

# Annual General Meeting

10 December 2022 held Online via Zoom and Livestream

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**Registered Members: 74**

**Zoom:** Attendance 50?? (number please)

**Livestream attendances:** Mātaikōtare Marae (18)– Makarena in attendance; Ann and Matt Warren (10), Lower Hutt (5), Kereama Pene (22) - Auckland, Kaa Kereama (10) - Coromandel

Meeting began 1pm

**Dr Ken Kennedy:** Mihi and Karakia and special acknowledgement to those passed on.

Waereti Tait-Wall, Patihana Kokiri, Pirihiara Fenwick, Blanche Kiriona, Louis Vercoe, Pihopa and Inez Kingi, Kurungaituku Flavell, Rongomai Taikato, Iriaka Hapeta, Moana Paul, Te Ropiha Paul, Reg Hodge, and Darky Morehu. Nga mihi ki a matau.

A warm welcome to you all to our 10 December 2022 virtual AGM. My name is Dr Kenneth Cameron Kennedy, and I am one of two co chair's, the other is Kereama Pene who joining us online from his cluster group in Tamaki Makaurau. Fellow trustees are sitting next to me, Donna Hall, Herbie Hapeta, Dale Eru and Rangi Easthope. Also, our registrars Lori Paul with support from Dale.

This is unprecedented with covid still in our midst. It's still affecting our country and others around the world. To those who have joined us online, nau mai, haere mai. We would have preferred to hold our AGM "kanohi ki te kanohi" however in the interest of keeping our people all safe, we have decided to hold our AGM online. I can see we have lots of people online. This virtual AGM is new to us, but we are in the hands of Mark Hepi from Manaia productions, and we hope this works for us all and to help everyone remain safe. I would like to acknowledge our trustees present today, Dale Eru, Herbie Hapeta, Rangimahuta Easthope and Donna Hall. We now move to our Agenda items.

## AGENDA:

**1. Apologies:** Please send apologies in through email to [admin@nrkc.nz](mailto:admin@nrkc.nz). I hand it over to Dale.

**Dale Eru:** Kia ora tatou. As you can see, we have a lengthy agenda to get through. To keep everyone entertained and engaged, we will move through agenda items 1 to 9. Item 10 will probably be lengthy discussions so when we get to Item 10, we will open discussion to the floor. This will be followed by Q and A and any other discussion. Prior to AGM we received questions from whanau, and these will be dealt with first. For those on Zoom, if you want to ask a question, we ask that you please put hand up. There's an emoji there 'thumbs up', click on that. If you're viewing live stream, you can put your question into the chat box. Those are the 3 ways you can ask questions.

When it comes to voting or passing any resolutions that come up, we ask that you use the 'thumbs up' signal on the bottom of your screen. So again, there's one on Zoom and in chat-box on Youtube. Ka pai. Kia ora. Thank you, Dale, we move to agenda.

**2. Minutes of 2019 AGM** were read by Dale Eru (see attachment)

**3. Co-chairs Report** was read by Dr Ken Kennedy (see attachment)

**4. NRKC Strategic Advisors Report** by Jim Kidd – Consultant, as read;

**Jim Kidd:** “Assets: NRKC has at 31 March 2021 – gross assets of 12million and liabilities 2.5million. Growth of the asset base in financial terms is significant compared with growth of the tribe just 10 years ago. More importantly, the tribe now has a significant land base for its generations to come. Ongoing land purchases will be pursued where appropriate both strategically and financially.

**Te Ngae Farm:** The payments negotiated in 2011 for a term of 25 years for the lease of Te Ngae farm between timberlands management and the majority of the then Te Ngae trustees resulted in a loss of income of at least 50% of what was being paid previously. Following numerous approaches to Timberlands, telling Timberlands we were receiving half of our income since 2016, agreement was reached with Timberlands to improve the terms of the lease.

1. Timberlands will vacate all seabed areas by May 2026;
2. New payment amounts showing significant increase, were negotiated for the 5 years from May 2021;
3. Ongoing discussions have commenced with Timberlands regarding the mechanized nursery operation, remaining on a long-term lease at commercial rates. If successful, this will provide the start of better returns for the land and a base tenant for Te Ngae farm.

**Ministry of Education:** Discussions have continued with crown law and MoE about their lack of consultation regarding their purchase of land within the Iwi area. Ongoing discussions have been held in 2021 and 2022 with alternative sites being discussed. Further details regarding this matter will be dealt with in General Business.

**Papakainga and Social Housing:** It has proved difficult to gain traction with govt about support for papakainga and social housing probably due to pandemic priorities. There will be several opportunities for whanau to have input into this approach and formal hui will be called to move through stage-by-stage design and management proposals and commitments to proceed. Also, significant changes are being made by Rotorua Lakes Council to the District Plan and infrastructure development plan which the trustees are pursuing at all times.

**Business Venture:** A Joint Venture: with Tom Tavares was developed in 2021 to develop a business providing hay related products to various markets. The business operates away from Rotorua at present, but the directors are looking to locate this on RRr land in future which will provide job opportunities as well as good financial returns for NRKC.

**Geothermal:** – the trustees are seeking to secure funding to allow for drilling bores on Rangiteaorere lands for direct use for housing, growing crops in glass houses and small-scale electricity generation. Unfortunately, the provincial growth fund application was not successful but other avenues are being pursued.

