

## HOKOTEHI NEWSLETTER

Ta Upoko o T'etchi-Ao (April) 2019

### *Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou, hokomenetai me rongō*

Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori. Moe mai kā mate Moriori, moe mai takoto mai. Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have lost loved ones in the last few months.

We would especially like to acknowledge the passing of Brigadier General Ian Thorpe CBE, MSD, MID and OF (Order of Fiji), the father of Susan and father-in-law of Maui, who died at his home at Lake Tarawera, Rotorua on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Ian served both New Zealand and Fiji armies as a commander with great distinction and was buried with full military honours in Rotorua. He was the much-beloved husband of Pat and father of Susan, Rick and Jenny and grandfather and great grandfather. Moe mai i te rangatira moe mai.

Our thoughts and best wishes go also to those who have welcomed in babies and the next generation.

Congratulations to Loretta Lanauze on the arrival of her beautiful baby girl. Welcome to the world little one.



### Moriori Calendar

April = Ta Upoko o T'etchi-Ao

This is the time of the shell-less crayfish



### Wedding Celebrations

#### Ronan Hutchings & Teresa-Anne Gomez

On 23 February Ronan and Teresa celebrated their wedding on the cliff tops at Matarakau. Their stunning beach setting was a beautiful backdrop for their ceremony. We wish them all the best for their lives together.



#### Maui Solomon & Susan Thorpe

On 5<sup>th</sup> January Maui and Susan were married in an intimate ceremony at Susan's parent's property on the shores of Lake Tarawera. Congratulations



Maui and Susan celebrating their wedding with Maui's niece Caitlin Hamilton on the left

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## RECENT EVENTS .....

We would like to acknowledge and thank those members who have supported the marae and recent events through kaimoana, kai whenua, kitchen help, support for hokomaurahiri and event attendances. It has been great to have your support and iaroa. The kai that we produce for our maurahiri has certainly enhanced the mana of the marae and has been well received. Thank you!

In December last year we celebrated the Christmas season with a lunch for rangata mātua of the island. This was organised in partnership with Māori Community Health Services (Ha o te Ora). A big thank you to all the helpers and cooks who made the occasion such a cheerful celebration and to Brody Fraser for singing some old favourites and some foot stomping country songs.

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## School Visits

We continue to be blessed with regular visits from our three island schools and in December last year Te One brought their end of year production, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, to Kōpinga. No-one was spared from the sharp humour and island insights in this comedy musical performance. It was a great night from the Te One kids.

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## Chatham Island Festival

The annual Chatham Island Festival was held Sat 9 March at the Norman Kirk Memorial Reserve. The theme was 'Living well'. Hokotehi supported this kaupapa by sponsoring the event by providing plant based ecoware and compostable food containers, cutlery and napkins for the food stall providers. It was great to see so many stall holders get behind the theme with creative ways to label their wares. Photo from Ces Lanauze – voted most eco-friendly stall.



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## New Staff at Hokotehi

We have two new staff working at the marae as office administrators (on a job share basis).

We are delighted to welcome local residents Danielle McQuarrie and Kate McCoubrey to the team and love it when Louie (who has just turned one) can join us. Dani is also part of the crew at Henga Lodge and Kate has started yoga classes every Sunday at the marae for locals.



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## Vision Mātauranga

The November 2018 wānanga at Kōpinga was attended by science representatives of all the Crown Research Institutes plus an attendee from Māori Tourism. The 5-day wānanga included community workshops and field trips to various farms on the island. Dr Warren Parker, Chair of Forestry Ministerial Advisory Group, also joined us.

The wānanga was very productive and a draft report has now been prepared that explores various ideas for building a more resilient Chatham Islands. The next step for this collaborative project will be a trip to CRI offices and examples of Crown/Imi partnerships in action. We will advertise this to members and invite expressions of Interest for attendees.

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## Billion Trees and Predator Free

As part of this work with the CRIs Hokotehi has been investigating options for billion tree grants and predator free 2050 funding along with DOC and the Tāiko Trust.

