

Barry Matthew Mason 1933-2015



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- *Sat 10 October*: 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka
- *Sat-Sun 24-25 October (Labour weekend)*: 25th Anniversary of Turangaapeke at Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka

Barry Mason was a stalwart for Ngāti Rārua – plain and simple. He did a vast amount of work for the Iwi since his return to Blenheim in 1981.

Barry was raised in Canvastown and he attended Marlborough Boys College. He went to Victoria University on a latin scholarship and graduated in accountancy. It was during these university years that he flatted with Whata Winiata and Eddie Jurie, to name a few. He met and married Kathleen Cody and together they raised five sons, Bernard, David, Peter, Martin and Gordon.

Barry was the son of Auntie Kate Mason Moses and they were strong advocates and drivers for the return of the Whakarewa lands. During those preparatory years there were a number of Ngāti Rārua kaumatua who provided advice and guidance, known as the Ngāti Rārua Council. These kaumatua had faith in Barry. The kaumatua would identify the actions needed, and Barry would action those.

Barry was the first Chair of Ngāti Rārua Iwi Trust and was at the helm during our Waitangi Tribunal Claims. Under his guidance, Ngāti Rārua went to the Privy Council to challenge decisions made in relation to Ngāti Rārua interests on the West Coast. Barry was also the Chair of Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua, as well as other Ngāti Rārua interests on Wairau Pa Kokiri, Te Āwhina Marae Land Trust, Parearua and Te Āwhina Marae health services. Barry also spent several years on the Wakatu Incorporation Board. As his son Peter Mason said, he was that committed to his work with iwi, that

he was late for his 21st because he was attending a meeting.

While not everyone agreed with Barry's methodology at times, or his up front approach, he always did his best for Ngāti Rārua. Later in life, he was keen to start the conversations around devolving Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust to the individual Iwi, as well as supporting the Iwi stance on the Court of Appeal Wakatu case.

Barry also gave his skills expertise and knowledge to assist his father Ray Mason's Iwi, Ngāti Kuia, and he took pleasure in this.

Auntie Romi was also raised by Auntie Kate and she always considered Barry her brother. She told some wonderful stories about the tricks she got up to, including stuffing strips of newspaper down his trombone, so that when Barry went to band practice and blew into his trombone, a paper shower erupted out in front of his fellow band members.

His sons also shared some of Barry's more subtle quirks, including his corny joke telling, his distaste for sausages (as a university student buying the more expensive meats wasn't a goer), and organising his lotto.

In closing, it is a testament to Barry, in recognition of all of his work over the last 40 years, that through the ratification process Ngāti Rārua voted that Barry Mason sign the Deed of Settlement on our behalf.

Barry will be sadly missed.

Chair's Foreword

Kia ora Ngāti Rārua,

It is with much sadness that I remember those of Ngāti Rārua who have recently gone into the night, the long night, to be with their Tūpuna. I especially recall Uncle Vern Stafford, who showed the Waitangi Tribunal the cultural sites of significance for Ngāti Rārua around the Wairau, and Barry Mason, one of the principal figures who fought for the lands in Motueka until they were given back to Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa. They were tūturu Ngāti Rārua tāne who I enjoyed listening to and discussing Ngāti Rārua history with; they will be missed. Haere e ngā whanaunga, haere, haere haere.

In August, as Deputy Chair, along with Molly Luke, we attended a hui with other Iwi leaders from throughout the South Island. These meetings are held quarterly and foster relationships when looking at political issues that may affect Iwi into the future. During these hui each Iwi maintains their own autonomy and right of action, which allows for different points of views to be aired. Often however an understanding is reached, even if the Iwi have opposing viewpoints. The agenda focuses on current political activities that could affect Iwi Deeds of Settlement and are "solution-focused".

Recently Ngāti Rārua applied for Intervenor status in the *Wakatu v Crown Supreme Court* case. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua maintains its position that it held in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. We maintain the right, as Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua, to speak from an Iwi perspective. The Court case has been laid down in the Wellington Supreme Court to run from 12 to 15 October; and Tim Castle will be representing us. It would be great to see our Ngāti Rārua people there listening.

