 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Form partnerships & joint ventures with Ngāti Rārua members Seek collaboration with Māori entities including NRAIT & Wakatu Inc. Confirm & implement TRONR Statement of Investment Policies & Objectives (SIPO) Generate income through appropriate investment activity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure our obligations are known and met, including Deed of Settlement, Audit, Legal and Health and Safety Our tikanga are always visible because our people come first Ensure organisational risks are identified & well-managed
By 2040, a viable Ngāti Rārua Society	By 2040, a viable Ngāti Rārua Culture	By 2040, a viable Ngāti Rārua Economy	The iwi endowment, a platform for future migrations

As you will all appreciate, this strategy is but one step toward the 2040 strategy that was presented and confirmed during the ratification hui of 2012 and is led by our mission statement of:

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By 2040, a viable Ngāti Rārua Culture, Economy and Society.

We are now reviewing our governance structures (sub-committees / subsidiaries) to ensure alignment with the

strategy and have already set in place office KPI's which will ensure our strategy is met.

We look forward to updating the whānau on progress. Please feel free to contact me on: olivia.hall@ngatirarua.co.nz , or Tel: 021 0253 9048.

Nga mihinui ki a koutou

**Olivia Hall
Board Chair**

AGM 2015 Unconfirmed Minutes

Members are advised that the Unconfirmed 2015 AGM minutes are available upon request by emailing:

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Memories of whānau who served their country courageously

– By Ropata Stephens

Warren Pahia Stephens served with the 28th Maori Battalion as part of the 12th Reinforcement in Italy. He said his whanaunga Benjamin Te Rauokewa Morgan was first to join the Battalion from Motueka with action in Crete and the Western Desert, however tragic news was to hit the Motueka whānau in November 1941 of his death at the Battle of Alamain.

This may have been the motivation for Warren joining up a few months later in 1942, whether it was to exert "utu" on the Germans for the loss of his whanaunga or his adventurous spirit, this is uncertain.

Warren and a friend Rolly Rangī (Ngāti Koata), both 17yrs, put their ages up to 18 to become eligible for enlistment. Unfortunately, when Rolly's mother found out, she notified the authorities of his true age and he was withdrawn.

Our Grandmother Rima Takutai Stephens tried the same strategy but Warren threatened to change his name and join up anyway. Reluctantly his mother agreed to let him go as she feared they wouldn't be able to trace his whānau if he became a casualty. Her brother Pahia Ropata, who's first name she passed onto her son, was killed at Gallipoli so she had good grounds to fear for his safety. Warren eventually returned home to Motueka after the war where he remained living and farming our whenua until his death in 1994.

Ngāti Rārua Wedding



Some of the whānau and friends with Josh and Lisa Joseph following their wedding at Parerārua.

February 6 is a day that is commemorated by many people for many different reasons. But from now on February 6 holds extra special meaning for Josh Joseph and Lisa Taitua.

At Parerārua, on a sun drenched day in the Wairau, Josh and Lisa exchanged vows to become husband and wife. Two hundred whānau and friends gathered with Josh and Lisa to help them

celebrate their happy union.

The hākari held at "Ukaipo", Rangitane Conference Centre at Grovetown, was beautifully prepared by the team from Waikawa Marae and the day was ably supported by the local Maori wardens.

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped make this a very enjoyable and memorable day.

Two of his siblings, Uncle Dave Stephens (NZ Army in the Pacific) and Auntie Una Snow née Stephens (NZ Air Force), also served during WW2 so the memories, stories and songs of the war era were fond and full of laughter and tears in our home. They were extremely proud citizens representing their country during the war period and became dedicated members of the Motueka RSA.

They are sadly missed.



Siblings Warren Pahia Stephens and Una Snow (née Stephens) who proudly served their county.

Congratulations Andy Joseph!



Archdeacon Andy Joseph recently received recognition for his services to the community by being named "The Nelson Mail's Nelsonian of the Year for the Community".

Having just turned 88, he is kaumatua to the Nelson City and Tasman District Councils and the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Māori Chaplain to Nelson Hospital and Archdeacon for the Whakatu Māori Mission in Nelson. He is frequently called on to share a blessing at a wide range of community events.

Warm, gentle and much-loved, we pay tribute to a man that gives so much to his community.

Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear from you!

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Waitangi Day Celebrations

Two hundred and fifty visitors were welcomed onto Te Āwhina Marae as part of its Waitangi Day celebrations.

Overseas visitors made up the bulk of the 250-strong crowd welcomed onto Te Āwhina Marae on Saturday 6 February. Te Āwhina Marae tumuaki Ann Martin said visitors from around the world were joined by a few locals to take part in the pōwhiri, which was followed by an informal tour of the marae's whareniui.

"After the pōwhiri people were welcomed into the whareniui where Barney Thomas spoke to them about the building and iwi history."

Tasman District Council Mayor, Richard Kempthorne, and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua Chair, Olivia Hall, also spoke about the relevance of the Treaty of Waitangi.

"It was pretty relaxed and people

enjoyed it. The hangi was really popular and we sold out."

Whakatū Marae celebrated Waitangi Day in Nelson on 7 February. There were watermelons, dumplings, fry bread, a large hangi and much more. Nelson's annual Kai Festival at Founders Park, now in its ninth year, was jam-packed from the get-go as thousands flocked to try international cuisines to celebrate Waitangi Day. Festival operation manager Carol Hippolite said she was thrilled with the turnout and said it was growing in popularity every year. "Now it's a real community event, people look forward to it," she said.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Tasman District Mayor Richard Kempthorne were both present at a pōwhiri and music from across the world was also a big part of the day. A folk band, reggae music and Kapa Haka were among the performances for people to enjoy.

