

Aroha ki te Tangata



For the love of people

2019 National Māori Wardens Conference

Thursday 18-Friday 19 July 2019
Tūrangawaewae Marae,
Ngāruawāhia

Message from the Minister....

‘Ki te kotahi te kaakaho ka whati, ki te kaapuia e koe e whati’ nā Taawhiao

On becoming Minister of Māori Development, I wanted to support Māori Wardens to make decisions about the future. I acknowledge the efforts of my predecessors and know that we are at an important juncture in the journey.

Along the way, I have listened and tried to reflect back the issues you have identified as critical to moving forward. This year at Tūrangawaewae I want to thank each district who were prepared to make decisions on your future and to vote collectively. This was a challenge approach and because you took control of decisions affecting your organisation, you voted with confidence to move towards modernisation.

The unity, clarity of purpose, and determination to move forward that we saw at this year’s Conference was amazing. Thank you all for trusting our team to hear what you were saying, and help your decisions on next steps.

The Rt Honourable Winston Peters is instrumental to supporting your aspirations and funding has been allocated for a range of projects to assist in the work ahead. This includes capturing the history of Māori Wardens, having access to specialist, self-management and governance training, and National Awards which recognise the contributions of Māori Wardens throughout Aotearoa.

Now that you have decided on the direction, our Working Group will figure out how and when we all get there, “Kia Kotahi te Kōkiri” so that our paddles may strike in unison.

Pai Mārire



Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori

Thursday 18 July 2019

Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY
3.00pm	Pōwhiri
4.00pm	<i>Kai o te ahiahi</i>
4.30pm	Māori Wardens settle in Registration/collection of Conference packs
7.00pm	Karakia
7.10pm	Conference Dinner

The pōwhiri, on a brisk winter afternoon, resonated with beautiful karanga, whaikōrero and waiata. Following the pōwhiri, Māori Wardens enjoyed catching up with each other over afternoon tea.

A brief whakatau was held for the remaining South Island Māori Wardens, who arrived at 5.30pm.

Whilst over 450 Māori Wardens registered to attend the Conference, just under 400 attended, from across all Districts.

Additional attendees included:

- the Minister for Māori Development;
- officials from Te Puni Kōkiri (Māori Wardens Project Team and Policy Puni supports);
- NZ Police Deputy Commissioner Wallace Haumaha and officials; and
- the Deputy Chair and Executive Director of the New Zealand Māori Council.

The Deputy Prime Minister tabled his apologies via his video message shared with all attendees at the Friday morning session.



Following the pōwhiri and kai o te ahiahi, Māori Wardens were able to complete their registrations, collect their Conference packs, and settle in to their accommodation.

All Māori Wardens received a programme (and other supporting material) on a lanyard, and a bag containing:

- a First Aid kit;
- a Māori Wardens notebook;
- a Māori Wardens hot/cold flask; and
- a Māori Wardens beanie.

As you can see, the team had a great time packing them for everyone.



Awards

At the Conference Dinner, a (surprise) Awards ceremony was held at which:

- 33 Māori Wardens (as nominated by Districts) received Long-Service (40+ years) Awards from the Minister for Māori Development; and
- 5 Māori Wardens and the Māori Wardens Project Manager received Special Recognition Awards from NZ Police, presented by Wallace Haumaha, Deputy Commissioner of Māori, Pasifika and Ethnic Services.



Long-Service Award recipients included:

AOTEA

Carol Te Huna
Mere Smallman
Pura Whale
Te Reo Hemi
Te Urumanawao Kereti
Victor Kumeroa

HAURAKI

Ani Reta
Henry Ashby

MANIAPOTO

Ella Nelson
John Puke
Ray Coffin
Solomon Nelson

TAITOKERAU

Henare Hape
James Te Tuhi
Maryanne Vogt
Patsy Albert

TĀMAKI KI TE TONGA

David Ratu
Kathleen Ah Pene

TĀMAKI

Margaret Swan
Peggy Hughes
Te Ao Manukura
Taumaunu

TE TAU IHU

Harvey Ruru
Margaret Thomas
Marianne Wiki

TE WAIPOUNAMU

Te Rāhui Denny

WAIKATO

Barbara Olsen
Cameron Tahakura
Joyce Williams
Te Taketake Stephens

WAIARIKI

Clare Matthews
Daniel Phillips
Peter Walden
Tangihaere Hughes
Barbara Olsen



Special Recognition recipients included:

