



Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa
Māori Law Society Incorporated

AGM Report

November 2017

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**Special General Meeting and
Annual General Meeting
Agenda**

Rā: **Saturday 18 November 2017**

Wā: **9.00 am-10.00 am**

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM meeting held on 19 November 2016
4. Tumuaki Report
5. Financial Report
6. Executive Committee Reports
7. Elections
8. General Business
9. Closing Remarks
10. Karakia

THRMoA 2016 AGM

Venue: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown
Date: 19 November 2016
Time: 9.00am

THRMOA 2016 SGM & AGM

Attendees: Aidan Warren, Rachel Mullins, Ihipera Peters, Renika Siciliano, Jamie-Lee Tuuta, Lee Belk, Arena Williams, Haines Ellison, Desiree Williams, Philip Winiata, Neuton Lambert, Tavake Afeaki, Ophir Cassidy, Corin Merrick, Tracey Norton, Mariah Hori Te Pa, Isabella Wilson, Kohe Ruwhiu, Sarah Mann, Raimona Tapiata, Jack Fletcher, Rahera Dyall, Karli Rickard, Roimata Hanchard, Lia Rona, Hannah Johnston, Kahu Haimona, Jas Barley, Annalise Samuels, Indi Shewen, Ashlee Bell, Eve Rongo, Ranui Calman, Briar Ensor, Carwyn Jones, Harry O'Connel, Judge Stephen Clark, Chloe Manga, Aroha Herewini, Cameron Jacob-Sauer, Evander Dawson, Brianna Boxall, Alex Greaves, Taria Ngawhika, Rangitarewa Woon-Ihakara, Te Raukura Solomon, Teakiri Abraham, Rahera Douglas, Rebeka Kiwara, Saratina Tipene, Kirsten Porter, Kaahu White, Josie Te Rata, Amber Russell, Alice Anderson, Isabella Moore, Awhina Tawhiao-Black, Janelle Wilson, Jacob Manera, Te Kani Wiremu, Ani Bennett, Jacinta Ruru, Porourangi Templeton-Reedy, Renee Twidle, Paul Stevens-Kauhau, Maia Paku, Marina Povey, Langdon Bradley, Te Puea Mateo, Wiremu Rikihana, Mereana Te Whata, Linda Te Aho, Donna Flavell, Anaru Adams, Ethan Jerome-Leota, Te Amorangi Flavell, Nikita Day, Maureen Malcolm, Terena Wara, Mihiterina Sorensen, Kaelyn McGrath, Bradley MacPherson, Tamati Hoetawa, Rachel Robilliand, Tori Koroheke, Tipene Atama, Camille Ware, Maxine Ketu, Kendra Tulloch-Otimi, Megal Hancock, Nephi Pukepuke, Kathleen Roberts, Sarah Wallace, Tania Abrams, Ariane Thompson, Tyler Paxi-Te Huia, Emma-Jayne Turnbull, Charmaine Riley, Glenn Tootill, James Lewis, Neuton Lambert, Tavake Afeaki, Pierre Tohe, Tim Vial, Jason Pou, Kirikaiahi Mahutaariki, Liana Poutu, Ashanti Neems, Claire Charters, Tracey Whare, Judge Craig Coxhead, Coroner Brandt Shortland, Ebony Duff, Petrina Stokes, Gina Rangi, Jarom Keung, Nikora Nitro, Natalie Palmer, Edith Te Whata, Laverne King, Tania Williams, Huia Harding, Mereaira Jones, Leone Farquhar, Cassandra-Jane Macleod, Kirina Tan, Alana Thomas

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1.0 Karakia / Timatanga

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2.0 Apologies

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9.05AM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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3.0 Tumuaki Report

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***RESOLUTION:** That the members of the Incorporated Society receive the Tumuaki / Co-Presidents' Report for the 2014/2015 year.*

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Seconded Anni Bennett
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4.0 Financial Report

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***RESOLUTION:** That the members of the Incorporated Society receive the Pūtea / Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2016.*

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Seconded Tavake Afeaki
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I whakakapi te hui i te karakia – Tavake Afeaki

