

**Report 03.697**  
14 November 2003  
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**Minutes of the Ara Tahī meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, at 10.10am**

**Present**

<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Queenie Rikihana Hyland, Rupene Waaka
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Miki Rikihana, Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Liz Mellish, Neville Gilmore
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

**Officers Present**

Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Barry Harris, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish and Nicola Shorten

**Also Present**

Crs McDavitt and Turver

## Procedural Items

### 1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

### 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Margaret Shields/Alma Mihaere)*

*That the apologies from Pita Flynn (Ngati Kahungunu), Mark Te One (Wellington Tenth Trust) and Teri Puketapu (Taranaki Whanui) be confirmed.*

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

*Freshwater Aquaculture*

Ian Buchanan confirmed that the Council is still waiting for the opportunity to feed into the Government's work on aquaculture reforms. At this stage, no clear timeframe has been advised within which the relevant legislation will be drafted.

*Capacity and Non-notified Consents Payments*

Charles Morunga advised officers that he had sent an invoice to Council at the end of September, but it had not yet been paid. Nicola Shorten said she would look into this.

*Ngati Tama*

Rupene Waaka asked that it be noted that Ngati Raukawa wishes to make no comment on the decision of whether Ngati Tama be invited to join Ara Tahi.

It was pointed out that the resolution under item 6 of the previous minutes should refer to 12 November, not 12 September. The minutes will be amended accordingly.

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*Resolved*

*(Horipo Rimene/Liz Mellish)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 3 September 2003 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Progress Report - Maori Policy Advisors, Wellington and Wairarapa

*Staff Training*

Rawiri Faulkner said the feedback received from staff attending the Council's Te Reo course was very positive. He added that council officers had also explored options for

Tikanga training and are aiming to implement this component of the Maori education programme sometime in 2004.

*Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values - Wellington Tenth's Trust*

Liz Mellish and Neville Gilmore outlined the work done to date by the Wellington Tenth's Trust on their GIS project. Neville Gilmore presented a series of maps of the Port Nicholson Block, which identified Maori legal reserves, wastelands and other sites. The next step in the project will be to compile the relevant historical information from LINZ, the Maori Land Court and the National Archives etc to build a chronological history of events for each identified area.

It was noted that the project will help to inform the business of the Trust, including improving the Trust's own understanding of where they come from and providing a better basis for informing councils' resource consents. The long-term applications of the project are much more far-reaching than originally anticipated, with the possibility of it being used for social aspects such as health.

Liz Mellish also introduced Rikihia Hailwood and Peter Waardenburg, both of whom have played key roles in the project.

Members of Ara Tahi were very interested in the work the Wellington Tenth's Trust are undertaking and asked several questions. Liz Mellish extended an invitation to those members of Ara Tahi who are looking at undertaking similar projects to come and work with their team for a couple of days. She said that the Trust is willing to share their work with other people and, once the interface software has been completed, other iwi will be able to easily access the information.

Margaret Shields left the meeting at 10:25am.

**Report 03.616**

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*Resolved*

*(Rupene Waaka/Miki Rikihana)*

*That the report be received and its contents noted.*

**5. Regional Parks Network Management Plan**

Victoria Owen briefly presented her paper on the Regional Parks Network Management Plan. She said the aim of the report is to update Ara Tahi on the progress of the plan and advise the timetable for the park specific plans.

**Report 03.618**

**File: PK/03/02/02**

*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Miki Rikihana)*

1. *That the report be received and its contents noted.*

2. *That the approval of Regional Parks Network Plan by Greater Wellington be noted.*
3. *That the attached timetable for the review of the park specific management plans be noted.*

## **6. Review of Non-notified Consents and Capacity Funding Contracts**

Rawiri Faulkner advised the meeting that the non-notified consents contracts and capacity funding contracts will remain separate, as discussed at the technical workshop on 15 October. Where extra work is undertaken for non-notified consents, there is the opportunity to negotiate an increased payment on a case-by-case basis. Rawiri Faulkner also noted that a report and invoice are now required every *six months*, starting from June 2004, before capacity fund payments will be made.

Rawiri Faulkner noted that members of Ara Tahi had commented at the workshop that they did not find the report template easy to use. In light of this, Rawiri Faulkner asked members of Ara Tahi to suggest how the template could be made better. Ara Tahi pointed out a number of changes to make the template more user-friendly, including:

- Page 1 – Include the options for use of the funds, as outlined in the contract.
- Table on pages 2 and 3 – Discuss key issues and projects currently underway and estimate the number of meetings etc in relation to each project.