**Te Ngae Junction Roundabout:** Following discussions with Waka Kotahi this intersection is being redeveloped to provide a safer roading complex. The new design will slow down traffic to the area, improve access to the marae and also provide a better entrance to Ngati Rangiteaorere lands. There’s a slide on the screen to indicate this. (find screen and input) Thank You.

Thank you, Jim, we now move to the financial report.

## **5. Financial Report by Ken Goldsmith**

Kia ora te whanau. I am presenting the financial statements for 2021 which are available on the website in full. In the interests of brevity, I’ll present the summary version.

In the opinion of the independent auditor, William Buck, the consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. This is an unqualified audit opinion. In terms of Statement of Financial Position.

Statement of Financial Position		
	2022	2021
Trust Equity & Reserves	<u>11,099,558</u>	<u>8,692,232</u>
Current Liabilities	1,082,991	422,412
Term Liabilities	<u>1,854,795</u>	<u>1,120,812</u>
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b><u>14,037,345</u></b>	<b><u>10,235,456</u></b>
Current Assets	933,185	332,284
Non-Current Assets	12,492,910	9,832,126
Other investments & Goodwill	<u>611,250</u>	<u>71,045</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>14,037,345</u></b>	<b><u>10,235,456</u></b>

Statement of Financial Performance		
	2022	2021
Total Income	<u>773,343</u>	<u>260,938</u>
Total Expenses	743,303	232,930
<b>Net Cash Surplus</b>	<b><u>30,041</u></b>	<b><u>28,808</u></b>
Non-Cas Expenses	23,026	3,364
Tax on Income	28,925	-
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b><u>(21,910)</u></b>	<b><u>24,644</u></b>

These are the first set of financial statements that have been prepared with the consolidating of NRKC holdings limited which is the 100 percent owned company that owns the 75 percent interest in VT contracting which is the company that undertakes the farming and hay business that we purchased in 2021 year that Jim previously spoke to. That's how we increased the amount of income and expenditure, this is the major revenue generating company for the trust. Those are the summary financial statements for the year. Thank you, Ken, we now move to Auditor.

## 6. Appointment of Auditor:

Ken Goldsmith - *The auditor is William Buck of Tauranga.*

## 7. Election Results read by Dale Eru

Dale: I have in front of me, a declaration of the election results from the independent returning officer, Arama Ngapo, barrister of Tokoroa. I will confirm the results in name order. The first of the 7 trustees: Kereama Pene, Dr Ken Kennedy, Rangimahuta Easthope, Donna Hall, Herbert John Hapeta, Paora Maxwell and Dr Rapata Wiri. There was only one other nomination, Kimiora Pene, unfortunately he hasn't been successful in these elections.

Dr Ken: Thank you, Dale, and congratulations, to the trustees who were successful and to the two new trustees who will join NRKC, nau mai, haere mai - Paora Maxwell and Dr Rapata Wiri. We know go to move the remuneration of trustees.

## 8. Remuneration of Trustees Ken Goldsmith:

*The recommendation is that the current level of trustee remuneration remains the same.*

Thank you, Ken G.

## **9. Re-appointment of Validation committee**

Donna: The current members of the committee established in 2014 were Ruihi Haira, Kaa Kereama, Jewels Matthews, Te Wakaunua Eden. They will remain in office.

*"It is proposed they are joined by Pirihi Haira, Albert Yates, Paere Hunuhunu and Mihaere Kirby-Naera. Moved by Albert Yates and Seconded by Adrian Farrell."*

We now move to review the Kaumatua committee membership.

## **10. Appoint members to Kaumatua committee**

All members remain in office. *It is proposed in addition they are joined by Te Rangikaheke Bidois, Clive Morehu, Dale Eru and Hamu Hodge.* We can have other names added in general discussion. If you have names, please send to admin team.

## **11. Marae Trustee amendment**

Donna: *The amendment we are seeking to make is to enable one half of the marae trustees to be appointed by NRKC.* This particular resolution has come about, as set out in the co-chairs report, as a result of a crisis that happened last year around the failing to pay for the insurance of our marae and dining room. NRKC went back to the insurers to ask that the insurance be reinstated. After a full electrical assessment, the insurance was reinstated. The insurance has been paid by NRKC but there needs to be some understanding. NRKC for previous years have been willing to meet these maintenance costs for the marae until it is able to sustain their income but when the new group of trustees were appointed, the old arrangements in place, fell away.

We are not proposing existing trustees stand down or are removed, but for NRKC to nominate an equal number to sit beside them. What is driving this is the importance of insuring that the marae is insured. Basically, this is the reason for this resolution. Once we have some guidance from all of you today, we will consider from the feedback we get whether that will be put into an application placed before the MLC who have the final say as to whether there will be an amendment to the deed.

If there's a lot of opposition to that, the court will no doubt take that into account. What the court will look at is who will pay for the insurance. We tried to deal with this internally, but it was not possible. Today we will have an opportunity for all of Rangiteaorere to have a say to ensure this very important asset of the tribe is protected.

Dr Ken: Thank you Donna, we will now go to General Business

## **12. General Business: Open to the Floor**

Donna: We have a lot of questions to get through. Put your hand up on the screen if you have a question. We will start with the questions received when you registered prior to the AGM.