10.20am

Tūmuaki Report 2017

Introduction

1. This annual report is prepared by Co-Tūmuaki, Ophir Cassidy and Tavake Afeaki to give an overview of the activities undertaken by the Executive of Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa (“THRM”) – The Māori Law Society for the period of November 2016 to November 2017.
2. We take this opportunity to acknowledge those that have passed away during the past 12 months within THRM including our founding member John Manihira Chadwick who passed away in May of this year. John was a stalwart, a driving force, a visionary, and the first person to be awarded a life member of THRM. Moe mai e te rangatira. E kore matou e wareware I a koe.
3. We also acknowledge the recent passing of Māori Land Court Judge David Ambler.
4. We attended a handover hui in December 2016 with our outgoing Tumuaki Aidan Warren and Racheal Mullins. We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge hard work and foundations that they established in terms of the current set up for THRM and the existing relationship with our sponsors and other third parties. Nga mihi kia korua mo nga mahi rangatira I mahtia e korua I nga tau kua pahure ake nei.
5. The Executive have met on two occasions this year for hui a kanohi in Auckland in March and August of this year. The other meetings have continued to be held via teleconference which brings with it its own set of challenges. We take this opportunity to thank members of the Executive for their contributions over the last 12 months and in particular, we wish to give a special thanks to Corin Merrick (our Secretary), Alexis Tapsell (our Treasurer), and Renika Siciliano (IT).

6. We would like to acknowledge those members that contributed to the submissions filed by THRM on the Law Commission paper on the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 (submitted in December 2016) and the submissions on the Oranga Tamariki Bill submitted in May 2017.

7. Over the past 12 months the Tumuaki have attended a number of meetings with our sponsors and other third parties. We have also attended several events held throughout Aotearoa as follows;
 - We attended the annual Christmas lunch for that Hamilton practitioners held in December 2016.
 - In April 2017, Ophir attended the Women's mentoring evening hosted by Kahui Legal in Wellington.
 - Ophir attended the Te Putariki Wahine week quiz night at Canterbury University, in Christchurch in May 2017.
 - In May this year, Ophir and Tavake together with a large contingent of THRM attended John Chadwick's tangi in Rotorua
 - Ophir attended a practitioners evening on 30 June 2017 hosted at Te Piriniga, Faculty of Law in Hamilton
 - In August 2017, Ophir attended the Judges Breakfast in Hamilton hosted by Mc Caw Lewis.
 - Tavake attended Judge Ambers tangi on behalf of THRM in Te Puke earlier this week.

8. In April this year the Executive met for our first face to face meeting and set out a number of key objections/goals as set out below:

Setting up a submissions process for THRM.

- The executive set up a formal submissions process so that THRM can provide an informed, reasoned, and representative voice on Bills that are introduced in parliament that affect Maori. Attached to this report is the process which has been adopted by the Executive

Creating a database for THRM

- There is currently no formal database system in place for our membership. The executive has been provided with a quote from Vo2 to set up an online data base system. This will be an action point for 2018.

Implementing a membership Fee for THRM

- This has been an ongoing issue of debate for the past decade. This constitution provides for a membership Fee. The Executive would like to survey our members on this issue and then make a final decision for 2018.

Organising the Hui a tau

- A large part of our focus for this year was also on the hui a tau. We would like to thank and acknowledge the sub-committee that was formed to assist with the THRM Hui-ā-Tau in South Auckland this year and in particular Corin Merrick, Te Aopare Dewes, Chris Merrick, Traecy Norton, Stormie Waapu, Kirikaiahi Mahutariki, Luke Classen and Ebony Duff.

Relationships with third parties and our sponsors

9. THRM and continue to strengthen those relationships with key stakeholders and other third parties.

Sponsorship of New Zealand Secondary School Mooting Competition

- As set out in the previous Tumuaki Report (2016), in 2015 THRM commissioned a Taonga as an annual award to the best Māori student mooter in the annual National Secondary School Mooting Competition organised by Te Piringa at the University of Waikato. The event included secondary schools from across the country. This year, THRM sponsored at \$500.00 prize to the winner of the Secondary School Mooting Competition.

New Zealand Law Commission

- The wheels were previously set in motion by our predecessors, Rachel Mullins and Aidan Warren who initially met with the Commissioners of the New Zealand Commission. The Tūmuaki have had ongoing correspondence and a skype conference with the Commissioner. In consideration of that relationship, the Law Commission presented at this years Hūi-ā-Tau.

Commissioner for Children

- We note that THRM were previously approached by the Children's Commissioner, Judge Becroft to develop an MOU with the Children's Commission. The Executive have yet to do this however Judge Becroft presented as a keynote speaker at this year's Hūi-ā-Tau. We hope to continue to forge a closer relationship with him in the coming 12 months.

Lexis Nexis

- Our predecessors had initiated a relationship with Lexis Nexis. There was also discussions regarding a Māori Law Society publication. There has been some email correspondence however the Executive has not been able to progress this further at this stage. Notwithstanding the above we have noted this as one of our action points next year and assigned two executive members to drive this task.

