Te Puni Kōkiri
MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 20 November 2025. You asked for the following information:

> *"I would like all TPK reports, correspondence, minutes, etc., relating to the discussion, planning, and implementing of the NZ Wars national day of commemoration (now officially He Rā Maumahara, Te Pūtake o Te Riri) since 2000. I realise some of this will sit with MCH and other agencies. I am especially interested in the earlier discussions around a possible day of commemoration, prior to the Ōtorohanga school petition in 2015, such as iwi leaders and other stakeholders".*

On 28 November 2025 we contacted you to advise that an initial search of our records identified that a large number of documents could potentially be in scope of your request and we invited you to consider refining the scope of your request. We also provided you with links to information that is publicly available.

On 30 November 2025 you responded to advise that:

> "*I'd rather not amend this request along those lines, because although my request might require extensive compilation and capture a wider range of documents, I want to understand the earliest references to a NZ Wars day, and the incremental decisions made around its development that led to the public announcement. Advice to the minister will be important to this, but I'm also interested in tracing the timeline of other stakeholder input, as well as the nature of that input."*

On 16 December 2025 we notified you of our decision to extend the timeframe for your request under 15A(1)(a) of the Act and that you would receive our response on or before 9 February 2026.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**).

Inaugural He Rā Maumahara – Pūtake o Te Riri: background and timeline of events

The earliest push for an official commemoration of the New Zealand Wars came from grassroots efforts rather than Government or academic circles. The idea began gaining

momentum around 2010, championed by a mix of Māori leaders and heritage advocates, including the National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF), the Kīngitanga and the Battle of Ōrākau Heritage Society. These groups discussed this matter at hui and through their networks, calling for recognition of the New Zealand Wars and their impacts.

Ōtorohanga College students also played a pivotal role in the establishment of the commemoration. After visiting historic battle sites like Ōrākau and Rangiaowhia in 2014, the students were concerned by how little was known or taught about the New Zealand Wars. Students Leah Bell and Waimārama Anderson then launched a petition in 2015 calling for a national day to commemorate the New Zealand Wars and mandatory teaching of these conflicts in schools.

Their petition gathered 12,000 signatures and was presented to Parliament with strong support from iwi and community representatives. The petition was explicitly supported by the NICF and the Kīngitanga, and community advocate groups – showing that iwi leadership had already been considering the idea. Support for the petition was based on recognition that New Zealand had a history of commemorating overseas campaigns, but that little had been done to recognise conflicts that occurred in New Zealand and the impact of these conflicts on whānau, hapū and iwi. The Māori Affairs Select Committee report on the petition can be found here.

In Budget 2016, the Government allocated $4m over four years for the New Zealand Land Wars Commemoration Fund (Te Pūtake o te Riri), to be administered by Te Puni Kōkiri with an ongoing commitment made by the Government in Budget 2019 for $1m per annum. I note that document 1 provides some context (discussions between Ministers) relating to commemoration policy and funding arrangements to commemorate Māori wars (Waikato-Tauranga War) prior to the Ōtorohanga College students petition being presented to Parliament and the Pūtake o Te Riri fund being established.

Although information on the early engagements between iwi and Government representatives was unable to be located on our official correspondence register (it may not exist), I can provide you with the outcomes of hui held in September 2016 (see document 2) – where iwi decided the following:

- the date of 28 October was assigned as the annual New Zealand Land Wars Commemorations Day (this date was chosen to acknowledge and align with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the 28 October 1835)
- the first commemorations would be held in Te Tai Tokerau
- commemorations will then move from region to region each year (see document 3).

The inaugural He Rā Maumahara commemoration took place on 11 March 2018 in the Bay of Islands, specifically in Kororāreka, hosted by the iwi of Te Tai Tokerau. This marked the first officially recognised remembrance of the New Zealand Wars at a national level. This date was an agreed departure from 28 October, the annual date set by iwi (see document 4)

I understand that you are especially interested in the discussions led by iwi and community groups (prior to the Ōtorohanga school petition) noted above. Given these discussions were initiated and driven by iwi and advocate groups, I suggest that you contact them directly for information relating to those early engagements.

I note that you have also made a similar request for information with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage which has a key role in providing historical resources, research, and educational content including about the New Zealand Wars. It is my hope that you receive the information you are seeking across both of your requests.