Amanda Reti (Te Waipounamu)
Carol Te Huna (Aotea)
Daphne Te Rito (Tākitimu)
Matarora Smith (Tāmaki ki Te Tonga)
Te Matiu Rakete (Taitokerau)
Te Rau Clarke (Māori Wardens Project)



We were all treated to a stunning rendition of Tommy Taurima's 'Te Rina' by Deputy Commissioner Haumaha – may have to get him to be our dinner entertainment at the 2020 Conference!



Friday July 2019

Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY
7.00am	Karakia
7.15am	<i>Parakuihi</i>
8.30am	Karakia/Housekeeping
8.40am	Opening Address: Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Māori Development
9.15am	Wallace Haumaha, Deputy Commissioner, NZ Police
9.30am	Henare Mason, Deputy Chair, New Zealand Māori Council
9.45am	Phil Nesbit, Fire Rescue and First Response Limited, NZ Fire Service
10.00am	<i>Kapu Tī</i>
10.30am	District Votes - Each District stands to report their: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• preferred option for Role and Powers;• preferred option for Increased Autonomy;• representative for the Working Group.
12.30pm	<i>Te Wā Tina</i>
1.30pm	District Vote Results, Next Steps and Closing Remarks: Minister for Māori Development
1.55pm	Karakia Whakamutunga
2.00pm	<i>Kapu Tī - Hoki Pai Atu</i>

The opening address by the Minister covered:

- an affirmation of the legacy of Māori Wardens;
- acknowledgement of the contributions of Māori Wardens in the Rangatahi Courts by Judge Denise Clark;
- a summary of the journey thus far, including gathering feedback from Māori Wardens, and developing modernisation options;
- the call for unity, and for all Wardens to stand together with mutual respect and a shared direction; and
- a message from the Deputy Prime Minister, including announcement of new funding secured in Budget 2019 to support modernisation of the Māori Wardens.



A copy of the Minister's presentation (including the videos of Judge Denise Clark and the Deputy Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Winston Peters) has been uploaded to the Māori Wardens webpage.

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Deputy Commissioner Haumaha then spoke, affirming the continuing commitment of NZ Police to supporting Māori Wardens, and working with Te Puni Kōkiri through the Māori Wardens Project.

His kōrero also included his personal insights into the significant contributions that Māori Wardens make on our marae and in our communities.

A video of the Deputy Commissioner's presentation has also been uploaded to the Māori Wardens webpage.

Henare Mason, Deputy Chair of the New Zealand Māori Council spoke about how the Council was revitalising itself, and sought to have a constructive relationship with the Minister.

He also spoke of the Council's support for the modernisation of Māori Wardens – according to the needs and interests of Māori Wardens.

A video of Henare's presentation can be found on the Māori Wardens webpage.

Phil Nesbit spoke about how the NZ Fire Service operates, as a potential model for Wardens to look at in the future (for full autonomy). His focus on the "dos and don'ts" (in setting up and operating your own organisation) provided valuable insights based on the experiences of their members.

A video of Phil's presentation can be found on the Māori Wardens webpage.



District Votes on Modernisation Options

Immediately following morning tea, the tabling of District votes on the modernisation options was held.

Results are shown below.