Sponsors

- We acknowledge our premiere sponsors Westpac. A renewed agreement was signed again this year and our accounts were transferred from ASB to Westpac. Westpac has also offered to include a level of administrative support.
- We have also retained sponsorship from Deloitte and Chapman Tripp to continue to show great support for THRM. Deloitte's continue to provide accounting services to THRM via our Treasurer, Alexis Tapsell. We want to thank both Deloitte and Chapman Tripp for their ongoing support of THRM.
- We continue to build on the relationship with the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Vo2 and AUT Law. The Tumaki have had discussions with IPLS with the view to IPLS attending and presenting a mini seminar throughout the year or at the hui a tau.
- We have continued our relationship with Vo2 in developing our THRM app by adding a number of functions to the existing app and also looking to set up an online database system for THRM.

The year ahead

10. Once again we would like to acknowledge the contribution of our Executive this year. There have been a number of challenges that we have faced in terms of sharing the work load and trying to meet the demands of our own work commitments and juggling our family life.
11. The plan is for the Executive to have three face to face meetings in 2018 and continue with our teleconference/skype meetings in between. Our first face to face meeting will be held in February 2018.
12. We will have a number of objectives/goals for 2018 including the following:
 - Implementing the submissions process and confirming the specialist groups
 - Re-energising our Wahine Maori mentoring programme
 - Setting up our online database system with the assistance of Vo2
 - Surveying our members regarding the membership fee and making a final decision
 - Implementing our Reo Maori strategy.
13. Finally, 2018 will see THRM celebrate 30 years since its inception in Rotorua in 1988. We would like to see the hui a tau return to Rotorua in 2018 to celebrate this milestone for THRM.

Financial Report 2017

Treasurer – Alexis Tapsell

See attached Financial Statements.



Executive Committee Reports

To follow are the respective reports submitted by the Executive Committee Members for the THRMoA AGM 2017.

Academic Representative – Khylee Quince

1. No report received.

Young Lawyer Representative – Philip Winiata

2. No report received.

Tairā Representatives – Jasmine Barley and Rahera Douglas

3. No report received.

FLS Representative – Traecy Norton

4. No report received.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Te Tai Tokerau – Bronwyn Moore

5. Many challenges for us in the North. There are only 4 family lawyers that do legal aid.
6. We have some awesome role models such as La-Verne King.

Tāmaki Makaurau – Luke Claasen

7. No report received.

Waikato – Renika Siciliano

8. Waikato has had three key events this past year for practitioners and students.
9. In December 2016, we held our annual Christmas lunch in Hamilton following last year's hui-ā-tau to continue building local networks amongst lawyers.
10. In early 2017, a meet the practitioners event was hosted at Te Piringa, Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato. Our Waikato tairā heard from some of our local practitioners working in different areas and enjoyed a casual networking evening.
11. In August 2017, McCaw Lewis hosted Judges Denise Clark, Alayne Wills and Sharyn Otene for a Ngā Wāhine Rōia Māori breakfast session. We are very grateful to have had the privilege of hearing from these wahine toa on their experiences and to ask those patai many do not usually have opportunity to ask.
12. Thank you to those who led and organised these successful and uplifting events, in particular Te Piringa, Mania Hope (Puna Chambers) and Rachel Mullins (McCaw Lewis).

13. Building on from the mahi done in 2016, part of my focus this year has been on our digital strategy and platforms. There is still plenty to be done to put our strategies and thinking into action, including particularly around an updated website, social media and other purposes for our phone app, but we have made some positive progress.
14. I have also been, through my THRM involvement, part of the Expert Advisory Group for the NZ Law Commission's review of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976.
15. I will be stepping down from the Executive for 2018 but look forward to seeing the Executive continue its positive mahi throughout the motu.

Waiariki – Stacey Mareroa

16. No report received.

Te Tai Hauāuru – Paranihia Walker

17. No report received.

Te Whanganui-ā-Tara – Marcia Murray

18. It's been a pretty busy year in Te Whanganui-ā-Tara with a number of events and activities. I outline these for you below.

Ngā Rōia o Poneke

Facebook page created to grow network

19. Building a solid network in the Pōneke region was one of the main goals for this year. We created the "**THRMōA ki te Whanganui-a-Tara**" facebook page to keep everyone in the loop regarding key events happening in the region.

Upcoming events

20. We are aiming to have a BYO event either later in the year or early next year for members of THRMōA to attend.

Ngā Rangahautira

Alumni Breakfast

21. On 3 August we held an Alumni breakfast at The Old Bailey. This was an opportunity for alumni of Ngā Rangahautira to meet with current tauira and share their words of wisdom, have free and frank conversations about their career journey and to answer any burning questions that tauira may have. Six alumni and about 12 - 15 tauira came along to the event. Ngā mihi to Ngā Rangahautira for sponsoring this event.