In February we hosted Al Bramley (Zero Invasive Predators) and Devon McLean (NEXT Foundation) during a visit to Kaingaroa Station and then a look through the conservation work Hokotehi is focussed on in the east coast kōpi groves.



Our guests were impressed at the rate of native forest regeneration in the Taia landscape and helped explore future thinking for designing a predator-free case study for the NE part of the island, extending the trapping and re-planting work we are doing now towards achieving a possum and cat free landscape.



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### Transfer White-faced Storm Petrels

In February 48 white-faced storm petrel chicks (rōrō in Moriori) were transferred from Hokoreroro (SE Island) to Mana Island off the west coast of Porirua in an attempt to re-establish a population in NZ.

The petrels are often referred to as 'Jesus birds' or takahikare-moana in Māori because they appear to walk on water whilst feeding on krill. They fledge quickly and fly to sea for about three years before returning to breed, braving the waters and storms of the Southern Ocean often travelling as far south as the sub-Antarctic islands.

Hokotehi and Ngāti Mutunga worked alongside DOC and Friends of Mana Island to support the transfer, conditional upon provision of teaching resources for our island schools and engagement with school groups in the project.

These petrels are some of the world's smallest seabirds and were once all over NZ. On Hokoreoro there are about 1 million birds.



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### Repatriation of Kōimi Tangata

Late last year we sent a scoping paper on repatriation to all members asking for your views on plans for bringing these ancestors home. There is still plenty of time for you to express your views on matters such as a preference for them to be placed in an above ground vault or buried and on what locations ought to be considered for their return on the island.

In late April a small delegation will accompany Te Papa staff from Karanga Aotearoa to Europe to return 14 kōimi Moriori and also to have meetings with staff from the Natural History Museum (NHM) in London, where a further 110 kōimi are being cared for. The NHM repatriation is scheduled for the end of 2019 and we can then start the planning for bringing them all back to Rēkohu.

Te Papa will have a low key ceremony for the return of the 14 kōimi tangata on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Keep an eye on our facebook pages for updates. All members are welcome to attend this ceremony.

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### Solar Installs

Hokotehi has recently engaged Integrity Solar Ltd (based in Raglan) to install solar at Taia and also the 2 Kaingaroa farm houses taking all three dwellings off their diesel dependency and reducing annual running costs significantly.





Solar Integrity will be travelling back to the island this month to work on feasibility studies for conversion of the marae and Henga Lodge to solar. Both buildings have some solar in place already for hot water heating but still rely on diesel to operate other heating systems.

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### Monthly Youth Forum

We propose to have regular, monthly dinners at the marae for 'youth'. There is no specific age bracket for these gatherings. If you feel youthful and want to spend some time at the marae catching up with other locals come along. Some evenings will also have talks from visitors.

Last month we were joined by Raihānia Tipoki who is based in the Wairarapa and also happens to be Moriori.

Raihania is a traditional waka captain and environmentalist. He has also had several years sailing 50-foot cargo commercial waka around the Pacific and is raising awareness of PLASTICS in our oceans.

Check out some of his mahi! Pretty amazing...

<https://oceanos-foundation.org/vaka-motu/>

<https://www.festival.co.nz/.../a-waka-o.../meet-raihania-tipoki/>

<https://times-age.co.nz/voyage-highlight-plastic-peril/>



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### Cultural-eco tour trial

A group of 8 people from mainly Whanganui region came over to the Island in January to trial out a cultural-eco visit which involved walking, cycling and kayaking on various part of Rekohu, its lakes and Te Whanga.

Accommodation was split between Kopinga Marae, camping out on the land and a couple of nights at Henga Lodge.

The group loved the experience and the feedback from most was that they especially enjoyed hearing the

about the Moriori stories and culture. HMT is still investigating how this might be worked into an overall visitor experience to the Island on an annual basis. Our thanks go especially to Alec and Sue Hutchings for organising this trip through their networks and for all the efforts they put in to making it happen!

The photo is of the group and Alec and Sue our Biodiversity Rangers.