ROLE AND POWERS			
District	Option 1: Status Quo	Option 2: General Modernisation	Option 3: Specific Modernisation
Aotea		✓	
Hauraki		✓	
Maniapoto		✓	
Pōneke		✓	
Raukawa		✓	
Tairāwhiti		✓	
Tākitimu		✓	
Taitokerau		✓	
Tāmaki		✓	
Tāmaki ki Te Tonga		✓	
Te Tau Ihu		✓	
Te Waipounamu		✓	
Waiariki ¹		✓	
Waikato		✓	

In reporting their modernisation option votes, Districts also made points that had emerged from their discussions. In relation to Role and Powers, key points included:

- the desire to retain warrants (as a form of Crown-mandated authority for Wardens' activities), and appointment by the Minister for Māori Development;
- an interest in others in communities being able to nominate Wardens, as a way of securing wider support for Wardens; and
- the need for the work that Māori Wardens do in different settings (e.g. Courts) to be formally recognised.

¹ This includes the Tauranga Moana, Mataatua and Te Arawa Māori Wardens Districts.



LEVEL OF AUTONOMY			
District	Option 1: Status Quo	Option 2: Increased Autonomy	Option 3: Full Autonomy
Aotea		✓	
Hauraki		✓	
Maniapoto		✓	
Pōneke		✓	
Raukawa		✓	
Tairāwhiti			✓
Tākitimu		✓	
Taitokerau		✓	
Tāmaki		✓	
Tāmaki ki Te Tonga		✓	
Te Tau Ihu		✓	
Te Waipounamu		✓	
Waiariki ²		✓	
Waikato		✓	

Key points made by Districts included:

- whilst Districts had voted for increased autonomy, this was with a view to achieving full autonomy within 3-5 years;
- the need for national unity (kōtahitanga) and recognition of District rangatiratanga;
- a desire to explore having 9 Regions instead of 16 Districts, across which funding can be equally allocated (without creating competition); and
- recognition that, whilst the Māori Wardens Association had served a purpose in supporting Wardens in the past, it needed to be 'put to bed' (including 'subs' and regalia), and a new national entity established to support Māori Wardens into the future.

There were also a number of general (but related) points made, including:

- the need to establish a Rangatahi Committee, to focus on succession and strengthen the participation of rangatahi;
- the desire that Māori Wardens continue to be given statutory effect, through changes to the Act, or as



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defined in their own bespoke legislation - this creates a clear relationship with the Crown, which needs to be more strategic in the future; and

- the need for Māori Wardens to have surety of the Crown's support for their modernisation and future.

Note that not all Districts identified their representatives for the Working Group. The final composition will be communicated shortly.

Following lunch, the Minister provided a summary of the modernisation option vote results (a unanimous choice to move forward), and next steps.

From this hui, the Modernising Māori Wardens Working Group will be established. It will:

- be comprised of nominated representatives from the Māori Wardens Districts, the New Zealand Māori Council, Te Puni Kōkiri and NZ Police;
- meet at least 3 times before the end of 2019;
- report to the Minister before the end of 2019 on:
 - how the selected modernisation options will be developed and implemented, including what new arrangements are required, what legislative changes are required, and what new relationships are required; and
 - the timeframes within which the selected modernisation options can be implemented (an Action Plan).

Progress updates will be provided by District representatives, the Māori Wardens Project Regional Coordinators, and on the Māori Wardens webpage (www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-wardens).

In closing, the Minister thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the Conference, and wished everyone safe travels home.



P.S. Awards Design

Feedback was sought from Conference attendees to inform development of Awards for Māori Wardens. There were lots of ideas on what Māori Wardens should be recognised for (e.g. long-service, rohe-specific activities), how you should be recognised (e.g. certificates, pins/badges, taonga, trophies) and a few creative design ideas. There was lots of support for a modernised version of the Māori Wardens Association crest to be used, and interest in other Māori design possibilities.

Te Puni Kōkiri will secure a designer to prepare different options for Wardens to consider in the coming months.

Photographs and Videos

Note that:

- Judge Denise Clark's video can also be viewed via:
<https://www.facebook.com/maoriwardensnz/videos/384539605585080/>
- The Deputy Prime Minister's video can also be viewed via
<https://www.facebook.com/maoriwardensnz/videos/2303758593277356/>

Copies of Conference photographs (thanks to our great photographer Adrian Heke!) will be made available via the Māori Wardens:

- Facebook page (www.facebook.com/maoriwardens); and
- webpage (www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/maori-wardens).