First question is from Ann Warren, then Shirley Ulrich, Adrian Farrell, Wenarata Kingi and Christina Phillips. We will start there.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Question from Warren whanau:** *Why is there contention with Ngati Rongomai and their school?*

Donna - NRKC support Rongomai having their own Kura, but we support their school being established on Rongomai land. As once established, it will be the only school able to go up on Rangiteaorere lands. This was confirmed by Ministry of Education. If we sit here and say nothing, it is at our cost.

We offered Rongomai land on Te Ngae farm. We had two blocks cut out of Te Ngae Farm to locate the school there and we offered twice the amount of land -to set aside sports fields and courts. We asked that the name of the school be a neutral name that could be shared between both Rongomai and Rangiteaorere – like Te Ngae, Whakapoungakau, Tikitere or Mokoia.

We need to come to an understanding because both tribes count here. The first school in the Te Arawa confederation was established here on Te Ngae Farm. That is what we have placed before the Crown and that is what the mediation is about right now.

We also pushed a very strong case for better access into and out of Te Ngae lands and it is a lot better than the accessway into the current site - on the main road, it is a very dangerous exit. We are not there yet, but we are talking. We do need everyone to understand that this is not just a case of being stubborn, but Rangiteaorere has a right to the education of its children too.

For the inquiry, what we are seeking to do a joint arrangement with Rongomai so that your mokopuna can go to school across the road from where you're situated but it will have a neutral name. We have sought to appoint half the trustees to the board. We know of the skill and capacity of the Rongomai family. We will not appoint people who cannot work cooperatively with their outstanding leadership, but we need time to be ready ourselves for a school. We have very gifted members in our tribe that can help here. We have asked to appoint half the trustees, and also the principal of the school will be jointly chosen by both sides. We hope to have an agreement acceptable but that's where we are at.

Donna: We have two questions on Health. We will deal with them together.

**Question from Shirley Ulrich:** *What is being done about domestic abuse, drug abuse, elderly abuse, lack of housing etc., how can we tautoko your initiatives, how can NRKC implement strategies with some of these complex issues, who will monitor how will you measure success and failures?*

**Question from Adrian Farrell:** *Given the rising cost of visiting doctors, our whanau are struggling to make appointments and prescriptions especially in Rotorua, are the trustees considering anything that will support our Hapu, a sanctuary for our people, a Maori service that many will be willing to attend given what's happening now.*

Donna: This is a timely opportunity to talk of the work we have been involved with Ministry of Health. All other registered Hapu have gone under the umbrella of Arawa lakes. We NRKC applied separately to have our own data share management with MoH. We are in the throws of piloting our approach.

A lot of care and thought has gone into health and services for our people given many of our people are in Auckland and across the country. We receive data from MoH directly as Ngati Rangiteaorere, that data is held in a confidential database, no one gets access.

We have knowledge of where our families are spread. We bid for the right to run a pilot project with MoH in Auckland. The focus is heavily weighted towards the south-side of Auckland but not exclusively so as we have members in the Auckland area and north shore where our families are.

We are talking, with families about what the effects are they are having with covid and long covid. What we are finding is there are problems with drug and alcohol abuse and so we've chosen to focus not on the clinical side of the abuse but on the rehabilitative side of drug and alcohol abuse which is loosely associated with mental health and suicide, and we have 3 small teams led by whanau, Kaa Kereama and her whanau, Kereama Pene and the Pene whanau in north shore and central Auckland, and with Hapeta whanau.

We've gone in and said that we've developed a questionnaire aimed at getting clear what the needs are that a family has and their willingness to participate in the pilot.

Where we are going with this, that through the data share scheme we are able to get our own families in the Auckland area, to confirm that they wish to participate, to receive and answer the questionnaire, and to prioritize where we focus our efforts.

We are hearing we've hit it. Drug abuse rehabilitation and suicide. How can we best enable our families to access health when they live so far away from the marae. Our desire is to have Hauora on our lands, but our people are living elsewhere, how do families out of Rotorua access these services.

We are trialing telephone health, taking the health into our homes. What we are finding is whanau drop off the medical register when they can't afford to pay. You then have to go to emergency services to get help, you get charged more than if you had your own private clinic, and the service doesn't keep all the records, so it is important the messages of keeping obnoxious drugs out of our body isn't hitting home. They spend a lot of money, but none are reaching the whanau, because they're falling off because they can't pay the bills.

The pilot is called "using phones" The phones provide an ability to ring in and explain what the illness is and to provide a form of service where over the phone you can get the first hint of what needs to be done but if its serious it gets kicked up to the next level.

We are trialing this alongside the NZMC. We have to put in a report as to how this meeting supports this pilot project and we are saying that our families that join in will be a part of an overall health approach which will look at our immunization rate.

For a little tribe we have a low immunization rate for all sorts of illnesses, but we are up there with not getting our children immunized. We will work through it. We find a way to deal with how the medical system chops out our family who can't afford to pay.

That is essentially the answer we are giving to the question, how are we delivering healthy care to families.

On drug dependency and domestic abuse, we are taking advice from the NZMC who have expertise in their field. I know our own will do better when administered health from our own. It may be a case of having to combine external expertise with our own families' members being responsible for their members who are unwell.

Looks like we have a question from the Marae cluster.