It was freezing being in Richmond to watch the dawn unveiling of Ngāti Rārua Street and Marino Street signs in Nelson recently, but remembering and seeing the names of our Ngāti Rārua Tupuna Rangatira unveiled made it well worth it.

Kia ora.

Arthur Phillips,
Deputy Chair

Signing of the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 at Parliament



Pictured above: Ngāti Rārua Deputy Chair Arthur Phillips and Chair Andrew (Anaru) Luke wait to sign the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 at Parliament.

On 23 July Ngāti Rārua Chair, Andrew (Anaru) Luke, and Deputy Chair, Arthur Phillips, attended Parliament to sign the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua.

All of Te Waka a Maui (South Island) Iwi were present with their representatives attending to sign due to the overlapping of boundaries. This was the culmination of a long and hard journey in negotiations and Ngāti Rārua wishes to acknowledge the contribution of John Morgan, as one of our main negotiators, towards influencing an outcome.

The Iwi Aquaculture Organisations (IAOs) represent Iwi in each region, and have been provided with settlement assets that are representative of 20% of the new space in each region. This means that the provision of authorisations conferring an exclusive right to apply to occupy space in the coastal marine area for the purpose of aquaculture activities; the payment of a financial equivalent of that space; or the entering into one or more regional agreements under Section 10 of the Settlement Act.

Since the inception of the Act in 2004, it

has taken 11 years for the Government to reach a consensus with all of the Iwi concerned. The essential elements provided for in the regional agreements, along with the fiscal parameters of the Crown's regional offers, were finally unified in a resolution with each of the Iwi parties confirming to the Crown their preferred package of settlement assets.

The time required to reach an agreement reflected the outcome of all the foregoing discussions and negotiations.

Below: Ngāti Rārua Chair and Deputy Chair with the Hon. Rino Tirakatene Sullivan.
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Ngāti Rārua and Marino Sts



Pictured above: Amoroa (Molly) Luke unveils "Ngāti Rārua Street", a new road in the Waimeha subdivision in Richmond, Nelson, at a dawn blessing ceremony held on Friday 4 September 2015.



Two new streets in the Wakatu-owned subdivision "Waimeha", located at Richmond, Nelson, were unveiled by a small group of Ngāti Rārua and Wakatu people at a dawn ceremony on 4 September.

Ngāti Rārua Street – the name Ngāti Rārua was shortened by, and derived from, our Tūpuna Rāruaioio, and all Ngāti Rārua whakapapa back to this woman. The great grandfather of Rāruaioio was Raukawa. She was the first marriage to Tupahau. Through Tupahau's second marriage came a grandson called Toarangatira (Ngāti Toa). Both Iwi have Tupahau as their common ancestor. The brother of Rāruaioio was Tuirirangi who married Kinohaku. Kinohaku's brother was Maniapoto.

Marino Street – is named after Tamati Pirimona Marino. Through his parents, Ringahuri of Ngāti Tama / Te Atiawa and Roka of Ngāti Rārua, Marino (also known as Te Pua Ringahuri) was related to all three manawhenua iwi of Mohua after the Tainui Taranaki conquest (1828-1830). His pa was at Aorere, where he had considerable land interests. He was baptised Tamati Pirimona (Thomas Freeman) after a Nelson boatbuilder and married the same day (14 May 1843) to Erena Te Kehu by Ironside, Wesleyan missionary, based at Port Underwood.

Marino's 34-foot schooner, the *Erena*, was registered at Nelson in December 1845 under T. Freeman and S. Strong; Strong, Nelson merchant, was listed as security for money and goods he

advanced Marino to complete the vessel. In 1847, dissatisfied with the arrangement, Marino sued Strong in "the first case of a civil nature between an European and a native"; the Court found for Marino, awarding him £27. Marino often captained the vessel himself, shipping coal from Massacre Bay, pigs and potatoes from Queen Charlotte Sound, and passengers to the North Is. The *Erena* was wrecked in 1850 on its way to Kawhia "... owing to a singular mistake of her mate", a drunken Pakeha.

