

Ka tuku whakawhetai ki Te Atua mo nga manaakitanga ki runga i a tatou katoa o Mataatua otira o te Moana a Toi, kororia ki tona ingoa tapu mo ake tonu atu.

Ka huri nga mihi ki o tatou mate huhua no ngā marae me o tatou nei lwi moe mai ra koutou i nga ringaringa o Te Ariki.

Nei ra ano te mihi ki a Kingi Tuheitia otira ki te Kahui Ariki o Te Kingitanga rire rire hau paimarire

E aku Rangatira e aku Whaea tena koutou katoa

There has been some significant decisions that have occurred this week at our Te Mātāwai board hui. The decisions have taken up to a year in the making as we have worked through our kaupapa. There has been much discussion and debate at the Te Mātāwai board hui over many months that is required to ensure the contribution that Te Mātāwai is seeking to make in the advancement of Te Reo Māori will actually make a difference, and as a board we believe it will!

A significant element of these discussions have required great debate and equally great advocacy from each of the respective lwi representatives and equally from the Reo Tukutuku Representatives (Education, media, community, Urban Māori) and these debates have continued through to this week. However we have now made a set of key decisions and here are some of the headliners of our decisions for your information.

1) Te Mātāwai represents the Maihi Māori and the focus is on "Kia ūkaipō anō te Reo**" - restoring Te Reo Māori as a nurtured first language. This will be achieved through:**

Rumaki Taiao - increasing Māori language immersion domains outside of the home

Whakarauora Reo - Increasing understanding of Māori language revitalisation

2) The implementation model that Te Mātāwai has decided to utilise is our Kāhui - Cluster driven model e.g. Our Mataatua Kāhui for Te Mātāwai that I have been honoured to represent as the current representative. Therefore our

Mataatua Iwi cluster is our primary vehicle for Te Reo activity within the Mataatua rohe.

3) \$10.8 million per annum will be utilised to fund kaupapa that are specifically targeting the **HOMES** and our **COMMUNITY**.

70% of this total appropriation will be split evenly across the 7 Iwi kāhui (e.g. Mataatua) for REGIONAL and LOCAL investments.

Each Kāhui will receive \$1.081 million for each of the 2017, 2018 & 2019 financial years (the 2017 year started in July 2017 and ends in June 2018).

4) 25% of the \$10.8 million will be allocated to a national contestable pool (Managed by the Reo Tukutuku - Media, Community, Education, Urban Māori reps on Te Mātāwai).

This amount will be \$2.704 million

5) 5% of the \$10.8 million will be allocated to "formative evaluation" of the programmes implemented for each financial year

What does this mean for Te Mātāwai o Te Rohe o Mataatua?

Te Mātāwai o Te Rohe o Mataatua will receive \$1.081 million for each of the three financial years moving forward. The putea will be centralised at the Te Mātāwai Head office in Wellington and will be administered by our Tumu Whakarae Te Ataarangi Whiu - who is doing an EXCELLENT job for us all whanau and we are very proud that she also comes from our rohe!!

THEREFORE these are the steps we will need to go through moving forward:

Step 1. We will need to **ELECT** a Mataatua Cluster Panel of up to 9 members who will make the "recommendations" to the Te Mātāwai board for funding approval for the Reo initiatives/ projects.

As the current Mataatua Te Mātāwai representative and your current Board member of Te Mātāwai, I will Chair the proposed Mataatua cluster panel and we will need to call a hui to elect an additional 8 members to this panel.

Kei te pai? Kei te whai tonu ana koutou ki taku nei kōrero?

I will call a hui for this kaupapa once I have touched base by visiting you or by phone calls with you all to ensure we all ok and on the same page e aku rangatira.

This will take a few weeks whanau so please continue to be patient and there is no risk at all that our Mataatua rohe is behind any of the other rohe. Tainui and Te Tai Rawhiti have elected their representatives for their cluster and I will share some of their processes and experiences that they worked through in future emails.

I see this kaupapa as an opportunity to ensure we have outstanding INDIVIDUAL IWI STRATEGIES and secondly an outstanding collective TE KAHUI O MATAATUA TE MAATAAWAI STRATEGY. I would recommend consideration of a 10 or 20 year Te Whakarauora o Te Reo Māori year plan whanau.

Again, as a priority I would encourage you to develop or to review/ renew current Te Reo strategies whānau as a priority. I would also encourage you to identify what actions you would take to enact the Te Reo strategy and identify clear priorities for your Iwi.

Whānau, hapu and community groups will also be able to apply for funding from our Te Kāhui o Mataatua o Mātāwai putea as this will be a contestable process.

Step 2. Once we have elected 8 people to join me on the Mataatua Cluster panel, our immediate role will be to develop a Mataatua Investment Plan that will need to be endorsed by the Iwi. This plan will be developed by us all. Once this plan is finalised by us all, the plan will need to be endorsed by the national Te Mātāwai Board that I will present and speak to at the hui.

Step 3. Once the Mataatua Cluster panel has been established, they will start to receive and confirm applications from our rohe to support the implementation of Te Reo initiatives in our rohe of Mataatua. The Mataatua

Cluster will make RECOMMENDATIONS to the Te Matawai Board for support, hence why the Chair of our Mataatua Cluster will be the member representing Mataatua on the Te Matawai board when these decisions are made.

Kei te whai tonu mai koutou e aku rangatira?

Step 4.

The successful initiatives will be funded and implemented through contract arrangements through our Te Mātāwai office and Tumu Whakarae and the successful applicants will be supported and monitored accordingly.

Conclusion

I apologise for taking so much time and we have had irregular contact, however this kaupapa has taken many many hui and months of mahi from our board and kaimahi to prepare Te Mātāwai to be in this position at this time and I am very excited for you and us all and for our whānau, hapu and Iwi of Mātaatua and Te Moana nui a Toi.

I hope this is clear e aku rangatira and I will give you all a phone call and hopefully a visit within the next 3 weeks. I will be able to visit some of you next week if you are free please contact me as I will be in Tauranga.

Jennifer e te tuahine, I need to make a visit to Waikaremoana soon and as a priority e te tuahine!

I would encourage all Iwi to take some time to develop or to review your current Te Reo Māori plans and related initiatives, movements, institutions, ideas and aspirations.

Whānau, thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me by email or by phone (021)444462.

Te Mātāwai has taken a year to work through its ideas and aspirations, and we are only now in a position to enact your aspirations for Te Reo Māori.

Ka nui te aroha ki a koutou. Ma Te Atua koutou me to Iwi, nga Hapu me nga Whanau e manaaki hei tiaki!

Arohanui
Bentham Atirau Ohia