### **Lynda Vercoe - Marae Group**

I am here to speak to item 10 – NRKC wanting to amend trust deed to add half trustees to the marae trust. Our trustees have met, and this is our response (in summary);

- The notice set out in public has left trustees and Hapu members confused.
- Trustees are selected by Koromatua whanau, to do this is disrespectful.
- There has been no korero with trustees on amending the deed.
- We need support and meaningful dialogue - hui, opportunities for whanaunga, funding facilitation and putea.
- Fulfill and achieve your own mandate and obligations to Ngati Rangiteaorere.
- We have work to do, the marae was not in good shape. Things are getting better here and with our eastside whanau there is confidence the Marae is in good hands. 100 members support the Marae Trust, and we object to the trust deed being amended.
- NRKC should provide the putea, we shouldn't have to ask. It is your responsibility to Ngati Rangiteaorere. We have attempted to meet on the finances but to no avail.
- With your basket and our basket, together we will thrive.

Lynda Vercoe continues. There are many people here wanting to ask questions. They will ask them one after the other. They will speak on whatever topic they want, not on what you want. First up.

**Kiri Potaka-Dewes:** My issue is the Fisheries board and the elections earlier this year. Serious concern for lack of support for the elections from the NR representative. The numbers were shocking. Return votes were down from previous election. Pikiāo and Whakaue are not happy with vote numbers. We met with board and challenged the Register. It's corrupted and it happens right across the board. We are calling for a whole new election right across Te Arawa. All the trustees sitting in there are all dubious, highly questionable. We want an independent auditor.

There are other subjects. You've run through a whole series of reports, and you haven't given us a chance to ask questions. That is a corrupt practice. Have some respect for your iwi and your kaumatua. There is no one senior to us here. Have some respect for your kaumatua as well.

**Christine Phillips:** *Regards Ngati Rongomai's grant of \$10 million to build a school, we need to apply for that grant ourselves. The second is the financial report. What has been purchased? We haven't had discussion of what's going on, for instance the \$2 million house up at the lake. Was that house tenanted, did you pay it off, were improvements made, I heard that the block up here with Ngati Rongomai, I heard it was purchased by NRKC. You never spoke to us about this. You need to tell us why. Have the loans been repaid? Is income from Te Ngae farm half of what it was, the old trust got \$130,000, \$60,000 was distributed to our four maraes for improvements, scholarships, it wasn't much but we used to get it. When you took the Te Ngae farm trust to court, I was supportive because I thought that our marae would benefit from it because a lot of the programs negotiated were put on hold but none of these things have happened since 2015 and 2016. Since uncle Bill died, we haven't received the \$10k every year like we used to. The Runanga doesn't represent the people but for some of us it does, why don't we work together. Why only one roopu be in control, why can't we work together? This was the dream of our first settlement but its just got worse. The WOF for this wharekai had not been done for 4 years. What you've done is awesome, but you need to explain it to us properly, explain what your plans are, why you are doing what you're doing?*

**Tiriana Turara** – *my dad is John Te Kiri, and his mum is Sarah. Generally unsatisfied with the way this hui was run. I've had no preparation at all, to know what's going on. Me coming in, where do I fit when the entity looking after our assets is removed and disconnected. Our challenge to the committee is, let's be real and get together. Secondly, what is the name of our marae, is it Mātaikōtare or Waiohewa? My challenge to the Iwi is to get it right.*

**Ngahina Te Kiri:** – *pertaining to financial report, it was stated in 2019 stated \$50,000 was held for the marae trust. Please address that. We have asked several times to handover all records over to the marae. It has not happened in 3 years. No report and no response. We want to know where our money is. Until then the financial report is null and void.*

**Margaret Foley** – *the nominees we choose were disregarded. They were chosen by NRKC to guarantee those members to roll over. I move they stand down and a real process is done with real people in 2023. Do you accept the amendment. Section 20 of the NGATI RANGITEAORERE settlement date 2014 states the NRKC is not really an entity that is legal so we're going to take this to court by the way and Curtis Bidois will be representing us in court.*

**Donna:** Are there anymore questions? Dr Ken will talk to the fisheries question at the end as this hui is about NRKC, so those questions go first but up-front aunt, you and Christina have always been on the Kaumatua Committee. We are bringing in new ones to join the committee. We do not discount your long service to the tribe and to be members of the Kaumatua Committee.

## **1. Lake House sale and purchase**

I will address the question about the House at the lake. The monetary component will be addressed by Ken Goldsmith. I will begin by saying the reason we brought the lake property. It came on the market. It is the only property surrounding our lake, where building a house, motel or resort could be built and it could have the ability to look into the crater of our lake. This means it would destroy our 100-year vision that when we finish planting our lake crater in native, in 100 years' time and when your descendants go for a swim, when they look up, they will see what their tupuna would have seen 500 years ago. That has always been our vision. The \$2 million dollar property was the one block we didn't have control over around our lake. We brought it with our hands on our hearts, we brought the house and 18-hectares of land adjoining.

The house has now been sold, we cut out a fresh new title and with that we made sure no one could ever build with a view to our lake. We had to restrike a fresh new title. We did it, then we sold it for \$1.7 million dollars. So, we purchased it for \$1.1 million dollars, we did well and sold it for a good price, we were able to protect the rim of the lake and the house has now been sold. We brought it for a purpose and achieved that purpose and we also have 18 hectares of land for our tribe to develop. It's lovely to see you, Christina.