The 1857 Collingwood gold-rush severely challenged Marino as chief of the district; he welcomed and fed hundreds of Maori miners, but his people eventually found that "feastings and korero-ing with every fresh arrival was not a paying occupation".

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Left: Ngāti Rārua Tūpuna Tamati Pirimona Marino.

Right: The new street "Marino Grove" located in the Waimeha subdivision was also unveiled by Amoroa (Molly) Luke at the dawn blessing.



Meetings on the new Te Turi Whenua Bill draft

Ngāti Rārua has been actively involved in the consultation process on the draft of the Te Ture Whenua Maori Exposure Bill.

The Minister Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell hopes to develop the Bill for cabinet later this year, so that it can be enacted in early 2016.

The time set by Cabinet processes and the Iwi views across the top of the South Island were varied, but all holding the same concerns. Those present at the hui were clear that if Maori land was to be developed then the Government should remove all impediments such as the Rating Powers Act, the Resource Management Act, consent provisions in local government processes, the Crown succession fees, lands taken under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and transitional costs.

There was clear concern around rewriting of the whole Bill as it could create unnecessary risk. When Te Puni Kokiri staff were asked if the Attorney-General had looked at the Bill proposal under the Bill of Rights,

the answer was that the process for considering a Bill against the Bill of Rights comes later, when the Bill is introduced into Parliament.

One participant stated that the Bill has ignored a lot of what the top of the South Island Iwi had said at last year's hui and seemed similar to the Foreshore and Seabed Act when presented, because it was something the Government wants to do.

Section 45 of the Act was discussed; whereby if there are 10 owners, all must agree. One of the questions that was put to Te Puni Kokiri was – "Where will the new Act be if one or more owners are deceased?"

Another meeting was held in Blenheim, after it was pointed out that there was little multiply-owned land in Nelson. Most comes under Wakatu and the Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust. It was made very clear that most lands still held in multiple ownership were situated in the Wairau. This was a positive meeting outcome.

Notice of AGM

Ngāti Rārua Iwi Trust Ngāti Rārua Settlement Trust

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka
10.30am, Saturday 10 October 2015

Agenda:

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Presentation of Annual Report
6. Appoint Auditor General
7. Close of Hui
9. Kai

For further information, or to request a Member registration form, or to view the Deeds of Trust, please contact the Rūnanga at Tokomaru House, 15 Kinross Street, Blenheim, by phone (03) 577 8468 or email michelle.lavender@ngatirarua.co.nz.

A B Luke
Chair

Below left: Chair Andrew (Anaru) Luke and Trustee Renee Thomas listening to the kōrero at the Te Ture Whenua hui. *Below right:* Trustee Dr Lorraine Eade scribing people's thoughts during the Te Ture Whenua discussion.



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**Hui
TIME**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Saturday 10 October 2015 – Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka**

Taranaki Tū Mai 2015

Kei haku nui, kei haku rahi, nei rā te reo pōwhiri, te reo karanga ki koutou kei ngā tōpito katoa o te motu nei kia hoki mai rā koutou ki tō tupuna maunga, ki tō tupuna whenua mō te ahurei whakahirahira o tātou, arā, "**Taranaki Tū Mai 2015**" ka tū ki te rohe o Ngāti Mutunga.

Nō reira, koutou rā ngā uri o te maunga Tītōhea, haere mai rā, hoki mai rā, e

rarau ki te papa ohaoha o Urenui mō tēnei kaupapa nui.

Ngāti Mutunga, along with the Taranaki Tū Mai Trust, would like to extend an invitation to you to attend **Taranaki Tū Mai 2015** to be held in Urenui, Taranaki, between the 20th and 22nd November 2015. We welcome all uri of the iwi of Taranaki to return home and participate in your respective iwi at this important event.