It was suggested that council officers run through the new version of the template with each iwi individually, before reports are submitted in June 2004.

It was raised that there have been issues with contract payments, from both the point of view of Council and the members of Ara Tahi. Ara Tahi agreed that no payment should be made if a report is not submitted. They indicated that they would like to be advised in future if no report is supplied to Council.

Council officers confirmed that the contracts covering the nine-month period from 1 October 2003 to 30 June 2004 will be sent out next week and payments will be made as soon as the contracts are signed and the invoices are received.

### **Report 03.619**

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*Resolved*

*(Liz Mellish/Alma Mihaere)*

1. *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
2. *That the suggested changes be endorsed.*
3. *That a new report template be developed, taking into account the feedback provided by the members of Ara Tahi at today's meeting. The new template will then be sent to each iwi.*

## 7. Te Ohu Kai Moana – Guide to Representation on Iwi Organisations

Margaret Shields returned to the meeting at 12:30pm.

Rawiri Faulkner presented this report and asked Ara Tahi to agree on a process to decide whether or not groups such as Ngati Tama should be invited to join Ara Tahi.

Members of Ara Tahi discussed the Te Ohu Kai Moana Model, and the suggestions outlined in the report, as a tool for determining whether groups could join Ara Tahi. They said they were ambivalent about using the model without having adequate time to thoroughly assess its advantages and disadvantages. The original model was set up for the purpose of allocating fisheries resources and took 10 years to develop.

Members said they strongly felt that Ngati Tama already had representation on Ara Tahi, through the Wellington Tenth Trust. They also felt that, should Ngati Tama wish to pursue membership of Ara Tahi, they should first talk to the Wellington Tenth Trust and the other Te Ati Awa affiliated iwi. Those iwi should then make a collective recommendation to Ara Tahi on whether or not Ngati Tama should be invited to join Ara Tahi.

Liz Mellish added that the Council's response should be addressed to Ngati Tama - the *Incorporated Society*. There are several Ngati Tama groups and this would make it clear to whom the Council were referring.

### Report 03.630

File: X/16/07/01

*Resolved*

*(Rupene Waaka/Jack Rikihana)*

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That the contents of the report be noted.*

*Resolved*

*(Ian Buchanan/Jack Rikihana)*

3. *That the Council's response to Ngati Tama ki te Upoko o te Ika Society Incorporated be based on the discussion at this meeting of Ara Tahi. The response should therefore:*
  - *thank Ngati Tama for their letter;*
  - *advise that it is the view of Ara Tahi that Ngati Tama has always been represented on Ara Tahi through the Wellington Tenth Trust; and*
  - *advise Ngati Tama that if they want to pursue a place on Ara Tahi they will need to approach the Wellington Tenth and the other Te Ati Awa affiliated iwi (Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui) in the first instance;*
  - *those iwi will then make a recommendation on whether Ngati Tama should be invited to join Ara Tahi.*

## **8. Transport Policy**

Tony Brennand made a presentation summarising Greater Wellington's role and responsibilities in relation to transport. He highlighted the key issues and projects that are currently being worked on, including rail ownership/security and the Land Transport Management Bill.

Terry McDavitt pointed out that the Land Transport Management Bill, which is soon to be enacted, requires councils to consult with Maori. He said he would be keen to get the views of Ara Tahi on this matter in the near future.

## **9. General Business**

### *Dates for meetings and technical workshops for 2004*

Jason Kerehi provided a handout with the dates for next year's Ara Tahi meetings and technical workshops. He noted that there are five workshops for the year and asked members of Ara Tahi to indicate which subjects had the highest priority.

Ara Tahi advised that the four key issues to be discussed at the workshops were:

- Maori representation on Council
- Briefing on the Port Nicholson claim
- Ara Tahi policy development
- Transport

Ara Tahi agreed to leave one workshop free in case another topic is raised in the next twelve months.

### *Thanks*

Tom Paku thanked iwi representatives and councillors for their input throughout the year. He also thanked council officers for their advice and acknowledged the effort the Council had put into developing the relationship with Ara Tahi. Alma Mihaere thanked Tom Paku for his chairmanship over the year.

The meeting concluded at 1:00pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 25 February 2004.

Tomas Paku  
Chairperson

Date: