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UENUKU CHARITABLE TRUST MADATE HUI OVERVIEW REPORT

Introduction

1. This is a summary report of Te Puni Kōkiri's observation of mandate hui conducted by the Uenuku Charitable Trust mandate.
2. The Uenuku Charitable Trust held ten mandate hui between 26 June and 12 July 2015 in locations that reflect where Uenuku members reside including, Gore, Christchurch, Wellington, Hastings, Taumarunui, Kihikihi, Auckland, Whanganui and Raetihi. The hui at Paraweka Marea was cancelled due to the damage that occurred from flooding a week before.
3. Voting on the mandate resolution was organised by Electionz.com.
4. All members of Te Korowai o Wainuiarua aged 18 years and over, whether registered or not, are eligible to vote. Each eligible voter will be required to vote on the resolution using their voting method of choice.
5. Te Korowai o Wainuiarua members could vote in four ways:
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 - Via a special vote.

Mandate Hui Details

Notification

6. Electionz.com, the elections company overseeing the vote, advertised the mandate hui in the public notice section of the following newspapers two weeks prior to the first ratification hui being held:

Date	Newspaper
13 June 2015	New Zealand Herald
13 June 2015	Dominion Post
16 June 2015	Ruapehu Bulletin
16 June 2015	Whanganui Chronicle

Mandate Hui Process

Purpose of the hui

7. The purpose of the mandate hui was to seek mandate from Uenuku to negotiate a settlement of the Uenuku historical Treaty claims.
8. The purpose was explained to attendees at each mandate hui. The hui purpose was also explained in the notification advertisements and the information packs that were distributed prior to the hui round commencing.

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Format of hui

9. All of the mandate hui followed a consistent process and format. The hui adhered to the format outlined below:

- Karakia
- Mihimihi
- Tauparapara
- Introduce roadshow team
- Presentation / Question & Answers
- VOTING: Mandate Resolution
- Karakia whakamutunga Presentation

10. The role of the independent Crown observer(s) was explained to attendees at each of the hui.

Hui schedule

	Venue	Date of Hui	Start time	Attendance approximate
1.	Hokonui Marae, 11 Hyde St, Gore	26 June 2015	3.00pm	15
2.	Te Hohepa Te Kōhanga Reo, 34 Phillips St, Christchurch	27 June 2015	5:00pm	34
3.	Airport Motel, 142 Tirangi Rd, Rongotai, Wellington	28 June 2015	1:00pm	26
4.	Angus Inn Hotel, 507 Railway Rd, Hastings	2 July 2015	6.00pm	46
5.	War Memorial Hall, 153 Hakiaha St, Taumarunui	3 July 2015	6.00pm	29
6.	Kihikihi Bowling Club, 17 Lion St, Kihikihi	4 July 2015	3.00pm	38
7.	Holiday Inn, 2 Ascot Rd, Mangere, Auckland	5 July 2015	3.00pm	40
8.	Putiki Marae, 10 Takarangi St, Whanganui	10 July 2015	6.00pm	37
9.	Paraweka Marae, 2527 Raetihi Rd, Pipiriki	11 July 2015	3:00pm	

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10.	Te Puke Marae, 49 Ōhakune Rd, Raetihi	12 July 2015	10:00am	57
	Total Attendees			322

Hui attendance

11. Approximately 322 people attended the 10 ratification hui. All hui were attended by Te Puni Kōkiri observers. The hui attendee numbers are approximate only as people were arriving and leaving throughout each hui. These figures exclude Uenuku Charitable Trust representatives, the Independent Returning Officer, Te Puni Kōkiri observers and children.
12. An attendance register was available at all six hui at the administration desk of each venue. The register was also circulated to hui attendees who did not sign it on entering the venue.

Presentation

13. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by representatives of the Uenuku Charitable Trust at each hui.
14. At each hui the presenters closely followed the same PowerPoint presentation. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about the presentation. All questions were addressed by the presenters.

Question and Answers

15. Over the nine hui, there were plenty of questions asked, below is a summary of the common questions asked. Every question was answered by the presenter.
16. **Attendees noted that they had heard that other groups were seeking mandate Attendees asked how the dissenters, or other groups could be pulled in to the process.**
17. It was explained that the Niho Taniwha will provide for a strong structure allowing Uenuku, Tamahaki and Tamakana opportunity to lead mahi. It was noted that the Uenuku Charitable Trust is leading the mandate mahi and Tamahaki and Tamakana will lead mahi as it arises. It was explained that the Crown process has not been kind to the Whanganui rohe which has created division, however, the Uenuku Charitable Trust is determined to bring everybody together.
18. **Attendees questioned how the Uenuku Charitable Trust proposed to continue with the process if the differences with the four Large Natural Groups identified in the Whanganui rohe had not been dealt with.**
19. It was explained that ideally, all four of the Large Natural Groups should be holding hands, however, that is not the case. It was explained that all of the Large Natural Groups would have to come together at some point out of necessity, however, there is no quick fix for the issues that exist. Hui

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attendees were encouraged to trust the process, and noted that it has the potential to provide a sustainable future for moko.