It is an opportunity for Taranaki whānui to come together and participate in Hākinakina, Kapa Haka, and Wānanga to celebrate Whakapapa, Whanaungatanga and our collective Taranakitanga.

Ngā Hākinakina - includes Triathlon, Golf, 3 on 3 Basketball, Touch, League Nines, Rugby 7's, Fast 5 Netball, Darts, Indoor Bowls, Mud Run, Kaumatua Games, Kaumatua Volleyball & Tamariki Activities.

Te Kapa Haka - Whakataetae & Ngāhau. Compulsory Waiata - He Tangi mō Pōmare.

He Wānanga - Reo and Waiata.

Registration is \$5 per person (12 years and under are free) which includes hangi on Sunday 22nd November 2015.

For further information please feel free to contact Raymond Tuuta on:

Phone: (06) 752 3247 or
email: office@ngatimutunga.iwi.nz

Nō reira, kati ake rā ki konei mō tēnei wā. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

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Above: In Parliament for the Signing.

Below: Ngāti Rārua Chair, Andrew (Anaru) Luke, and Deputy Chair, Arthur Phillips, sign the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 on behalf of Ngāti Rārua Iwi.



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In May 1860 Marino accompanied James Mackay Jr to the West Coast to extinguish Poutini Ngai Tahu's interests there; Marino witnessed the Arahura Purchase Deed as a rangatira who had already sold his interests in the lands, and to ensure Reserves were allocated for his whanaunga.

When the gold focus shifted to Buller in 1861-62, Marino's status was extremely valuable. He dissuaded Waikato Maori from exacting utu after a female relative was murdered, adjusted disputes, and was acknowledged by both races as Chief. He and fellow chiefs hosted an excellent dinner of "sucking pig, fowl, beef, plum pudding, fruit pies etc." for all diggers to celebrate Christmas 1862; Marino proposed a toast to the Queen. Marino and Erena lost at least one child; Erena's fate is unknown, but in the 1860s Marino's wife was Riria Wikiato, a relative. He died in 1877 without issue, and relatives from all three of his iwi inherited his interests at Aorere and Westport; he is buried in the old cemetery (Excellent Street) at Collingwood.

Tamati Pirimona Marino successfully combined his responsibilities as rangatira with the qualities necessary to succeed in the new society formed by colonisation. He was widely admired by Maori and European alike.

Source: <http://www.theprow.org.nz/maori/tamati-pirimona-marino>

E ngā kaiarahi maha o Ngāti Rārua anei te karanga o tou Rūnanga!

This is a general call to Ngāti Rārua members who currently provide leadership services to organisations, or you are about to do so, or you would like to do so. Please allow us to draw on your skills and experience by serving on our Governance Committees, and on the Boards of Directors for our companies.

We have five governance committees: the Audit and Risk Committee and the Investment Committee would value members with specialist financial and investment backgrounds; the Strategy and Monitoring Committee would benefit from people with experience in strategy design, and/or implementation, and/or strategy monitoring using performance and indicator metrics; the Iwi Development Committee and Representation and Advocacy Commit-

tee would be strengthened by people with experience in any of the following areas; communications, social media, resource management, and relationship management.

If you have qualifications and/or experience in any of these fields, and between 20-40 hours per year available, then please send a CV to The Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua, PO Box 1026, Blenheim 7240, by 30 November 2015.

Whakamihi (Congratulations) to Anaru & Kelly on the birth of their second pēpe

Congratulations go out to Kelly & Anaru Luke on the safe arrival of their second son **Tiaki May Luke**, a wee tuakana for Taimarino.

Tiaki arrived on Wednesday 26 August at 5:13am, weighing 8lb 4oz. The gorgeous photos (above right) show little Tiaki, and his very proud big brother Taimarino having a cuddle.



**Tiheī te tama he tama
whakaputa ki waho, puta ki
tua, ki te ao marama,
Tihei Mauriora!**

If you have any similar stories for the Pānui, please send them to the office by mailing to the address below, or by emailing admin@ngatirua.co.nz. We would love to hear from you!

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