Response to your request

Please note that we have limited the scope of your request to only include information prepared by Te Puni Kōkiri, recorded in our official correspondence register. This is because a search of our document management system identified that thousands of items would need to be considered for relevance.

As noted above, on 28 November 2025 we wrote to you about your request and asked you to consider refining your request. As your request was not refined, any information recorded outside of our official correspondence register, is refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This letter, however, aims to provide you with contextual and chronological information (in addition to the released documents released) on early discussions around a possible day of commemoration.

Four documents have been identified in scope of your request. The documents and my decisions with regard to the release of the information are set out in the table attached as **Appendix A**.

Some information has been withheld in accordance with the Act on under s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In relation to information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available at this time.

I trust my response satisfies your request under the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oia@tpk.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



Paula Rawiri
Hautū, Te Puni Kaupapa | Deputy Secretary, Policy

Appendix A: Documents - OIA request from [redacted] dated 20 November 2025

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	8 June 2015	TPK 28991: Aide memoire: Recognition of the Māori wars	Names are withheld in accordance with the Act under section 9(2)(a)
2.	12 February 2016	File note 30875: Ministerial response and file note: Partnership Working Group - NZ Wars National Commemoration Day	Names are withheld in accordance with the Act under section 9(2)(a)
3.	5 December 2016	TPK 33947: Aide memoire: Ministers Barry, Finlayson, and Parata For Ministers Meeting on the New Zealand Wars, Education and the Treaty	Names are withheld in accordance with the Act under section 9(2)(a)
4.	6 March 2018	TPK 36874: Briefing: Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Ra Maumahara — 9 to 11 March 2018	Names are withheld in accordance with the Act under section 9(2)(a)

Te Puni Kōkiri
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

AIDE MEMOIRE

Recognition of the Māori Wars

8 June 2015

Purpose

- You have asked for background information and advice for your meeting, on 24 June 2015, with Ministers English, Finlayson, Parata, and Barry about securing better recognition of the Māori Wars, officially called the New Zealand Wars.

Comments

- The comments below are provided following a discussion with officials from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.
- Government has a commemorations policy and an Interdepartmental Steering Group, led by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, which oversees planning for commemoration events. The background to the policy is attached at Appendix 1 and a list of the activities, categorised as **Tier 1** or **Tier 2**, is set out in Appendix 2. The Māori events are highlighted in yellow.
- Under this policy, the Māori Wars were categorised as **Tier 2** activities, which means they were not prioritised as having a significant impact on New Zealand when compared, for example, to the World Wars.
- As you are aware, however, pressure from some iwi led to the Waikato-Tauranga Wars becoming categorised as Tier 1 and commemorations were held during 2013-2014.
- The anniversaries for other Māori Wars will occur from 2016-2018.
- No dedicated funding was approved by government for commemoration events. Instead, funding proposals have been on a case-by-case basis as happened with the World War 1 commemoration and the events for the Waikato-Tauranga Wars.
- At this stage, the Interdepartmental Steering Group has not discussed specific plans for commemorating activities that occur after 2016, including two key Māori war events that will occur in 2018, i.e. the 175th anniversary of the Wairau incident, and the 150th anniversary of the start of battles between Crown troops and Titokowaru and Te Kooti forces.
- In April 2014, Ōtorohanga College students launched a petition calling for a National Day of Remembrance for the New Zealand Wars. Apparently, the students are waiting for the agreement of the Iwi Leader's Forum to support its petition before presenting it to Parliament. The timeframe for this is not known, at this stage.