20. Attendees sought clarification regarding who were the Board Members and were team members.

21. The presenter explained who the Board Members and team members were. It was noted that the attendee also saw the roadshow team members introduce themselves before the presentation. The comment was made that the person was once a board member so knows who the board members are. It was explained that all eligible members have the opportunity to represent Uenuku after today's Annual General Meeting or after the mandating process.

22. The presenter noted that they may not be the people the attendee wants, however it is a transparent process. The presenter noted that the presentation slides explain the process and the structure.

23. Attendees sought clarification on the structure of the Uenuku Trust Board and questioned why there were three groups, 36 seats.

24. The presenter explained that the process is about kōtahitanga, it's about inclusiveness. It was noted that it is the Crown process and it is a challenge.

25. Attendee questioned what is the role of Te Puni Kōkiri was, and how is it monitored.

26. It was explained that the role of Te Puni Kōkiri was an independent role and is simply to observe. It was explained that the observers will compile an independent record of each hui, which will be provided to the Uenuku Charitable Trust and the Office of Treaty Settlements following the mandate information hui round.

27. An attendee commented that they represent Tamahaki and thanked the Uenuku Charitable Trust for the presentation. The attendee then introduced Ross Wallace as the Tamahaki speaker, and noted that they would also like to give a presentation.

28. It was explained that the hui was to seek support on the proposed mandate resolution for the Uenuku Charitable Trust, not for other entities to present. It was explained that protocols set down for mandating hui needed to be followed. The presenter asked if those present were happy for Tamahaki to speak.

29. **Comment:** Mr Ross explained that he was the speaker for Tamahaki and that he had been employed to get a mandate for Tamahaki. Mr Ross noted that Tamahaki have also been funded by Office of Treaty Settlements to attend these hui and make hui attendees aware of issues to enable an informed decision. Mr Ross explained that Tamahaki has come late to the process with no real input until the start of 2015, at no fault of their own. It was explained that Tamahaki have two key roles:

- Participate in these hui; and
- Work with Uenuku Charitable Trust to develop a mandate.

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30. It was explained that Tamahaki wanted resolution on how to move forward, including a Memorandum of Understanding with the Uenuku Charitable Trust and a co-joint management structure. Mr Ross explained that Tamahaki want the agreement in writing and it to be binding and to lock Tamahaki in. Mr Ross encouraged Tamahaki whānau to reserve their right to vote until agreement is reached, and noted that Tamahaki are working with the Uenuku Charitable Trust to reach agreement in good faith.
31. **Response:** It was explained that it is the uri that will get the process across the line, not the Uenuku Charitable Trust or Tamahaki.

Voting

Process

32. Electionz.com, an independent election company, managed the voting process for the round of mandate hui undertaken by the Uenuku Charitable Trust.
33. All members of Te Korowai o Wainuiarua aged 18 years and over, whether registered or not, are eligible to vote. Each eligible voter will be required to vote on the resolution using their voting method of choice.
34. Te Korowai o Wainuiarua members could vote in four ways:
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35. If Te Korowai o Wainuiarua members have not already submitted a vote through the other voting methods, eligible voters were able to submit their votes at the mandate Hui by casting their voting paper in the ballot box provided. At each mandate Hui a secure ballot box was provided for this purpose. Te Korowai o Wainuiarua members were also able to place a special vote at the Hui.
36. Initially the voting period was scheduled to run from Friday June 2015 to Friday 17 July 2015. The voting period was extended by two weeks to 31 July 2015 to;
- provide another opportunity to hold a mandate hui in Pipiriki; and
 - allow late registrations time to vote.
37. Uenuku members voted on the resolution:

“That Uenuku Charitable Trust mandated to represent Te Korowai o Wainuiārua in negotiations with the Crown for the comprehensive settlement of all historical Treaty of Waitangi claims that relate to Korowai o Wainuiārua”.

Conclusion

38. The Uenuku Charitable Trust conducted each mandate hui in a consistent, fair, and transparent manner. All questions were answered as fully, and as

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clearly as possible, and were responded to in Te Reo and English as appropriate. The information was delivered in a way that was easy for all to understand.

39. The Uenuku Charitable Trust notification strategy was effective with close to 350 people attending all 9 hui. The Uenuku Charitable Trust provided sufficient information to hui attendees to allow them to make an informed vote on the proposed resolution.