

NGAITAKOTO

Minutes of First Hui held on Saturday, 12 May 2012 in Sydney

Time: 1.15pm

Venue: 19 Florida Avenue, Ermington, NSW 2115

2. Attendances

Cameron Marsden, Jeanne-Marie Marsden, Andrea Pepper-Edwards, Pat Karipa and Kaio Karipa

1. Opening Prayer & Mihi Kaio Karipa
Cameron Marsden

3. Apologies

Willy Karipa

Discussions:

As there was only a few of us present to get things rolling, we shared ideas, dreams and possibilities of what we could establish here in Australia as whanau from NgaiTakoto. As a starting point, we used the following to give us an idea of what we want to begin to achieve:

1. VISION

- What future do you see for us?
- What do we want to do?
- What are our needs and aspirations?
- Registrations-Australia/NSW
- Align with Marae at home

The results of our discussions are as follow:

We realize how hard it is to think collectively when you have to consider the health and well-being of others especially extended whanau. Therefore, as NgaiTakoto living in Australia, we have to always remember that wherever possible we include whanau from all our marae; **Mahimaru, Waimanoni, Te Paa a Parore** and **Wharemaru** as we move forward to build a future for our iwi here in Australia.

VISION:

What future do you see for us?

We worked on a vision that will keep us focused and future oriented. What we came up with was ***“To nurture and empower our rangatahi and tamariki from NgaiTakoto to be global leaders”***

What do we want to do?

- Create an organisation with **2** members representing each of our marae from NgaiTakoto
- Find a name for our Australian organisation. A couple that came up were;
NgaiTakoto – Australia
Nga Uri o NgaiTakoto (Descendants of NgaiTakoto)
We reckon **Nga Uri o NgaiTakoto** is a pretty good name!
- Create a *Kauhanganui a Iwi* for those over 50+ living in Australia to be *kaumatua* and *kuia* for our young people. That is the reality of our situation today. It's going to take everyone to participate and be resources for our future. We need teachers and storytellers about home to help connect and re-connect our young people with home. This group will need to be the repository on behalf of all whanau groupings of the **cultural taonga** – the lore, traditions, history, whakapapa and other cultural elements of the people and transmit them to our children and mokopuna. Also to guide and support our next generation of young leaders.
- Provide a safe forum for our younger generations, rangatahi and tamariki to talk, listen and learn. From this group will come our future leadership.

What are our needs and aspirations?

- Encourage participation
- Promote our identity
- Develop self-determination

Provide effective communication to allow participation by all: via Skype, Facebook, email, website etc.

A:

Language program: Te Reo packs from NZ, NgaiTakoto dialect, mihi and eccentricities

Tikanga: Why we do the things we do, safe space

Roles: Kitchen, whare, hangi, etc

History: collating and sharing our stories

B: Wananga: Exploring our history, language, crafts and talents

Registrations – Australia / NSW etc

Collate a database in Australia and register as many iwi members as possible (e.g. register and participate in all activities)

Registration Forms with name, date of birth, age, marae, whakapapa and skills base

Align with Marae at home

We understand that all whanau members must be re-connected and aligned with our individual marae at home. However, we believe the need to explore the option of being a “stand alone” organisation.

2. ACTIONS

- What are we going to do?

- ❖ Open up communication with whanau
- ❖ Start up an Australian database
- ❖ Form a Kauhanganui a Iwi group
- ❖ Acquire resources from home

5. Next Meeting: After we return from historic signing at home on Saturday 23 June 2012

6. Closing Karakia: Kaio Karipa

7. Time Meeting Ended: 3.15pm

NOTE: Please remember these are only notes of what was discussed at our meeting, **NO DECISIONS** were made but it gives us a starting point to begin. Any feedback and ideas will be appreciated **BUT** we will be moving forward!