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- Once the petition has been presented to the House of Representatives, it will be referred to a select committee which may report back to the House with recommendations. The House may ask the government to take action.
- In anticipation of the select committee asking government to provide a response, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage is arranging an initial meeting of officials, including Te Puni Kōkiri, to discuss the process.
- Your meeting with other Ministers, on 24 June 2015, and the officials meeting, led by Ministry for Culture and Heritage, are opportunities to secure better recognition of the Māori Wars.
- It would be more cost-effective for government to agree to a National Day of Remembrance for the Māori Wars, rather than commemorating each one.
- Government could also agree to categorize a National Day of Remembrance of the Māori Wars as a Tier 1 event with government funding.
- In addition to the National Day commemoration, you may wish to propose to your colleagues that officials, led by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, be directed to develop an action plan that has the objective of raising awareness of the "Maori Story" and the contribution Māori made to New Zealand history and culture, including the Māori Wars and World Wars. This could include information in the school curriculum, history books and websites, such as the one dedicated specifically to World War 1[1]; and regional events for each of the wars coordinated with local councils.
- Attached at Appendix 3 are a set of key messages that could be the basis of your discussions with Ministers. Te Puni Kōkiri will also use these as the starting point for the coming officials meeting on the petition for a National Remembrance Day for the New Zealand Wars.

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[1] See New Zealand Archive of Film, Television and Sound Ngā Taonga Whitiāhua Me Ngā Taonga Kōrero - http://www.ngataonga.org.nz/

Attachments

- Appendix 1 – Background to Commemorations Policy.
- Appendix 2 – Tier 1 and 2 Anniversary Events.
- Appendix 3 – Key Messages for Recognition of the Māori Wars.

Arawhetu Gray
Deputy Secretary Policy Partnerships

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Hon Te Ururoa Flavell Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
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Appendix 1: Background to Commemorations Policy

- In 2009 Cabinet approved a commemorations policy aimed at setting Government priorities for commemoration of significant historical anniversaries. In 2010 Cabinet approved a prioritized list of anniversaries for 2011-2016 (see Appendix 2).
- Anniversaries were categorized as Tier 1 or Tier 2. Both categories meant events had to be nationally significant, took place in New Zealand or overseas where New Zealand had a central role (e.g. World Wars), and are a multiple of 25 years or more since the event occurred.
- **Tier 1** events are those whose impact was felt throughout the nation or changed New Zealand society in significant ways. **Tier 2** events, although nationally significant, had impacts that were felt less widely or were less fundamental.
- The Ministry for Culture and Heritage administers the commemorations policy and leads the Interdepartmental Steering Committee that oversees this policy and planning for the events. Members include Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Education, Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, New Zealand Defence Force, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- Ngā Pae o Maumahara, comprising iwi, local government, and community representatives, was established to commemorate and co-ordinate the 150th anniversary of the New Zealand Wars. Ngā Pae was chaired by Tom Roa, a Waikato Tainui leader (previously head of Waikato-Tainui's executive arm, Te Arataura).
- An interagency commemorations group supported Ngā Pae o Maumahara with the programme: eight New Zealand Wars commemorative events, including Rangiriri, were held in the Waikato and Tauranga regions from late 2013 and throughout 2014.
- The lack of dedicated funding for the 150th commemoration of the New Zealand Wars was a concern for Waikato Tainui and other iwi. There was also a call for a New Zealand Wars commemorative day and for Ōrākau (another significant New Zealand Wars site) to be purchased for the nation. Ōrākau has recently been land-banked by the Office of Treaty Settlements and will be discussed with iwi, councils, and others.
- Crown support for Ngā Pae o Maumahara took the form of "in kind" secretariat support, project development assistance, relationship management and co-ordination, planning and strategic advice. Project funding was sourced from participating iwi, local government, a philanthropic trust, Te Puni Kōkiri and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

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- A New Zealand Wars memorial, which may include an exhibition at the new Pukeahu National War Memorial Park in Mt Cook, Wellington, is a possibility. If this proceeds there will be discussion with Waikato Tainui and other iwi, including Taranaki Whānui, on the concept, design, and timeframes. The matter has been discussed with the Iwi Chairs Forum.

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Appendix 2: Anniversary Events

Sourced from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's website:

http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/commemorations-and-anniversaries

In 2014, the Government updated its earlier commemorations policy, agreed in 2009/10 in recognition of the need for a co-ordinated approach between agencies to mark particularly important events and anniversaries, and to ensure better forward planning for these big events.
The updated commemorations policy categorises these anniversaries as either Tier 1 or Tier 2 national events. The Tier 1 list consists of anniversaries of events which had a significant impact on the nation as a whole or on the pattern of New Zealand life; an example being the 100th anniversary of the First World War.
The Tier 2 list is made up of anniversaries of events which were highly important but not of the same nation-changing magnitude. Nationally-significant anniversaries, whether Tier 1 or Tier 2, typically refer to anniversaries that are a multiple of 25 (25th, 50th, 75th, 100th anniversaries, and so on).

