

MANIAPOTO CENTRAL REGION (MCR) - KORAKORA

“Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te karohirohi i mua i tō tātou huarahi.”

MCR identifies the MCC Purpose to be as stated in the “*Maniapoto Implementation Plan 2007*” and its “*Key Objectives*” includes maintaining a strong united approach to “*achieve a deed of settlement for the Maniapoto treaty claims.*”

“Kia mau tōnu ki tēnā kia mau ki te kawau māro, whanake ake, whanake ake!!!”

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTIONS: For consideration of support by HOC Hui

MCR proposes that this Hui a Claimant, dated 07/07/12 at Kahotea Marae resolves to support Maniapoto Central Co-ordinating Forum (MCC) to;

1. Seek internal nominations from MCC members for appointment of a MCC Chairman and Deputy Chair roles.
2. Request MCC minute and administration support services for all MCC subcommittee work including HoC, to be provided through MMTB, focussed to enable continuity of administration and planning progression.
3. Support MMTB to make proposal to CFRT for part time FTE to assist MCC administration communication functions.
4. Align HoC, CIP mapping and TOT subcommittees to occur as an agenda item of MCC monthly meetings, for discussion, progression and resolution according to agreed processes. This will include invitation and interaction with external stakeholders involved (including other Iwi).
5. Provide support for IT supported meetings, via Skype attendance or live streaming or other means to cut down on costs and travel time.

JULY REPORT TO MCC

MCR are progressing well and are open to claimants joining. We are developing a website to support MCR communication and planning. We maintain an open door policy based on MCR MOU agreement. We believe Maniapoto need to come together in a stronger and more committed way. This will need us to be straight up and honest in order to have trust and faith in each other to progress collectively.

1. **Who is MCR?** Korakora (Maniapoto Central Region – MCR) is a CFRT recognised non-legal entity with representatives from Ngati Rora (Cluster 1) Ngati Kinohaku (Cluster 2) and Te Puna (Cluster3). It is currently open to new membership applications to its clustered support arrangements. Current Confirmed MCR Representatives = Yorkie Taylor (NR) Leslie Harry (NR) Roimata Wipaki (NR) Rangi Joseph (NKT) Weo Maag (NR) Wayne Jensen (NKT) - MCR Chairman. There are two responsible positions available on the MCR committee for Te Puna Cluster representatives. This is subject to Te Puna MCR members holding a meeting to approve appointments. MCR is established within its approved processes. MCR intend to meet in July 28th 2012 at a venue (to be confirmed) to promote MCR membership and all other priority matters.
2. **Te Ohaaki Tapu Hearings Venue;** Discussion was held at MCR June 17 meeting at Te Korapatu about venues for Te Ohaki Tapu Hearings. We understand that Nettie-Anne Ball proposed Te Kuiti to be the town/venue (which had the full support of MCR ki Korakora Cluster). The Civic and a powhiri to be at Te Tokanganui-a-noho (Te Kuiti) Marae. That way the wharenuī is available for manuwhiri accomodation. The powhiri to be held on the Sunday prior to the hearings, to ensure sufficient time to hear evidence. Week Hearings to held be at Civic Centre. On Sunday 17 June at the General Meeting for the MCR Executive, MCR representatives were informed Representatives from Maniapoto ki Te Raki have put together a Draft Itinerary for Te Ohaaki Tapu Hearings (Nov 5th-9th 2012) & December (10th-14th 2012), with the Town Venue

being Te Kuiti. This proposal was presented at June 17th Hui & MCR representatives in attendance were happy to work with the proposed Itinerary through MCC.