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### TAIA – High Court Proceedings

In late 2017 Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (NMOW) filed proceedings in the High Court regarding the vesting of Taia and seeking declarations under the NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990. The case was heard on July 19 and a decision released 6 August (the Court decision is on the Moriori website).

The Judge dismissed the applications, finding that:

*[95] Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri has failed to satisfy the evidential requirements for issuing the declaration it has sought under s 21 of NZBORA. This is because it has not satisfactorily established its mana whenua over Taia or that any mana whenua it has will be extinguished if the Crown vests Taia in the Hokotehi Moriori Trust.*

The proceedings created significant disruption for HMT because of the time and effort required to provide evidence in the proceedings. There is also the cost factor which is significant for both Moriori and Ngāti Mutunga. Cost were awarded against NMOW by the High Court. Despite the fact that the Taia lands are not part of our Treaty negotiations the case goes right to the heart of the overlapping claims matters and the persistent, and in our view, utterly unreasonable, approach that NMOW have adopted during the Treaty negotiation process.

Unfortunately, first we must deal with the action in the courts (which is colossal waste of both imi and iwi scarce resources and time), because of the (mistaken) belief that some hold that Moriori are a “conquered people” with no mana. In this day and age this is neither an enlightened nor peaceful vision for the future of our two peoples or our Island. It is also extremely offensive at so many levels.

The appeal will be heard in Wellington on April 17 at 2.30pm at the Court of Appeal. All members are invited to attend the hearing to support our case.

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### Letter from member of the public

Hokotehi regularly receives feedback from members of the public either by letter or during weekly marae tours. These responses always offer support and often express absolute disbelief that Moriori are still seeking justice and have not reached a settlement with the Crown. This letter below from a concerned member of the public is an example of the sort of feedback we receive, noting that the Waitangi Tribunal found the 1870 court decision was “indefensible and insufficient” for the future survival of Moriori. The author is calling for a petition to be started to support Moriori.

28 February 2019

To: The Chairperson Maui Solomon

Hokotehi Moriori Trust

Re- Success in re-claiming your rightful ownership of Rēkohu

Greetings Maui Solomon

*I have waited a long time for justice for y our people.*

*I want to know how an ordinary person, like myself can support Moriori in having full ownership of your islands returned to you. Maybe there is an online petition or there is a government MP such as Minister of Justice, Hon Andrew Little who can be lobbied or the United Nations.*

*Towards the end of the year 2000, I stayed three weeks on Rēkohu and went over practically every part of it and into the forested areas; saw the Rākau Momori, cave art, saw the larger than life statue commemorating your Grandfather Tommy Solomon. I honour him.*

*I have read Michael King’s book, ‘Moriori – A People Rediscovered’. I have read his article in the NZ Geographic with photographs by Arno Gasteiger – where he dispelled many of the myths perpetrated about your people.*

*I have also been able to procure bulletin about Moriori life on Rēkohu from the Polynesian Society – learning for one thing, about the lack of sustainable wood – all softwoods for canoe building boards out of reed if I remember rightly, to sail those dangerous seas to your birding islands.*

*The Crown/Government ruled against your plea in 1842 for the return of your islands. Governor Grey knew the facts and did nothing.*

*I have read the Waitangi Tribunal (Chief Just ETJ Durie) Report by Grant Phillipson 1994*

*The Waitangi Tribunal (Judgement of DB Collins J) 2001, finding the 1870 Native Land Court (Judge Rogan) awards in relation to Rēkohu were ‘indefensible and insufficient’ for the future survival and development of the Moriori people.*

*It was feasible for the Crown to have intervened.*

*You have continued over 184 years to plead your case. The Moriori need justice now. Their mana whenua has never been extinguished.*

*It is time Rēkohu and all its islands are returned in full to the Moriori people. We as New Zealanders, need to support you in this.*

Yours sincerely

Margaret Feringa

**Footnote:** Moriori seek only the return of (some not all) Crown owned lands on Rekohu and Rangihaute. Private land is not available for redress of Treaty claims.

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family in 1841. It is our wish to work in harmony with the people of Pitt Island.