The following anniversaries for the period 2014-2020 were authorised by the Government in 2014. Please note that this is an indicative list and may be subject to review.

2014 Tier 1 event

100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War and occupation of Samoa (1914)

Tier 2 events

200th anniversary of the first mission station

75th anniversary of the Battle of River Plate

2015 tier 1 events

175th anniversary of the Treaty of Waitangi (1840)

100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign (1915)

Tier 2 events

150th anniversary of Wellington becoming the capital of New Zealand

150th anniversary of the creation of the Native Land Court

75th anniversary of the start of regular trans-Tasman air services

70th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day

50th anniversary of the Cook Islands self-government

2016 Tier 1 event

100th anniversary of the Battle of Somme (1916)

Tier 2 events

200th anniversary of New Zealand's first school

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175th anniversary of the start of the Northern War

100th anniversary of New Zealand sending its first official team to the Olympics

100th anniversary of New Zealand attending the League of Nations and the 75th anniversary of signing the United Nations Charter

100th anniversary of the opening of the Alexander Turnbull Library

25th anniversary of New Zealand joining the World Trade Organisation.\

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Appendix 3: Key Messages to Recognize the Māori Wars

Objective: To raise awareness of the Māori story in Nationhood and the contribution Māori have made to New Zealand society

Key messages

- We commemorate ANZAC Day in honour of those who sacrificed their lives abroad for the benefit of all New Zealanders past and present
- Last year, we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1 and, in 2020, we will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2
- It is also important that we remember not only the Māori and Colonial soldiers who lost their lives here in Aotearoa/New Zealand, during the Māori Wars, but also the men, women and children from these communities
- Other developed nations commemorate their significant civil wars and New Zealand should do the same
- The Māori Wars were critical events in New Zealand's history that have had just as significant an impact on us as the World Wars
- The Māori Wars, and subsequent actions of the Colonial government such as the confiscation of more than four million acres of land, had devastating social and economic effects for Māori, which we can still see today in our communities
- The Māori Wars shaped who we are and should therefore be central to our national identity, as New Zealanders, which is drawn from our dual Māori and British heritage
- This bicultural heritage needs to be recognised as central to the government's commemoration policy and work programme
- I would like to see government, and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, take a more proactive approach in recognising the value Māori played in our culture and heritage by ensuring Māori anniversary events are as visible as our British historical events, such as the World Wars
- In recognising the value Māori bring to New Zealand culture and heritage, we can do more to:
    - Educate New Zealanders about their Māori history and the Māori individuals, events and institutions that have formed part of New Zealand's national identity

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- Bring Māori and non-Māori communities together to mark important events, including the Māori Wars, thus strengthening social cohesion and the two founding cultures in Aotearoa – Māori and British

- Enhance New Zealand's international image as:

    - a mature nation that properly recognises and faces its own history because it helps nations to grow; and

    - an open, pluralistic and innovative society that actively recognises and promotes its two founding cultures – Māori and Pākehā – which can only bring greater social and economic benefits to New Zealand

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File Note

File Reference: 30875

Maea Marshall - Advisor

Waikato - Waiariki

12 February 2016

PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP – NEW ZEALAND WARS NATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAY

On 17 December 2015 your office received a letter and proposal for the establishment of a Partnership Working Group – New Zealand Wars National Commemoration Day.

Officials held a teleconference on 25 January 2016 and have since met with 9(2)(a) on 5 February 2016. This file note provides you with a summary and assessment of that meeting.

Summary

9(2)(a) proposes to establish a Partnership Working Group to formerly acknowledge New Zealand Wars National Day of commemoration as a public holiday.

The proposal outlines the composition of the working group, deliverables, timeframe, budget, progress reports and administration.

The composition of the Partnership Working Group will be from the seven site commemorative groups (established to commemorate events in 2014 acknowledging 150 years since the New Zealand Wars), the Kiingitanga, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, and the Office of Treaty Settlements.