Speed mentoring evening

22. On Thursday 5 October we organised a "Life after law school" speed mentoring event at Victoria University Law School. The speed mentoring event brought together 26 mentors and mentees for a quick-fire round of career advice. We had mentors from a number of different agencies and companies



including AJ Park, Te Tumu Paeroa, Kensington Swan, the Waitangi Tribunal Unit, Kahui Legal, The Crown Law Office, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Puni Kōkiri, Zwaan Legal and the Government Legal Network. It was an amazing evening with a lot of laughs, whanaungatanga and networking. Many thanks to those mentors and taura who came along to tautoko the event. Ngā mihi to Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa and Ngā Rangahautira for sponsoring this event.

Monthly meetings with taura representatives

23. To keep all our events on track, I met regularly with both Kahu Haimona and Jasmine Barley from the Ngā Rangahautira Exec. A quick once-a-month breakfast meeting enabled us to have a quick catch up and plan our events going forward. Ngā mihi ki a kōrua me tō awhina ki ahau i tēnei tau, kei te mihi.

Upcoming events

24. In the new year, Kiritapu Allan (member of Parliament and previous Poneke rep) has offered to host taura at parliament and provide them with an insight into what it's like to be in the Government.

Wahine Rōia Māori ki Poneke

25. For the past year, a group of dedicated wāhine rōia in Poneke have organised a couple of networking events including '*Kōrero Parakuihi with Judge Sarah Reeves and Prue Kaapua*,' and '*Speed mentoring networking event*' and have an upcoming event in late November on the topic of '*Resilience*'. The roopu would like to thank Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa, Kahui Legal, Morrison Kent, AJ Park and Kono for their tautoko and continued support of these events. I would like to thank Bernadette Arapere, Horiana Irwin, Lynell Tuffery Huria, Claire Maihe and Kate Tarawhiti for all your hard work. Mahia te mahi wahine mā.
26. As our roopu are based in Wellington, we were very privileged to be able to attend and tautoko Prof. Jacinta Ruru as the first wāhine rōia Māori to present at the Shirley Smith Address 2017. Her amazing kōrero was on '*First Laws: Tikanga Māori in/ and the law*' and provided an overview of tikanga in the law that echoed the voices of Justice Joe Williams, Dr Carwyn Jones and Ani Mikaere who are currently discussing the recognition of our first laws, tikanga Māori. Thank you Jacinta for your words of wisdom. We're all excited to see where this journey is going to take us.

Final comments

27. I've enjoyed working with the Exec and I'm excited to see what the future holds for Te Hunga Rōia Māori. 2017 was a very busy year for Pōneke and 2018 is gearing up to be a fantastic year of events as well. In saying that, I would like to recommend that another enthusiastic and energetic

30. Ophir Cassidy and I represented Te Hunga Roia Exec at a quiz and networking evening in May organised by Te Putairiki. It was part of a wahine week run by students at the University of Canterbury. It was an excellent event and part of an ambitious and interesting sounding programme.
31. I organised networking drinks for local members in August. However, there was a low turnout. I am keen to try and have Christmas drinks or, if not, something early next year.
32. I would love to be able to revitalise the roopu in the Ōtautahi rohe. If you live and/or work in Ōtautahi, please get in touch with me so that we can get a list of email addresses to make organising events easier in the future.

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33. Following last year's hui in Queenstown, this year has been relatively quiet in the deep south. There was some mahi related to last year's hui that we needed to tidy up and this has only recently been finalised.
34. With the intent of helping facilitate Te Hunga Roia Maori involvement further South and involving those based in Murihiku in the roopu, we are proud of the recent efforts made in Invercargill with the firm Preston Russell who hold 15 minutes of te reo Maori lessons every morning in their office, run by recent Waikato alumni Georgia Woodward. It would be good to see these lessons opened to all firms so other interested lawyers are able to attend. Small successes such as this is the right direction to be heading in.
35. In terms of events, we haven't held any formal events but we have both been reaching out to new Maori lawyers in our area and some are keen to eventually join the executive of Te Hunga Roia Maori o Aotearoa. They were unable to be at this year's hui, but are looking to bring them into the fold next year so that they can step on to the executive.
36. Unfortunately, both of us were unable to attend Te Wiki o te Ture but the following week, Haines attend the AGM for Te Roopu Whai Putake and was the returning officer for their elections. It continually amazes us how much this roopu has grown in terms of strength and numbers. It is great to see that often more than one person stands for a position on the Te Roopu Whai Putake executive showing that many Otago Maori law students value this roopu.
37. Going forward, it would be good to have more collaboration between Ngā Kaiāwhina Hapori Māori o te Ture (Maori Caucus of Community Law Centres o Aotearoa) and Te Hunga Roia Maori o Aotearoa. This is something we would be keen to see grow and are happy to be involved with.