Awaroa

Ngāti Rārua, along with the other Manawhenua iwi of Awaroa, wish to congratulate the fundraisers and contributors of the Givealittle campaign that secured the purchase of the land at Awaroa.

We, along with the other manawhenua iwi, have been

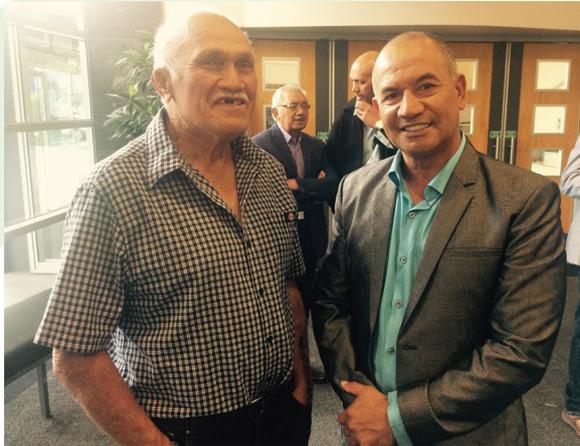
in ongoing discussions with the fundraisers regarding the purchase of the property and the relationship that iwi have with the lands past, present and future.

We continue these discussions with the Department of Conservation and are confident that the role of the manawhenua iwi of Awaroa and Abel Tasman National Park will continue to be respected.

Mana Tāne Ora o Aotearoa 2016

On 9-11 March 2016 Mana Tāne Ora held their third National Māori Men's conference in the Wairau.

Ngāti Rārua member Temuera Morrison was one of the keynote speakers at the hui, and is pictured on the right with his Uncle Wera.



Whānau Ora Navigator

We are pleased to advise that Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua have secured a fulltime Whanau Ora Navigator in Blenheim through a contract with Te Pūtahitanga.

The Navigator's role is to coordinate or facilitate activities, services and opportunities to support the aspirations of whānau in Wairau, enabling whānau to be self-managing and responsible for their economic, cultural and social development and wellbeing.

We would like to welcome Abigail Nāmana to our Team!



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Whānau Ora

Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu is the South Island Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency that was established in 2014 and has come about through a partnership between the nine Iwi of Te Waipounamu.

Te Pūtahitanga guiding principles are:

- Whānau Ora is defined by whānau;
- Whānau Ora by its nature is collective in its scope and inter-generational;
- Whānau Ora is strengths based – it starts from whānau aspirations as a foundation;
- Whānau self-determination is central to Whānau Ora;
- Whānau Ora isn't a programme or a service, it is an approach.

Whānau Ora outcomes will be met when whānau are:

- Self-managing;
- Living healthy lifestyles;
- Participating in Society;

- Participating in Te Ao Māori;
- Economically secure;
- Successfully involved in wealth creation;
- Cohesive, resilient and nurturing; and
- Responsible stewards of their living and natural environments.

Over the next three years, Te Pūtahitanga will invest up to \$15 million in bold approaches to building sustainable whānau capability. They believe in flax roots innovation and whānau writing their own futures.

To find out more about Te Pūtahitanga, visit: www.teputahitanga.org or make contact with Abigail Nāmana (details to the right) to see what can be done for you and your whānau.

Jamie Joseph to coach Japan

Jamie (James Whitinui) Joseph was born in Blenheim to parents Jimmy and Maude Joseph. He affiliates to Ngāti Maniapoto through his father and Rangitāne and Ngāti Rārua through his mother.

As a player Jamie made his debut for Otago in 1989, appeared for the New Zealand Colts in 1989 and was first selected for New Zealand Māori in 1991. In all he played 10 matches for New Zealand Māori during 1991-1994.

Jamie's All Black career spanned 30 matches, including 20 tests, from 1992 to 1995, culminating with the final of the 1995 Rugby World Cup. He saw out the remainder of his career in Japan, playing for the Fukuoka Sanix Blues, and appearing for Japan at the 1999 Rugby World Cup.

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Jamie Joseph led the Highlanders to the 2015 Super Rugby title.

Jamie has a proud rugby heritage, his father Jim Joseph, was a prop for the Marlborough rugby team from 1963 to 1977 and also played for New Zealand Māori. His mother Maude (née MacDonald) is the sister of Iwi and Mugwi MacDonald, the daughter of Tauru Piripi (Phillips),

the aunt of Hoani MacDonald (all of whom represented New Zealand Māori), and is the grand-niece of Hare 'Daddy' Piripi (Phillips), one of the Māori All Black standouts during the 1926 tour of Europe.

As a coach he has a wealth of

experience. He was appointed assistant coach of the Wellington Lions in 2003 and later took over as head coach in 2008. He continued in that role until 2011, when he was appointed Highlanders coach until the end of 2016. He was assistant coach of New Zealand Māori in 2006 and coach of the team between 2010 and 2012.

As the current coach of the Highlanders, Jamie took them to their first ever Super Rugby title in 2015, beating the Hurricanes 21-14. He also coached the Barbarians in 2015.

In a new chapter of Jamie's coaching career will see him as Japan's national coach for the next four seasons.

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