*Moriore Negotiations Team*

## **Treaty Negotiations – Rangihauite/Pitt Island**

Rangihauite or Pitt Island was one of the earliest places to have been settled by the ancestors of the Moriore. As many as 500 people are thought to have lived there. The number of miheke/taonga that have been found on various places on Rangihauite over the last 150 years is staggering. Some are of incredible beauty and workmanship. In 1870 Moriore were denied land on Rangihauite by the Native Land Court despite 700-800 years occupation. In recent generations several Moriore families, including the Preece's, have lived and worked on Rangihauite. However, as an Imi (tribe) we have not had a tribal presence on the land due to circumstances beyond our control and since the early 1990's Moriore have requested that Crown land on Pitt Island be returned to us to re-establish our Imi connection back on the whenua.

A revised Crown offer on cultural redress was received on 3 December 2018. The offer includes the return of 1,200 hectares of land on Rangihauite (Pitt Island) to Moriore that is currently leased by DOC to local farmers for cattle and sheep farming.

Following months of meetings, negotiations and visits to Rangihauite and meetings with the Pitt Island community and Crown officials, Moriore have been offered as part of the deal to hand back the land, the following guarantees to the Pitt Islanders: that the land will continue to be used for farming purposes by local residents on Pitt Island; that the rental will be set at a fair market rate to be judged by an independent valuer; the rental proceeds will be held in a separate trust to be called the 'Rangihauite Land Trust' and only spent on local initiatives on Pitt Island, that the trust will include two Pitt Islanders and that there will be scope in the future for use of the land for other development opportunities including forestry, farming, housing, conservation and cultural purposes.

What is being offered to the Pitt Island community is unprecedented in terms of Treaty settlements anywhere in the country, in that no other small community has been offered these kinds of guarantees by a tribe as part of their settlement. However, it reflects the good faith that your negotiators have endeavoured to observe over the past 3 years and the fact that Moriore recognise and respect that Pitt Island families have a long and illustrious history on Rangihauite dating back to the very first Pākehā settlers on Rangihauite, Frederick Hunt and his wife Mary and



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## **RESPONSE TO NGATI MUTUNGA O WHAREKAURI LEAD NEGOTIATOR COMMENTS ABOUT MORIORE SETTLEMENT OFFER**

The following paragraphs in italics are extracts from the recent NMOW newsletter drafted by their lead negotiator, Tom McClurg of Wellington that refers to aspects of the Moriore settlement. Your negotiators have sought to avoid publicly commenting on the NMOW settlement during this process but feel that we must now speak out by responding to the misleading statements that have been made by Mr McClurg:

### ***NMOW Settlement Update: Hakihea 2018***

*On 6 December 2018, Minister Little presented us with a Revised Initial Settlement Offer. Three days earlier he had met with Moriore to confirm a Crown offer to them that contained a number of elements that we have previously objected to. This continues the very unsatisfactory "Moriore First" approach of The Crown to the two Chatham Islands settlement negotiations which has handicapped the achievement of timely and fair outcomes.*

*The key components of the Crown's revised initial offer to Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri included:*

- *cultural redress consisting of a \$2.7 million-dollar contribution towards the construction of*



*a new pa complex, \$300,000 for a commissioned general Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri history, a range of statutory acknowledgements, and a joint overlay classification with Moriori over part of ex-Wharekauri Station (this funding is a parallel of the \$6m of cultural revitalisation funding received by Moriori outside of their settlement. Our view is that our cultural revitalisation funding should be treated the same way);*

- *financial redress consisting of \$13 million dollars (this is \$4m more than the original Crown offer but \$5m less than what has been offered to Moriori. Our view is that our financial redress should not be less than that provided to Moriori and that, having already agreed the Moriori redress, the Crown would be wise to avoid actions that suggest that it favours one iwi over the other);*
- *revisions to the previous offers to both Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori in respect of overlapping issues that sees Moriori offered the transfer of Waihere and Glory blocks on Pitt Island and confirmation of the offer of the Owenga school site as exclusive customary redress. (Although we have indicated a willingness to consider exclusive vesting in Moriori over small and discrete wahi tapu areas, both of these offers are opposed by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri. Owenga school is not regarded by us as a Moriori wāhi tapu and Waihere/ Glory blocks are not small and discrete).*
- *a draft Agreement-In-Principle for our consideration (this draft has many deficiencies and gaps. In our view it reflects the comparative lack of effort that the Crown has put into our settlement compared to Moriori.*

