

Report No.	20-06
Information Only - No Decision Required	

IWI QUARTERLY REPORT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report provides Council with an update on iwi matters in the region including progress in Treaty settlement negotiations, and ongoing iwi engagement. This quarter also provides information on some of the economic opportunities that iwi are advancing within the region.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Settlement arrangement and negotiations within the region continue, with progress being made on the statutory acknowledgement drafting for Ngāti Maniapoto, and continued preparation for Ngāti Rangī Iwi Te Waiū o Te Ika (the Whangaehu River Catchment Strategy).
- 2.2. Engagement with iwi continues across the region, with agreement being reached for regular engagement with a number of Iwi this year, and a keenness to continue to build capability.
- 2.3. Iwi have been successful in seeking funds from government's economic initiative programmes (including the Provincial Growth Fund), as well as using their own resources in their efforts to provide benefits for their people.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20.06;
- b. notes that Te Arawhiti is due to distribute the Ngāti Maniapoto draft Deed of Settlement for discussion and an indication of support from Council;
- c. notes the economic opportunities that iwi are pursuing for the benefit of their people;
- d. notes that Horizons staff are developing a relationship agreement in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Tūpoho;
- e. notes that Horizons staff are in the initial stages of planning for an iwi regional hui.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4.1. There are no financial impacts associated with this item.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1. Horizons engages with iwi and hapū across the region within Treaty of Waitangi settlement processes, as well as the ongoing relationship building, and normal business activities.

6. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 6.1. There are no significant business risks impacts associated with this paper.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. The previous quarterly report provided Council with an overview of previous and ongoing Treaty settlements and negotiations. This report will provide an update on those activities, where appropriate, and discuss other general engagement matters.
- 7.2. Iwi, hapū and **Post Settlement Governance Entities (PSGE)** within the region are continually seeking opportunities that will benefit their people and are working on a range of initiatives that collectively contribute to the overall economic wellbeing of the region.

8. DISCUSSION

Treaty Settlements

- 8.1. **Ngāti Rangi** – have been engaging with other iwi that will participate in preparing the strategy for Te Waiū o Te Ika (the Whangaehu River). We are awaiting an update as to when the governance group, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, will start. There has been a suggestion of initiating a **Technical Advisors Group (TAG)**; this could comprise of members from iwi, appropriate central government agencies and the four territorial authorities. The TAG would likely be providing assistance with the process and feed in technical support to assist with strategy development, similar to the TAG of Te Awa Tupua.
- 8.2. **Ngāti Maniapoto** – the iwi is seeking to have statutory acknowledgements over all named waterways within their rohe. Late last year Te Arawhiti sought feedback on proposed wording for the statutory acknowledgements within the Deed of Settlement. It used the standard wording as seen in other settlements, and no issues were identified. Te Arawhiti intends to distribute an updated version of the draft Deed of Settlement early this year and will seek a formal Council resolution agreeing to the arrangements.

Iwi Engagements

- 8.3. Engagement with iwi regarding Plan Change 2 will continue as we seek an opportunity to meet with those who submitted. Horizons will try to keep all iwi informed throughout the process.
- 8.4. Te Rūnanga o Tūpoho and Horizons began meeting late 2019 to discuss a relationship agreement. Staff are meeting with Runanga representatives monthly, and this is proving valuable in terms of developing a suitable relationship agreement that is led by Mana Whenua, and allows for both flexibility and innovation. While more resource intensive in the initiation stage, we are hopeful that this will prove to be more enduring, and also be an approach that can be useful with other iwi and hapu over time.
- 8.5. Iwi of the region and Horizons need to discuss a range of matters. This includes topics such as representing their views, resource consent processing, mātauranga Māori and policy set by central government. We are in the initial planning stages but propose holding a regional hui in the middle of this year.
- 8.6. We are working to engage with all iwi and hapu involved with Te Awa Tupua in providing information relating to **Land Information New Zealand's (LINZ)** proposals to remove legislative provisions relating to the long-defunct Wanganui River Board. We have prepared an information sheet for iwi and hapu so that they have the full information on the issues raised by LINZ. In essence, LINZ are looking to repeal redundant provisions of historical acts that are minor, technical and non-controversial. For example, the provision for the Wanganui River Board to publish a guide book. As the Board was disestablished in 1940, the need to publish a guide book no longer applies.

Economic Opportunities

- 8.7. This scan discusses economic opportunities that iwi and PSGEs have been pursuing on behalf of their people. It uses information that is readily available or has been discussed in the public arena. It does not represent a full stocktake but is designed to give members a flavour of, in particular, projects being developed using the provincial growth fund and similar initiatives
- 8.8. **Ngaa Rauru Kii Tahī** – in recent years the iwi formed Kaitahi; a native superfood company. They have been developing easy to use superfood products; frozen drops that are added to a liquid to provide a smoothie energy drink without the requirement for a blender. Their product range is now available through a national supermarket. The iwi is seeking investment from the **Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)** to prepare a business case for a small scale food innovation factory.
- 8.9. **Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui** – the PSGE of the Whanganui River settlement recently partnered with Whanganui District Council Holdings Limited to purchase the former St George's School site in Whanganui. The site will provide additional classroom facilities for a commercial pilot training centre that has already secured a contract to train cadets from Indigo Airlines, out of India.
- 8.10. It is anticipated that Ngā Tāngata Tiaki and the local Whanganui iwi will be integral to the proposals to the PGF for the re-development of the Whanganui Port area.
- 8.11. **Te Iwi Mōrehu** – In late 2018, the government announced that it would invest \$1.9 million towards housing infrastructure to support new buildings in the Rātana Pā community. Earthworks for the project started recently.
- 8.12. **Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa**– in early 2018 the iwi purchased the property that was Turakina Māori Girls College. A year later the iwi re-opened the site as their operational base, now called Te Poho o Tuariki. They are now seeking PGF investment to allow them to develop the premises into a training centre, particularly for the youth of the local community; to meet the needs of local industry. The iwi has also invested in planting mānuka for honey production.
- 8.13. **Ngāti Tūwharetoa** – the iwi was involved in the 2009 Central North Island settlement, and then settled their historical claims in late 2018. This iwi has multiple trusts, and commercial entities managing a wide range of iwi and hapū assets. The iwi estate is largely outside of the Horizons region however, they are involved in two notable investment opportunities. Firstly, eight iwi commercial entities formed a limited partnership to commit \$9.4 million of the required \$25 million towards the Ruapehu Alpine Lift project.
- 8.14. In another project, ten of the iwi commercial entities formed another limited partnership to join with 25 other iwi to establish a \$115 million investment fund. The purpose of the fund is to pool financial resources to increase Māori investment into a broader scale of assets.
- 8.15. **Ngāti Rangī** – were successful with a \$400K PGF application to update and extend the technology available at Te Pae Tata, a community learning and technology hub run by their business arm. The updated facility will assist local businesses to grow their online presence, and allow them to adapt to new opportunities.
- 8.16. **Rangitāne o Manawatū** – has invested in a hotel project that is due for completion this year. The building, located in Fitzherbert Ave, will be leased to the Quest apartment hotel chain. The iwi is also working towards a housing subdivision development in the Hokowhitu area.

9. NEXT STEPS

- 9.1. When Horizons receives the draft Ngāti Maniapoto Deed of Settlement from Te Arawhiti, it will be tabled for discussion and a formal Council resolution.
- 9.2. Officers will keep council informed on the plans and arrangements for the proposed regional hui.

10. SIGNIFICANCE

- 10.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

There are no attachments for this report.