## **2. Rongomai School proposal**

Now moving on to Rongomai school – we said to Ministry of Education, don't put it there, put it on Rongomai lands, talk to Ngati Pikiao, they have many lands in its asset chest. There must surely be a property there that can be acquired for the Kura. We told MoE we will purchase the land block you already brought for Ngati Rongomai. If you ask how, we will say a big prayer and we would propose to pay it off across time. Your sources are true, we do want to buy the block proposed for the school to keep NGATI RANGITEAORERE's lands intact.

Remember, all our shares in land that got sold for the QC in Auckland that defunded our uncle. Ngati Rangiteaorere said we would buy back all our lands in 2014. We haven't got anywhere yet with Ministry of Education, but we have woken them up to the fact there will be one hell of a fight if they think they can just bowl over us. The consequences are so severe. We cannot have our own school if Rongomai puts a school there. We will be cut out. We fought hard in the mediation with Ministry of Education, and we tried our best to come up with a solution that is fair to both. We put up two beautiful blocks of lands in Te Ngae farm, we will make those lands available. Ken Goldsmith will take you through the blocks and where they are and how we've only now been only able to make them available through negotiations with Te Ngae tenant, timberlands, we're best buddies now.

In 2019 when Rongomai school was first on the table, we weren't in a position to negotiate but now we are. It's going to need all of us together to persuade Rongomai and Ministry of Education, they can't just put a school here in NGATI RANGITEAORERE without our consent. We've put names forward, Te Ngae, Whakapoungakau, neutral names. We can both share in, that's the way we've chosen to go. Your financial questions Christine will be answered by Ken, he will follow me.

## **3. Mataikotare Marae Trust**

Coming back to the Marae Trust and the most contentious issue of NRKC seeking to be able to appoint half the trustees. There are 7 trustees. We are not trying to replace, overwhelm or dominate the current trustees, we're not saying removal. What we are saying though is you can't expect NRKC to pay the Marae bills and not have an understanding as to where this arrangement stops.

We got there by cooperatively talking it through with the previous marae trustees and we got an arrangement where we were all happy with it. But the new trustees are not happy with it, and you don't want to work hand in hand with the NRKC which is why we are having this difficulty, but we haven't sought to deliberately dominate.



You may have forgotten Lynda that we have asked to meet, to talk through this issue, we've asked can we meet so when our requests aren't heard then it doesn't leave us much choice but to go to the court and we will set out our position and we will produce the letters. The big, long gaps and no answers. There are always two sides to a story. We will get there marae trustees, but we have not sought to replace or remove trustees.

What we have sought to do is to nominate an equal number of trustees, so we jointly truly share the responsibility of running the marae with the current trustees running the day-to-day affairs and the NRKC has to look at the finances and budget what it needs to keep the marae functioning. It is unfortunate we have to go in front of the court to have this discussion, but we are asking this hui to support that there should be support to go the Maori Land Court to have that discussion.

#### **4. Name of Marae**

Last question from Tiriana, where do I fit and let's be clear about the name of our Marae? Is it Waiohewa or is it Mātaikōtare. You will get to learn that everything about us is complicated but when we do strike on a position, there's no better outfit in town to have covering your back. Your Rangiteaorere family make very solid decisions and very wise decisions. There's are reasons why this little tribe still owns its own lake. Why when we plan, we plan to plant out natives, so that when you take your mokopuna to our beautiful lake, they will see what their ancestors saw 1,000 years ago. It will be like that. These are the sorts of decisions this tribe makes.

If you have a look at your other whakapapa lines and see what their doing, we beat all of them. But when we squabble, we also beat all of them, so you know we got to take it with the swings and the round-about. So, we've got to deal with these things as they come up. The conversation is flowing now, so I'm going to pass it over to Ken, he will address the costs and everything.

#### **5. Financial**

Ken Goldsmith - we have a presentation that I was expecting it to be in the finance conversation earlier that addresses the question what we are doing and where are we going. I will go through this first.



This is the one-year business plan developed to take it to the end of next year. The first we need to establish is our primary business is called Hay and Cow business and its run through a company called VT Contracting Limited which we own 75% of, the other 25% is owned by a farmer named Tom Tavares. Who built this business from ground up. He had other opportunities he was looking for we were looking for a cash business, we came to an arrangement to purchase the majority of his hay and cow business. That produces cash flow for us, and we can utilize our own lands ourselves, so we don't have a third party just lease our lands, we are actively using NGATI RANGITEAORERE lands for NGATI

RANGITEAORERE. So, VT contracting produces hay products for retail market based out of Awakeri at the moment, but we are looking once the Timberlands expires in 2026, to we bring that operation back to Te Ngae farm and have NGATI RANGITEAORERE whanau in employment in the business.

The other side of the cattle business is that we do winter grazing and rear cattle to 3<sup>rd</sup> party customers and some of those are very significant including NZ superfund. So, we have a very good business with two different diversified arms. That business is profitable, but the cow grazing is on both Te Ngae farm and the Whakapoungakau land blocks, and that other (– check it’s not the lake property) 18 hectares we purchased along Lake Rotokawau Road was absolutely integral to be able to unlock all the Whakapoungakau blocks else we had no access but now we have access from the top and the bottom to all our blocks. So now we can access all our lands and utilize them for farming purposes.