Your negotiators have taken the unusual step of speaking out at this stage as the above paints a picture of our respective settlement offers that is unbalanced

and untrue. The McClurg letter claims the Crown has what he describes as a 'Moriori First' approach to settling the respective claims of Moriori and NMOW claims. He asserts, among other things, that the Crown are "favouring Moriori" and that the Crown is unable to offer "exclusive customary redress to Moriori" without also offering the same redress to NMOW. However, what the letter neglects to say is that the Waitangi Tribunal found, after two years inquiring into both the Moriori and NMOW respective claims, is that "the **main relief by far** is due to the Moriori people". What the Waitangi Tribunal found was that Moriori had suffered loss of life, land, liberty and language while the Crown stood by and failed to intervene to protect Moriori as they were obliged to do under the terms of the Treaty. They found that the Native Land Court (NLC) got it completely wrong in awarding 97% of the land on Rekohu and 100% of Rangihau (Pitt Island) to NMOW on the basis of 'conquest' and found Moriori, by making a deliberate decision to not fight the invading tribes in 1835 had upheld our ancient custom of peace and therefore had not been 'conquered' but had retained our own mana and customary authority and should have received "at least 50%" of the land from the NLC in 1870. Moriori suffered a population collapse from 1,700 people in 1835 to only 101 survivors by 1862 – a period of only 27 years – all while the Crown stood by and did nothing. The scale of the respective Treaty breaches are significantly different which is why the Tribunal stated that the "main relief by far is due to the Moriori people."

It is factually incorrect to assert that the Crown are "favouring" Moriori over NMOW in the settlement process. From a Moriori perspective, the opposite is true. As it currently stands Moriori have been offered \$18m quantum redress while NMOW have been offered \$16m in quantum and cultural redress – practically the same cash settlement. Based on the findings of the Waitangi Tribunal and the scale of the respective injustices suffered by the two imi/iwi, Moriori feel that this does not fairly reflect the findings of the Waitangi Tribunal and is unbalanced.

The McClurg letter states that the \$3million 'cultural package' that has been offered to NMOW is in recognition of the 'cultural revitalisation package' that was offered to Moriori in 2008. However, the gift from the Crown in 2008 to Moriori was in recognition of the almost total destruction of our culture, language and identity and that it would take generations to rebuild that cultural capacity. Maori tribes have had access to resources over the past 150 years that have not been

available to Moriori. They still have their language and strong culture and identity that has been denied to Moriori until just recently. It will take Moriori several more generations of hard work to rebuild our culture and language to get anywhere near where Maori culture and language is at today. In fact, we will never catch up. So it is not correct to be using this Crown gift to Moriori as leverage to get more funding for NMOW because 1) it was made outside of any settlement back in 2008 and 2) it was made in recognition of the severe cultural damage that Moriori had suffered over a period of 150 years to the point where our language is no longer spoken, we were declared extinct in 1933 and many of our hūnau completely lost their identity as Moriori due to Crown neglect and myths/misinformation that was taught about Moriori in schools to five generations of New Zealanders. No Maori tribe anywhere in the country has suffered this level of cultural abuse and devastation including NMOW.

With regard to the claim by Mr McClurg that the Crown is not able to offer land back to Moriori because Moriori have been “conquered and totally subjugated” and therefore have no mana whenua (according to Mr McClurg) on our own Island, is not only wrong in both fact and custom (whether it is Moriori or Maori custom), but is seriously offensive.

