



HUI Ā ROHE REPORT

Ngāti Tūwharetoa Hui ā Rohe

Abstract

A Karanga Aotearoa summary report of the hui held at Waitetoko Marae, Te Rangiita, Taupōnui a Tia, on 13 October 2012

Introduction

On Friday the 20th of April 2012 five kōiwi tangata with provenance to Taupō nui a Tia were returned to hapū belonging to Ngāti Tūwharetoa. During this domestic repatriation Ngāti Tūwharetoa invited Karanga Aotearoa to return at a later date to discuss the issue of a final resting place for unprovenanced kōiwi tangata returning from overseas and also housed at Te Papa Tongarewa.

Arrangements were made to hold this hui ā rohe during October 2012.

Waitetoko Marae Te Rangiita

On Saturday 13 October 2012 Karanga Aotearoa facilitated a Hui ā Rohe for kaumātua and iwi representatives from Te Rohe o Ngāti Tūwharetoa. This hui was held at Waitetoko marae, Te Rangiita Taupōnui a Tia with more than 20 representatives in attendance who discussed repatriation issues pertaining to Toi moko, kōiwi tangata, and options for a final resting place for unprovenanced kōiwi tangata.

The Te Papa delegation was led by Repatriation Advisory kaumātua; Te Kanawa Pitiroi, Whāea Hokimoana Te Rika-Hekerangi, with attendance by Te Herekieke Herewini (Manager Repatriation), Amber Aranui (Repatriation Researcher), Mona-Pauline Mangakahia (Temporary Repatriation Programme Coordinator), Rhonda Paku (Senior Curator Mātauranga Maori), Gavin Reedy (Iwi Development Officer, National Services Te Paerangi) and Simon Jean-Pigne (PhD Repatriation Intern).

This summary report outlines the programme for the hui and key points raised and discussed in relation to Karanga Aotearoa as well as the options to be considered for unprovenanced kōiwi tangata.

Programme

On the evening of Friday 12 October 2012 the delegation from Te Papa Tongarewa were welcomed onto Te Waitetoko marae by local Te Rangiita and Ngāti Tūwharetoa kaumātua. Karanga, whaikōrero, waiata and hariru were exchanged accordingly.

Later that evening Te Papa and the Whanganui Museum provided presentations about taonga and kōiwi tangata housed in their museums of special interest and connection to the hapū of Te Rangiita.

Saturday 13 October 2012

At 9.30 am on Saturday 13 October 2012 the Repatriation Advisory Panel kaumātua Te Kanawa Pitiroi and Hokimoana Te Rika-Hekerangi introduced the purpose of the hui and also provided overviews of their mahi on the Repatriation Advisory Panel.

Te Herekieke Herewini followed by facilitating the proceedings, commencing

with detailed presentations by:

- Amber Aranui who provided an overview of the kōiwi tangata repatriation to Ngāti Tūwharetoa in April 2012, and also the trade of Toi moko through the Kapiti Coast during the early 1800s;

- Simon Jean-Pigne provided an overview about the Toi moko research he had undertaken in France.

Comments from the hui included:

- The return of the Ngāti Tūwharetoa kōiwi tangata in April had a positive outcome for Ngāti Tuwharetoa hapū. The return of the tūpuna provided a positive catalyst for the hapū to work together;
- It would be good to have more information about the trade of Toi moko through the Taitokerau/Ngāpuhi; and
- Simon Jean was thanked for his presentation about the research he had conducted in France to investigate the trade of Toi moko with specific reference to the Toi moko repatriated from the Rouen Museum.

These presentations were followed by a short kaputī break.

On the return to the wharenuī after the kaputī, Te Herekieke followed this by detailing the programme's establishment, objectives and priorities including an update about the international and domestic repatriation activities conducted since 2003.

Te Herekieke also provided an overview of the trade of Toi moko through the Bay of Islands.

To add Te Herekieke concluded his presentation with an overview of the:

- Tono received from Ngāti Kurī pertaining to the unprovenanced kōiwi tangata. Ngāti Kurī has invited Te Papa to put the kōiwi tangata to rest at a location close to Rerenga Wairua within their Taitokerau takiwā; and also
- Highlighted another suggestion to create a mausoleum for the unprovenanced kōiwi tangata in Pōneke/Te Whanganui a Tara to honour the tūpuna.

Te Herekieke opened the discussion up to the hui and the following comments were received:

- It is important to recognise the significance of the Ngāti Kurī tonu which was tabled at the National Repatriation hui at Ngāti Tunohopu marae in Rotorua in 2006;
- It is important that further research is undertaken with the Toi moko and that they remain at Te Papa so this research can take place; and
- Further research into the moko patterns on the Toi moko is important, as this could help to identify individual tohunga tā moko who performed these activities, and also may help to identify provenance.

In response Te Herekieke confirmed that Te Papa wishes to undertake research on the moko styles and patterns to help in the process of identifying provenance, however, Te Herekieke added this research was only in its early stages.

To conclude this session Gavin Reedy (Te Paerangi National Services) provided an overview of the outreach services provided by Te Paerangi to upskill iwi to conserve and protect their taonga for future generations.

Keypoints

Ngāti Kuri Tono

In respect to the proposed option and invitation from Ngāti Kurī for the unprovenanced kōiwi tangata to be laid to rest at/or near Te Rerenga Wairua in the Taitokerau the gathering believed this to be a favourable option. Many Māori view Te Rerenga Wairua as significant and a special place for Māori.

Furthermore, the hui requested that Ngāti Kurī is asked that the urupā can be available on an ongoing basis for returning unprovenanced kōiwi tangata.

Putunga Kotahi/ Mausoleum

The mausoleum concept was not supported by the hui.

Summary

The gathering considered the Ngāti Kurī tono and also the Putunga Kotahi option. In weighing up the merits that both options presented, the tono from Ngāti Kurī was supported with the addition that a request be put to Ngāti Kurī that the urupā be open for continuous kōiwi tangata which are not provenanced.

Attendees

Ingoa

Te Arikiniui Tumu Te Heuheu

Maihi Mariu

Mere Maniapoto

Rawinia Maniapoto

Tui Maniapoto

Danny Morehu

Piata Tahere

Hinemoana Simeon-Smallman

Patricia Otimi

Ngaire George

Eru George

Iwi, hapū, whānau

Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Ngāti Te Rangīiita

Ngāti Te Rangīiita, Hineure, Te Kohera, Hinerau.

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Ngāti Te Rangīiita

Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Tūrangitukua, Parekawa.

Ngāti Turumakina, Ngāti Hine

Ngāti Kohera

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Barnett Edward	Te Kapa o Te Rangīta ki Oruanui
Lenise Barnett	Te Kapa o Te Rangīta ki Oruanui
Ned Wikaira	
Hoani Johnny Maniapoto	Ngāti Te Rangīta
Jim Maniapoto	Te Rangīta Waitetoko
Kataraina Pitiroi	Tūrangitukua, Ngāti Karauia
Mikaere Pitiroi	Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Miriama Prentice	Te Rangīta
Nganehu Whatu	Rauhoto, Tutewha
A J Paekitawhiti Hall	Ngāti Karauia
Komiiria Tamaki-Rihia	Ngāti Rongomai
Awhina Twomey	Whanganui Museum