3. **Maniapoto Claimant/Iwi Mapping;** Community Intern Project (CIP) is a claimant opportunity to get claim related Maps produced; MCR seeks expressions of interest from members to engage and book time with the CIP mapping intern through MCR. Dawn has identified that claimants must be a member of a MCC recognised regional cluster to be engaged. MCR has requested the CIP project give equitable time to each region. CIP is available for 25 weeks. Claimants wishing to access CIP must go through their MCC CIP representatives. This was indicated at the CIP 02 July meeting to include claimants of the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board, Hauauru, Maniapoto South (MKTT), Maniapoto North (MKTR) and Maniapoto Central (MCR) regions.
4. **Client-specific Mapbooks CFRT;** The Crown Forestry Rental Trust will be commissioning three client-specific mapbook projects: for Whanganui North Cluster ki Te Rohe Pōtae, Tai Hau-ā-uru clients and a combined Maniapoto mapbook project. The purpose of client-specific mapbooks is to support the claimants' presentation of their claims. As such, they will be prepared at the same time as claimants prepare for their hearing weeks. Trust staff understand that the Tribunal's expectation is that the client specific mapbooks will be filed at the same time as tangata whenua briefs of evidence are filed, i.e. one week prior to the first relevant hearing week.
5. **Issues ID - Conflict of Interest declarations;** MCR has noted issues inside some MCC sub-committee minutes which are done through other arrangements i.e. the HoC and HaC. These minutes appear to have a "spin" at times i.e. 06/06/12 meeting has been discussed in this respect. Outcomes are not recorded properly. These incidents as discussed are not well received by MCR and are difficult to approach and resolve. MCR believe a pattern is present and is associated to the admin functionary involved in minute taking and perceived conflict of interests.
6. **MCC Function;** The MCC function is expressed clearly in the Maniapoto Implementation Plan. This is supported by MCR and seen as the guiding document for Maniapoto inquiry region claim progression.
7. **MCC Efficiency and Purpose;** MCR identify an inefficient element in respect to the Maniapoto Central Coordination forum (MCC) administration's functionality. This is in regards to;
 - a. The MCC Chairman role being shifted every meeting (which should change);
 - b. The non-appointment of MCC admin support, over and above minute taking, for assistance in progression of work between meetings.
 - c. MCR views both situations as combining to undermine efficient and effective MCC progression. MCC and MMTB should be working together to a common goal.
 - d. MCC minutes are done by MMTB in an agreed arrangement for MCC. MCR believes this function should be extended and funding support sought from CFRT.
8. **MCC enablement proposal;** MCR suggest that MCC could be better empowered and supported in order to enable Maniapoto to be efficient and effective. MMTB should continue to have an active advocate role. It is believed this could remove much admin focus and return a claim/claimant focus to assist Maniapoto readiness if done effectively. The MCR resolutions are promoted in this meeting to assist to resolve identified gaps and issues.
9. **Process - MCC Representation/affirmation;** MCC is established in alignment with the Maniapoto Implementation Plan 2007. MCR is aligned to that Implementation Plan and its CFRT contract 2377. MCR asserts that MCC should have terms of reference for its operation and membership developed and affirmed. This should involve connection to implementing the Maniapoto Implementation Plan. MCC needs a head and direction.

10. **Sovereignty perspectives - legal;** MCR would like focus on discussing and testing claims for evidence, perspective and opinion. MCR members have expressed a desire to seek a Moana Jackson type perspective/report of Sovereignty as an alternative view to the Alex Frame stance. This could gift a second opinion for perspective regards argument from a Tangata Whenua viewpoint.
11. **Membership Opportunity MMTB?** MCR would like to know if the MMTB claimant collective is open for other claims to join?
12. **Review MCC Direction and Approach;** MCR promote MMTB and MCC to lead a review of the Maniapoto Implementation Plan with claimant engagement and input. MCR promote that MMTB and MCC look for planning and consolidation opportunities where floating claims might be approached to test desire to hand management over to MMTB/MCC function. A review of Maniapoto Claims progression is seen as desirable to assist systematic test of claimant readiness, direct to claimants with the view to gain actual perspective and higher quality support focus. This could assist to align a strategic approach to pre-empt classification of claims, and/or claim issues into categories¹;
 - a. Claims and claim issues that should not be heard in the current inquiry hearing to;
 - b. Prioritisation of themes (pre 1883 and post 1883).
 - c. Gain understanding in preparation of Crown submission regards to matters that will be and will not be inquired into (i.e. outside Jurisdiction of Waitangi Tribunal and/or already settled but do not have settlement legislation.
 - d. Understanding implications of definitions redefining Kaupapa Claims.
 - e. ID Boundary issues outside the TRP boundary.
 - f. ID Raupatu related issues.
 - g. ID Claimant arguments as stated i.e. to test other matters.²
13. **Resourcing External Hui;** MCR commit to offer assistance of via its external hui budget and claimant planning in support of MMTB and MCC and challenge other members to do the same.
14. **Hearing requests for time Te Ohaaki Tapu;** MCR asks its current and potential members (who need hearings time consideration within MCR time allocations) to make their needs known regards to hearings time as a formal request for the Te Ohaaki Tapu hearings scheduled in November and December. Draft hearings time-table and plan is being progressed via MCC and Te Raki Draft.
15. **Collaboration;** MCR recognise that MMTB is said to be in its final phase of its shelf life looking to enable transition of Maniapoto Iwi authority as a collective into a New Tribal Entity. MCR see continued need for discussions initiation with all claimants. To begin alignment of how a new tribal entity would/could align to claimant aspirations and equitable outcomes. Attention is directed towards page 9 of the Maniapoto Implementation Plan. Where the proposed claimant regional structure is identified as a pragmatic approach not yet enacted.