A similar stance has been taken in the High Court and now Court of Appeal over the proposal to vest the land at Taia back in Moriori. Taia was originally awarded to Ngāti Mutunga in 1870 by the NLC and was immediately leased to a Pakeha farmer and then sold to him in 1886. The land was later bought by Sunday and Elsie Hough in the 1970’s and sold to their son Ted Hough who later sold it to the Crown in 2002 with expressed wish that the land be returned to Moriori due to its cultural and spiritual significance to the Moriori people. Sunday Hough (himself a senior Ngāti Mutunga elder) in 1988 wrote a letter and sent it to every household on Rēkohu Wharekauri that acknowledges the importance of Taia to Moriori. Moriori owe a debt of gratitude to Sunday and Elsie Hough for having the foresight to erect a shelter belt in the 1970’s around the kopi forest at Taia to protect the forest and Rākau Momori that remain inside that forest. Hokotehi has, over the past few years, spent approximately \$700k on protecting the extremely rare Rākau Momori tree engravings in the Taia, Rotorua and Kairae landscape and ridding the land of wild cattle and other pests (possum, cats and rats) and the positive impact this has had on the unique flora and fauna of this area must be seen to be believed. We have

appointed rangers to manage this area and restore the old house at Taia, all at our own expense. DOC has agreed to vest this land back in Moriori and it will have a reserve status that members of the public will still be able to visit.

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### MIST ratification

A vote was held in September 2018 regarding the MIST (Moriori Imi Settlement Trust) following a series of member hui around the country.

The voting process was overseen by the independent body Election Services Ltd. The results were as follows:

- 244 members voted YES to the proposed Post Settlement Governance Entity (90.04%) and 21 members voted NO (7.75%);
- 237 members voted YES to receiving a payment of \$3.6 million from the Crown on-account of the Treaty settlement (87.45%) and 21 members voted NO (7.75%);
- 235 members voted YES to the Post Settlement Governance Entity negotiating with the Crown instead of HMT (86.72%) and 20 members voted NO (7.38%).

The voter support for the three resolutions was overwhelming and showed significant levels of support in favour of the resolutions.

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### HMT Fishers – CRA6 Ace 2019

A meeting for all HMT Fishers will be held Thursday 4 April at Kōpinga Marae. This is an opportunity for all HMT Fishers to discuss this season’s allocation of Cray ACE and also how the cod seasoning coming along

Applications for 2019 CRA6 ace will be open to HMT Fishers soon.





## 2018 ELECTION OF TRUSTEES DECLARATION OF RESULT

Notice is hereby given that the result of the Hokotehi Mori Trust Election of Trustees which concluded on 24 November 2018 is as follows:

### Election of Trustees:

Rēkohu/Rangihau (2 vacancies):	Votes Received
KING, Debbie Leigh	85
LANAUZE, Thomas Henry	164
SOLOMON, Maui Ashley	190

*(7 invalid votes, 0 blank votes)*

I therefore declare Thomas Henry LANAUZE and Maui Ashley SOLOMON to be elected.

### North Island (1 vacancy):

As there was only one nomination received for the one vacancy for the North Island, no physical election was required. Grace LE GROS was therefore declared an elected trustee on 21 September 2018.

### South Island (1 vacancy):

As there was only one nomination received for the one vacancy for the South Island, no physical election was required. Paul SOLOMON was therefore declared an elected trustee on 21 September 2018.

Of the 735 voting papers issued, 266 were completed and returned, this being a 36.2% return.

Dated at Auckland, 26 November 2018

Dale Ofoske, Returning Officer  
Independent Election Services Ltd  
for Hokotehi Mori Trust

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## Recent Media Attention

In December 2018 a news article appears on TV3 that investigated the Taia court case. A link to the news clip is here: <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/12/taranaki-iwi-fights-to-keep-moriori-land-it-invaded.html?fbclid=IwAR1ps4J51Ilx79sKn-vO9LvIILMuolKn2UodzI0HndROcEZ1Ld-hnIsvlcQ>

There is one important correction that needs to be made to this Newshub story: It was not a Taranaki based iwi but Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Trustees who initiated the Taia High Court proceedings. We understand that Newshub has apologised for this error.

