

NgaiTakoto Australia Hui - 2

Date: 14th November, 2012
Location: 19 Florida Ave, Ermington, NSW, 2115
Attendees: Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa (Waimanoni)
Angela Jones (Mahi Maru)
Mark Marino (Mahi Maru)
Apologies: Cameron Marsden, Jeanne-Marie Marsden

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Karakia: Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa

Discussion on a proposed Mission Statement :

- "to connect with our NgaiTakoto roots"
 - Before it is lost we need to make sure both our existing generation & our mokopuna have a connection to their homeland and the richness of our past
 - Maintain the historical connection to God that has been prominent in the NgaiTakoto region
 - Put "flesh on the bones" of our tikanga

Discussion on a proposed NgaiTakoto committee initially including the following;

- Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa
- Angela Jones
- Mark Marino

It was proposed that Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa chair this committee and it was unanimously accepted.

Objectives:

Fundamentally must be measureable

- Educate our people
 - Initiate a Te Reo curriculum
 - Vehicle to teach tikanga maori
 - Potential wananga
 - Potential tertiary education scholarships
 - Utilise those of us both here in Australia and back in NZ with specialised skills
 - Possible link to the Te Hiku Media site (Action Item AJ)
- Improve communication within our iwi
 - Social media
 - Regular meetings
 - Access to our marae meetings in NZ by internet/skype
 - Newsletter
 - Feature stories on successful NgaiTakoto members

- Build an Australian website
 - Create a local database (Action Item MM)
 - Justine Marino (Mark's sister) works in this field & can assist
 - Link into NZ websites
 - Marae
 - Te Iwi O NgaiTakoto
- To ultimately have a marae in Australia
 - This will need to be iwi specific given the assumed need for marae amongst all maori
 - Potential conflict for events if available to all maori in OZ
 - We can template a process for other iwi to follow
- Registration of as many of our Australian iwi as possible
 - Build a database of iwi in OZ to assist NZ Board in getting a broader consensus of opinion (Action Item Johnny Taylor)
 - Create a link through our Australian website into the NZ iwi site registration page
 - We must be able to track those using the site and registering
 - Ask NgaiTakoto Office in Kaitaia or Rangi Marsden for a current list of registered iwi members

General Business:

- Proposal by Angela Jones to utilise this iwi entity here in OZ to assist social work amongst maori here in Australia.
 - "Help them help us"
- Create an opportunity for us to assist those coming from NZ to OZ to assimilate when making the move
- Discussion around the need to create a legal entity to operate our cause going forward, ie, a Trust of some sort to receive & disperse any potential resources that become available.
 - A need to determine the benefits of such an entity
 - Angela Jones to speak with John Gray (Action Item)
 - Mark Marino to speak with a solicitor & accountant (Action Item)
- Discussion around the upcoming Waitangi Day in Sydney on 02/02/2013
 - Open a booth specifically for Muriwhenua (Action Item MK)
 - Use this to register members on the spot
 - Opportunity to sell merchandise
 - Malcolm to check for approval with NZ via Rangi
 - Artwork required for design
 - Mark to check with merchandising contact regarding possible unit costs for T Shirts etc (Action Item MM)
 - Malcolm to check with Rangi about the banners that were for sale (Action Item MK)

- Discussion around how we can possibly set a template for other iwi, both here in OZ and back in NZ, to follow.
- Suggestion that we look to possibly create a greater iwi committee with all maori in Australia and take advantage of any possible pooling of resources for greater concepts.
 - Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa to be the most likely NgaiTakoto representative here in OZ

Proposed next meeting: Jan 10th, 2013 – Ermington, NSW

Closing Karakia: Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa

Meeting Closed: 12.30pm

Minutes taken by Mark Marino

