



HUI Ā ROHE REPORT

Te Tauihu o te Waka Omaka Marae Hui ā Rohe

Abstract

A Karanga Aotearoa summary report of the hui held at Omaka Marae,
Blenheim, on Tuesday 30 October 2012

Introduction

On Tuesday 30 November 2012 Karanga Aotearoa facilitated a Hui ā Rohe for kaumātua and iwi representatives from Te Tau Ihu O Te Waka Rohe. This hui was the second of two to be held in the rohe, with the other at Whakatū marae on 29 th October 2012.

For the hui at Omaka marae there were four iwi 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; Whāea Hokimoana Te Rika-Hekerangi, Professor Ngapare Hopa, Tomo Baggs (Tainui/Hauraki), Nancye Gage (Tainui/Hauraki) with attendance by Te Herekieke Herewini (Manager Repatriation), Amber Aranui (Repatriation Researcher), Mona-Pauline Mangakahia (Temporary Repatriation Programme Coordinator), and Simon Jean-Pigne (PhD Repatriation Intern).

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

Attendees

Kiley Nepia	Rangitāne
Mahara Gilsehan	Ngāti Apa o te Rā Tō
Paia Riwaka-Herbert	Ngāti Apa o te Rā Tō
Mabel Grennel	Te Āti Awa

Programme

At 10 am on Tuesday 30 October 2012 the Repatriation Advisory Panel kaumātua Hokimoana Te Rika-Hekerangi introduced the purpose of the hui and also provided an overview of her mahi on the Repatriation Advisory Panel.

Te Herekieke Herewini followed by facilitating the proceedings and commencing with detailed kōrero about:

- The programme’s establishment, objectives and priorities including an update about the international and domestic repatriation activities conducted since 2003;
- An overview of the trade of Toi moko through the Bay of Islands;
- Amber Aranui presented an overview of the trade of Toi moko through the Kapiti Coast, as well as detailed information about kōiwi tangata housed at Te Papa with provenance to Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka; and
- Simon Jean-Pigne provided an overview about the Toi moko research he had undertaken in France.

Comments from the hui included:

- 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; and
- There was much discussion about the kōiwi tangata with provenance to Te Tau Ihu.

These presentations were followed by a short break.

On the return to the whareniui, Te Herekieke followed with an overview about 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:
- This is a significant issue to consider and we are here to represent our respective iwi, and therefore we would like to take this *take* back to them for consideration.

In response Te Herekieke indicated that he looked forward to meeting the iwi representatives again to discuss both their views as to a final resting place for unprovenanced kōiwi tangata and also further discussions about kōiwi tangata housed at Te Papa with provenance to Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka rohe.

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 wished further time to consider this kaupapa.

Putunga Kotahi/ Mausoleum

In respect to the proposed option of a Putunga Kotahi/ Mausoleum based in Wellington the gathering wished further time to consider this kaupapa

Summary

The gathering considered the Ngāti Kurī tonono and also the Putunga Kotahi option. In weighing up the merits that both options presented, the iwi representatives wished to deliberate these options with their respective iwi in more depth.