### Cow Business

- The one-year plan is to continue with the grazing operations as they currently are, utilising the whenua as productively as possible within Nitrogen constraints imposed by Council.
- New yards have been constructed on Te Ngae farm to assist with the farming operations.




In this photo we can see here, we are continuing with grazing utilizing the whenua ... inside constraints by the council. So we are in talks with both regional and lakes regarding the amount of nitrogen they’ve allowed us, we disagree with their calculation and it means we can’t graze as many cows as we would like but we are utilizing the lands as best we can. We’ve created new yards on Te Ngae farm, the old ones on Hawthornden Drive were not safe to use so VT contracting have built a new set of yards for us to utilize the land as best we can.

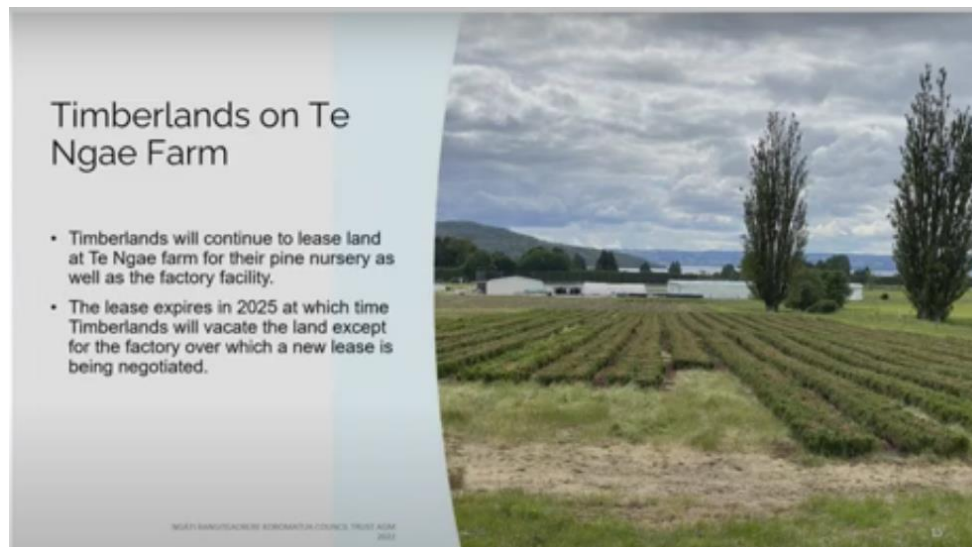
In the background you can see the white buildings, that is the timberlands factory for growing pine seedlings, and we hope them to be one of our cornerstone tenants once we get back the rest of the whenua. They would like to remain there, and we will determine a commercial rate which is what they should be paying, so we are looking at those negotiations that right now

### Hay Business

- The one-year plan is to continue with the hay baling operations as they currently stand.
- Investigations in to adding a second machine to the operations to increase production will be carried out.

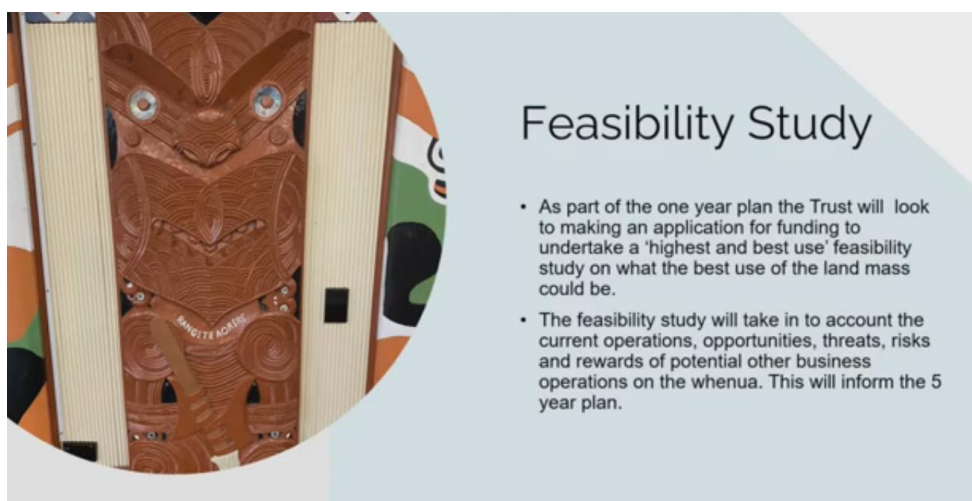


In terms of hay business, these are the products that we create. When you go to Bunnings and Mitre 10 and when you see the strawberry straw and the big bags branded with Tui, those are all created us. We produce those bales of straw and sell it through Tui to the retail market. It is a lucrative retail line that we have to the point where we've been asked to increase our production significantly such that we are looking into purchasing a second machine to increase that production but to do that we have to get assurances from Tui. But when you see that straw, it is made by NGATI RANGITEAORERE through VT contracting.



There we have again Timberlands nurseries; they want to continue when the lease expires in 2026. They will vacate all the rest of the lands and we are looking at plans of how to develop that, it depends on the zoning that Regional council give us but that's an ongoing conversation, but that container terminal there we hope to be a cornerstone tenant in a commercial capacity for NGATI RANGITEAORERE.