Stuff Media also published a feature story in January 2019. This story was the result of a former disgruntled employee, David Prater, inviting Stuff journalists to the island in an effort to discredit our Executive Chair and also HMT itself. The article had nothing of any real merit to it and was a poor attempt by both Mr Prater and the journalist, Mr Tony Wall, to portray an organisation in disarray, whereas the opposite is true.

As a consequence of the so called “anonymous letter” sent to HMT members prior to the trustee elections last November, that was traced to David Prater’s computer, and the Stuff article that followed it, defamation proceedings have been issued in the High Court against David Prater.

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## DNA Testing to Prove or Dis-prove Moriori Hokopapa is Not Scientifically Possible

Members may have read the comments of a registered member that were published in the Stuff article all over New Zealand on 12 January, that although she is a registered member of HMT, she does not consider herself to be Moriori. She bases this on a DNA test that she took to prove that she was not of Moriori descent. Because of the interest that this issue may have for members, HMT approached one of New Zealand’s foremost geneticists, Professor Lisa Matisso-Smith of the University of Otago for her comment on DNA testing as a means of identifying tribal affiliation. This was her response:

*if the question you are asking is about ancestry testing using private companies – the answer is NO, there is no way that they can identify a person as Moriori or having Moriori ancestry. The comparative dataset does not exist even if*

*there were population specific variation (which as I explained above is unlikely). The tests will look at mtDNA in which they could identify if the strict maternal ancestry was Polynesian – **no specific Māori or Moriori markers exist;** they could look at Y chromosome and it is the same as mtDNA. They can also look at whole genome “markers” of ancestry. The comparative data set for Polynesians in this regard is poor and consists mostly of people from Hawaii, who have Polynesian ancestry. They do not do whole genome sequencing, they only look for known, previously identified population “markers” – so any Polynesian tested will come out (depending on the company they are being tested by) as a mix of Papuan and Southeast Asian with some Oceanic ancestry. They could suggest that they are most closely related to people in Hawaii or New Zealand. This basically tells you nothing that whakapapa wouldn’t tell you – and can be highly misleading.*

With regard to the ancestor in question, Ngāhiwi Dix, HMT stands by the processes that have been rigorously followed over the last 20 years in accepting that descendants of Ngāhiwi Dix qualify to register as members of HMT under our Trust deed hokopapa criteria. This decision follows hui with senior elders of the Dix hūnau in 2004, research undertaken by the Hokopapa Unit, and a unanimous vote at an HMT AGM in 2008 and also confirmation from a large number of Dix descendants that their own parents and grandparents passed down knowledge to them of their rāpuna/tupuna having Moriori hokopapa.

Contrary to what was asserted in the article, HMT do not accept just anyone to be registered as members of HMT and over the years, many applicants have been declined on the basis of inadequate information.

The sad reality is that through no fault of their own, many people of Moriori descent over many generations have been denied their identity for various unjust reasons. Just because a person has Moriori ancestry does not mean to deny that same person also having multiple other tribal affiliations including Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Kahungunu or Ngā Puhi etc. In today’s world this is the rule rather than the exception.

Diversity should be celebrated and not used to create divisions or for other political agendas. Me rongo

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## Henga Lodge – Experience the Real Rēkohu

Henga Lodge was re-opened mid November and has had a very busy summer season so far. Along with many valued independent travellers and corporates, the team have welcomed the Whanganui Barbarians Rugby Team, Tour groups from Take it Easy Tours, Paul Eagle local MP and 2 international film crews. The licensed restaurant Kōpi Kitchen has also been very busy catering for guests and private functions. It has been great to hear the positive feedback from guests and locals alike.



Henga now boasts 11 refurbished lodge rooms and 12 single ensuite units at the newly acquired Marakapia Lookout - a block of individual ensuite units with the option of self-catering, spacious outdoor areas and views of Lake Marakapia. Perfect for a vast range of visitors including backpackers, incentive and special interest groups.

Appointed Lodge Manager, Bernadette Lim says 'Henga Lodge offers guests to Rēkohu eco-conscious and comfortable accommodation with a focus and insight into Moriori culture and cuisine. We are excited to offer a real point of difference to guests, along with personal service and affordable accommodation rates'.