Items of discussion in brief;

1. MCR ID membership opportunity.
2. MCR view of Te Ohaaki Tapu Venue choice.
3. MMTB Claimant and Iwi mapping
4. External client-specific Mapbooks CFRT
5. Issues ID - Conflict of Interest declarations

¹ Wai 898 3.1.522 memorandum of Crown Law 28 June 2012

² Wai 898 3.1.522 memorandum of Crown Law 28 June 2012 - Page 5

6. MCC Function
7. MCC efficiency and purpose
8. MCC enablement proposal
9. Process - MCC Representation/affirmation
10. Sovereignty perspectives – legal (Moana Jackson perspective requested)
11. Membership Opportunity – MMTB
12. Review MCC Direction and Approach
13. Resourcing MCR External Hui
14. Hearing requests for time Te Ohaaki Tapu
15. Collaboration

Issues /opportunities;

- a. MCC administrative support should be empowered.
- b. The HOC committee purpose is to create a hearings program 2013 hearings. Where is that at? Does the Counsel Co-ordinating Committee make HoC purpose redundant?
- c. CIP Mapping Project 1st meeting (02/07/12). Are attendance numbers an issue for outcomes? Do they need to be confirmed by MCC? Should the MCC confirm who their preference is for working with as an admin support?
 - CIP Mapping project and its terms of reference need to be developed.
 - CIP Mapping project and its IP protocols implications need to be understood clearly. Perspectives are still being sought from MCR members.
 - MCR want CIP mapping admin to be appointed/confirmed with MCC agreement after discussion (preference is for someone with no perceived conflict).
- d. MCR request claimant expressions of interest for MCR membership.
- e. MCR direct Claimant attention to the Crown Memoranda dated 29 June referenced below.
- f. MCR has discussed perceived conflicts and suggested impacts of influence of representations/planning associated to members of Hauauru and work streams.

ORAL AND TRADITIONAL TRANSCRIPTION UPDATE

1. MCR have not finished the transcription of O&T Wānanga held in 2011. This includes Wānanga held at Te Kuiti Pah, Oparure, and Marokopa in 2011.
2. MCR Target date to complete all transcriptions is 14th July 2012. Once complete transcripts will be offered back to claimants for use via hui. The information will be available for re-format and inclusion into O&T for claimants or for inclusion into TRP report. Potential is real for information contained within MCR Transcripts to miss deadlines as are indicated in the **O&T Report 4** dated 30 June received Tuesday 03/07/2012 this is a reality we are hoping to avoid.

HUI AND MEMBERSHIP

1. MCR continue to attend and represent MCR views inside subcommittees formed to progress claimant readiness. These include;
 - a. **MCC, HoC, HaC, CIP Mapping, TOT** and others designed to assist preparation of claimants to be heard.
2. MCR representatives to **MCC, HoC** and **HaC** identify issues which are being tracked by MCR. These issues identified by MCR members relate to matters not being reported on clearly by the minutes described as HaC minutes 6 June DRAFT. MCR resolutions are an attempt to mitigate concerns.
3. MCR public membership offer was made at meeting held at Oparure in May 2012
 - a. MCR claimant membership is still available for all Maniapoto Claimants who want to join MCR - an approval process applies.
 - b. Process to join MCR = sign a membership form.

c. Any further clarity required contact Rangi Joseph manipotocentral@gmail.com
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4. MCR meeting of MCR Representatives was held at Te Korapatu Marae in 17 June 2012.

Korakora (Maniapoto Central Region) aspires for Maniapoto to achieve through establishing strong relationships. This will be based on open and transparent practice as an organised Maniapoto Claimant Co-ordinating body with collaboration of the Maniapoto Iwi. It will be in support a co-ordinated approach for execution of a Maniapoto successful settlement - Treaty of Waitangi claims. This will be achieved by a united Maniapoto vision for collective settlement in a planned and organised manner.

Nā te mahana o te ahi, he korakora e tohutohu te arahi nei, hei whakakotahi ai! Nau mai haere mai!

Nāku iti noa

Wayne Jensen
Chairman MCR