Last part of our looking forward to the future – Feasibility Study. We want to undertake a feasibility study; we will look for funding from TPK or MapX to undertake high and best use feasibility study on what the best use for our land mass could be. We will take into account current operations, opportunities, risks and rewards, other possible developments on the whenua and that will form the 5-year plan that we are going to develop. And if you're wondering where that carving is from, that is at Kawerau marae in the wharepuni in Ruatoki. And Rangiteaorere is in the wharepuni there and celebrating their Tuhoë lands. So that's where we are in terms of the business and what we're doing on the whenua.



Ken Goldsmith continues: In terms of the lake house, we brought it for \$1.1million and we sold it for \$1.7million. We made a significant profit. It wasn't actually a viable operation that we could use for any other purpose than what Donna has said to rearrange the boundaries around it to protect the lake, it was a lot of work, but we achieved that which took a significant amount of work, but we got it done, the house was sold and was settled last week.

Speaking to the Marae matter \$50,000 – that is incorrect. It was actually the marae that owes NRKC \$50,000 in 2019. It was the amount of expenditure NRKC had provided on behalf of the marae, that the marae had not paid for itself. The NRKC has never held funds on behalf of the marae. The marae has only owed NRKC for what it had spent on the marae's behalf. By 2022, it had arisen to \$91,000 of expenditure that NRKC had met on behalf of the marae. NRKC does not owe the marae, the marae owes NRKC. I hope those addresses all of those financial queries.

Donna: The next questions that came in on the list.

**Question from Wenarata Kingi:** Does NRKC have an environmental group, does it have a succession plan, does it have aspirations to revitalize Te Reo in Rangiteaorere. We are very lucky that Wenarata is in the tribe cause she's one of our number one stars to help us. We have tried hard with different programs to strengthen our Reo. It is not one of our strongest sides but we're lucky we are saved by Dr Ken, but we are fortunate we have two very strong Te Reo speakers coming on to the trust.

Donna: Dr Rapata Wiri has designed a program specifically designed to enable an easy reach course in Te Reo. We have Dr Rapata online, can we join him up. He's from the Tait whanau for those who don't know him. He is a most recent appointment to NRKC, and he has a great deal to offer us in regard to your question, Wena.

We also have Paora Maxwell onscreen who through many of his roles has promoted and encouraged the speaking of Te Reo. This is a good time to get Paora on screen. I want to remind everyone that Paora has been on this journey for Ngati R for a long time, he wrote the very first report that allowed us to file our claim to the Waitangi Tribunal for the return of the Te Ngae farm. He was a researcher when he wasn't an actor/producer.

**Paora Maxwell:** Tena koutou Ngati Rangiteaorere, tena koutou te kaunihera Koromatua o Rangiteaorere, e te Tiamana Dr Ken. Ko Ngati Pikiao, Ngati Rangiwewehi, Ngati Whakaue me Ngati Rangiteaorere ahau.....my connections to Rangiteaorere is through Korokaihau and Tuteniu. In 1987 I have very fond memories of meeting the old people who have obviously all passed away. I have particular fond memories of aunty Te Aho Welsh, we talked about Te Ngae farm, and central to Ngati Rangiteaorere's view of the land, I think she quoted her koroua, - translation Kia a koe to taua koti" and what that meant was, "when it was raining, we would lend you a raincoat". Her metaphor was to the missionaries, when you came to the rohe, you needed a place to stay, we lent you the whenua in which you could sustain yourselves but when you finish with the raincoat, with the whenua, the whenua is to come back". Her wisdom often shone through. And people like Bonita Haira and Hiko Hohepa, all those kuia and kaumatua, it is a big honour to sit on this council and look after the resources and be involved in the strategic future direction of Ngati Rangiteaorere going forward.

Thank you Paora and Rapata Wiri. Nau-mai haere mai.

**Reply to Kiri Potaka-Dewes:** Dr Ken Kennedy addresses Kiri Potaka-Dewes regards Te Arawa Fisheries elections 2022.

Dr Ken: I recall when the board met at their last 2022 meeting, you and a group of Ngati Rangiteaorere came to see the Board. We received all your panui about the voting in the Te Arawa fisheries elections. It was the view of the chairman that we take all your concerns on board, he will look at your issues

and he will respond to you in due course. It's not a question for NRKC to respond to, this is a korero between Te Arawa fisheries and the roopu that came in from Ngati Rangiteaorere.

**Question from Christina Phillips re Housing and Papakainga:** Donna – thank you Tina, it is lovely to see you today. You rightfully bring this up every AGM (housing). So yesterday we were to have met with Rotorua Lakes Council Town Planners to discuss their 30-year plan. The planners have designated all of our rohe as *light industrial*. This will not help us to build our first homes around the immediate marae. It will not help us to build the 400 houses we have planned for, which are suitable and, in our view, far superior houses. Our land is beautiful rolling land overlooking Mokoia Island, it means our homes won't be matched. Somebody designated our land as light industrial. I joined by phone. "We have been talking to you about housing since forever. How on earth did they designate our land so wrong". We're lucky here because Dr Ken has a very good relationship with the council. Jim Kidd and Ken Goldsmith have put a lot of work into us, emphasizing that we want to build houses for our families on our lands, but it's hard when you're fighting on all sides including Rotorua Lakes Council. I asked who did this and when did they do it? You could hear a pin drop. None of the 5 councilors there would say anything. I found out that they had been speaking to Whakaue and Te Pumautanga first and before us. What I'm picking is they said they want their lands to be residential. We were last in queue so and we end up with the funny designation. We have plans for our papakainga scheme, we are still working on them.