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The Lodge also has a fleet of quality rental vehicles for hire. Starting at only \$150 per day they offer good value to those wanting to explore the island on their own. We are working with a number of tour operators on the island, including our own Moriori fishers & members, to offer sightseeing tours, offroading & quad biking adventures, birding tours, fishing charters etc to guests.



Sustainability and conservation are also key philosophies behind the Lodge. Guests are offered the opportunity to offset their carbon footprint by purchasing the 'Henga Welcome Pack'. The pack provides a unique opportunity to purchase a tree native to Rēkohu, grown in our nursery onsite and have it planted in one of the Hokotehi reserves during the planting season as a way of giving back to the land and as a special memory of their stay.

If you, hūnau or friends are looking to visit Rēkohu, then Henga Lodge is the place to come. Our friendly team can help create the right holiday experience for you and your budget. Current packages start from only \$1549pp. See the flyer for more details.

Get in touch with Bernadette and the Henga Lodge team by phoning 03 3050 196 or email [info@hengalodge.co.nz](mailto:info@hengalodge.co.nz). You can also find them on Facebook & Instagram (search Henga Lodge)



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## Members Spotlight

### Manukau Softball (by Trish Harvey)

Manukau Softball Hokotehi Club was first formed in 2005 by myself Patricia Harvey, Peter Tipene and Juanita laea (nee Tipene). Manukau is the area we live in Auckland. Softball is our sport. Hokotehi is where we belong and what we are proud of. Over the years our name got broken down to Hokotehi.

We started with one under 11 team. By 2006 season we had 7 teams: Under 8s, u11s, u13 girls, u13mixed, u15 girls' team and a premium women's team. All grades did well but our women won the finals. In 2007 we added a senior men's because their partners were playing, and they wanted to start playing too. In 2008 we added a premium men's and 2 junior teams giving us a total of 10 teams.

Over the years Hokotehi has been in a lot of finals and had some wins and losses. By 2016 I was getting tired and badly needed to break away after 18 years in softball. So, the club folded, sadly, as no one wanted to carry on and take the reins. 4 players have done extremely well in softball. Taku Ru Jnr played for the NZ Junior black sox team. His brother Ned Ru and cousin Kobe Ru are in the NZ development team and Taylor Chongnee is in junior white sox team. We are so very proud of each player.

Today Peter Tipene has restarted Hokotehi softball again with a u11s grade only. We are so proud of them all as this is all the players first season in softball, and nearly all of them are our mokos and with the exception of one player their parents or sisters use to play for Hokotehi. So far, they have played 4 games with 3 wins and 1 draw. Let's do this again Hokotehi!

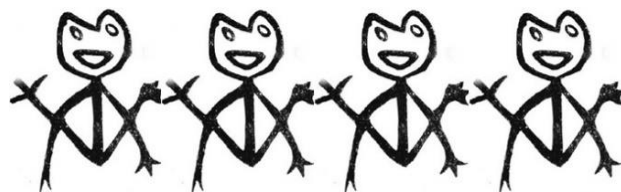
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Remember that members are welcome to send in items for our newsletters. We would be happy to share your news and photos.

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## Registering Children

If you have not added your children's names to your own registration application, we won't be able to contact them on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you have children aged 18 and over who are not members (and who wish to be) please contact the office so we can register them. Email us on [office@kopinga.co.nz](mailto:office@kopinga.co.nz)



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## Te Keke Tura Grants

Hokotehi has education grants available for tertiary study. Grants for small cultural projects such as weaving courses, language courses etc may also be available providing they meet the criteria as set out in the Te Keke Tura Moriori Identity Trust deed.

Grants are available for children below the age of 18 but it must be for tertiary level study or equivalent course that meets the criteria of Te Keke Tura Moriori Identity Trust deed.

Grant criteria and application forms are available on our website [www.moriori.co.nz](http://www.moriori.co.nz) or by emailing the office on [office@kopinga.co.nz](mailto:office@kopinga.co.nz)



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