We are still at the position of looking at 12 homes immediately. Those lands closest to the marae need to be the first block to house our families because our meeting house needs to be secured. This is not new story. We need those first 12 houses to be families who will front our paepae, lead our karanga and sing our waiata. Our marae needs to be culturally secured. That's why we kept the focus on starting with 12 first running across the main Koromatua families. From there we will go on.

Now the 400 houses are a large number. We do think the lands designated for Rongomai school, that would be ideal lands to put some of the houses on, and our land on the Te Ngae farm is better for the school. That is where we are presently having the discussion. It is hard to secure funding when we're in this vacuum with the way the RLC is planning, and we are very alert to the seriousness of this. We managed to get through to Waka-Kotahi, a much better plan for entry and exit. We told them that because we want to put houses on these lands for our people. They got the vision, but the RLC hasn't. It's one step forward and someone drags us two steps back. We've put a lot of effort to put the base in place to get some of the houses in stage one and start planning across the next ten years for the 400. That's about all I can, that's where we are, everyone needs homes we all know that.

*What are we doing about the Squatters?*

Look we just can't have people turn up and put your tent on the land administered on behalf of all of us. It is squatting and it makes it very difficult for the rest of us. If we ever fall out with insurers again, we've been told the squatters across from the marae that are breaching every rule going in the planning book, jeopardize our marae. What are we doing, we tried hard but what it does come down to in the end is that these belong to all of us and if we don't have rules that we all have to abide by, we were have chaos on these blocks. There are no rights accruing, we are wanting to put our papakainga there, and when we get the funds be assured, we will be putting our houses there. So that's about the best I can say about that family.

Chair: Thank you Donna. All the questions and answers will go up on the website, once they are ready. We are moving to the resolutions. Use your 'thumbs-up' to show agreement.

#### Resolution 1

*To approve trustee remuneration stays at the same amount of \$200 per day.*

*Moved: Ken / Donna. Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please.*

Donna: So that you know, there may be only 50 on the screen but there are people that have a few numbers behind their screen. Makarena will take a note of the marae group, who is and who isn't agreeing to the resolutions. Kereama Pene is in Auckland with 20 or so with him, aunty Kaa's whanau are up in the north and there are 10 in that group. Ann and Matt of the Warren whanau, they are at home and there are 20 or so behind them.

We are asking to give the thumbs up on the remuneration.

*Motion Carried*

#### Resolution 2

*To receive the minutes of the 2019 AGM minutes.*

*Moved Ken/Herbie*

*Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please.*

*Carried*

#### Resolution 3

*To receive and accept the co-chairs report.*

*Moved Ken/Kereama*

*Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please*

*Carried.*

For those at the marae who don't agree, can you give your lack of support to Makarena. The next is

#### Resolution 4

*To receive and accept the operational strategic advisors report.*

*Moved Ken/Herbie*

*Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please*

*Carried*

We've just been told that everyone at the Marae in the room disagrees with every one of the resolutions. Okay Makarena, please take note of all the negative responders please. We now move to the financial statements

#### Resolution 5

*To receive and accept the financial statements as presented.*

*Moved Ken/Herbie*

*Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please*

*Carried*

#### Resolution 6

*To approve the auditor, William Buck.*

*Moved Ken/Herbie*

*Put it to the floor. Give us your 'thumbs up' please*

*Carried*

Donna: Marae you have to agree to having an auditor. Don't give us a thumbs down. Okay, we will take that resolution as unanimous. Oh, no the marae is still declining to have the auditor appointed. Never mind we will just keep going. Now to the contentious motion of the marae trust deed amendment.

#### Resolution 7

*"To enable half of the marae trustees to be appointed by the NRKC, a further 7 be added to the trust to comprise 14 members".*

We are asking you to approve this.

Moved: Ken/Herbie

Donna: Everyone is agreeing except for the marae. If you change your mind, you can send a note to admin. That was an important resolution, thank you but we think that is a practical way to get through this. We still need to do the validation committee and the kaumatua committee.

#### Resolution 8

*"To reappoint members of the membership Validation Committee, the current members to be reappointed are Ruihi Haira, Jewel Hapeta Matthews, Te Wakaunua Eden-Philips and Kaa Kereama and they are to be joined with Pirihira Haira, Albert Yates, Adrian Farrell, Paere Hunuhunu and Mihaere Kirby".*

Moved: Ken/Herbie

*Thumbs up, all that agreed. Marae is silent on it. Okay silence is consent. You may want to see a note to admin on that.*

#### Resolution 9

*"It is proposed that the existing kaumatua committee is to be joined by Te Rangikaheke Bidois, Clive Morehu, Dale Eru and Hamu Hodge that these be brought on in addition and we confirm and reconfirm that aunt Kiri, Tina and aunt Maria have always been on the committee".*

Moved Ken/Donna

Can we have a thumbs up. Thank you everyone. That looks like the end of our meeting today. Thank you for attending. Next time we hope to be able to meet face to face.

**Ken Kennedy:** Karakia whakamutunga.

Meeting ended at 4pm.

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