9(2)(a) stated that he will discuss with the Office of the Māori King the possibility of convening a meeting with stakeholders at the Turangawaewae Regatta 19 March 2016 to seek endorsement. If this is not possible he will convene a meeting prior to this date.

Officials advised 9(2)(a) that in order for a proposal to be successful, evidence of endorsement from identified stakeholders is required. Officials offered to support this kaupapa by providing assistance for the development of the proposal and also the use of office premises to convene hui.

Assessment

9(2)(a) is aware of the work that needs to be done in order to progress this kaupapa.

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Risk/Issues

There may be an expectation that the Minister for Māori Development will advocate for New Zealand Wars National Commemoration Day.

The process is likely to be lengthy and may not result in agreement to a public holiday.

Approach/Response

Te Puni Kōkiri will help with proposal development once endorsement has been achieved.

Next Steps

No further action required at this stage.

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TALKING POINTS

Partnership Working Group - NZ Wars National Commemoration Day

Tuesday 19 January 2016

- Government has a commemorations policy and an Interdepartmental Steering Group, led by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, which oversees planning for commemoration events.
- Minister Flavell would like to see government, and the Ministry for culture and Heritage, take a more proactive approach in recognising the value Māori played in our culture and heritage by ensuring Māori anniversary events are as visible as our British historical events, such as the World Wars.
- Minister Flavell is currently working on creating a commemoration day to recognise the New Zealand Wars.
- Te Puni Kōkiri would consider partial funding of your proposal to create the Partnership Working Group (PWG) on the basis of the following:
    - Evidence that funding support and a representative is approved by both:
        - Ministry for Culture and Heritage; and
        - Ministry for Treaty Negotiations.
    - Evidence that each of the following sites you identified in your letter to Minister Flavell have agreed to partake in the PWG and have identified representatives:
        - The Battle of O-Rākau Heritage Society;
        - Ruapekapeka Trust;
        - Parihaka Pā;
        - Te Tarata;
        - Te Waerenga A Hika;
        - Wairau; and
        - Pukehinahina.
- Once evidence of support and funding is obtained from the sites and ministries the Waikato Waiariki office will help you to prepare your proposal to Te Puni Kōkiri for partial funding of the PWG.

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5 December 2016

HE PĀRONGO | AIDE MEMOIRE

Ministers Barry, Finlayson, and Parata
For Ministers Meeting on the New Zealand Wars, Education and the Treaty
Wednesday 7 December 2016, Level 19 Bowen House

Te Puni Kōkiri contact: Gail Campbell, Manager Cultural Wealth
Phone: 9(2)(a) [redacted]
TPK tracking no: 33947

Purpose of this meeting

1. You are meeting with the Attorney-General, the Minister of Education and the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage to progress discussions in regard to the New Zealand Wars commemorations programme and to view the presentation of the oral history project, led by Dr Monty Soutar *"Te Taiwhakaea: Treaty Settlement Stories"*.

2. The agenda for this meeting will be forwarded to your office from the Attorney-General. We have been informed the agenda items are:

   a. An update from you on the progress of the discussions with iwi leaders and battle site representatives on commemorating the Māori Land Wars; and

   b. A presentation from Dr Monty Soutar on the *"Te Taiwhakaea: Treaty Settlement Stories"* oral history project, on behalf of the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

3. Officials from the Ministries of Culture and Heritage and Justice are proposing that a similar oral history project be agreed to for the New Zealand Wars commemorations programme.

4. You have been allocated five (5) minutes at this meeting to provide an update.

Background to this meeting

New Zealand Wars Commemorations programme

5. You have discussed the New Zealand Wars kaupapa with the Attorney-General and Ministers English, Parata and Barry since mid-2015. Te Puni Kōkiri has provided you with advice to aide these discussions.

6. The Māori Affairs Select Committee called for public submissions on the lodged petition on these wars. The closing date for submissions was Thursday 21 April 2016. The Ministry for Culture and Heritage have prepared a draft report on the submissions findings and will lodge it in the near future.

7. The Ministry of Culture and Heritage continue to lead the work on the commemorations of these wars with support from Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice (lead agency partners) and other agencies.

8. The lead agencies have expressed a willingness to work closely with Te Puni Kōkiri on the New Zealand Wars commemorations programme since you secured funding through Budget 2016 for commemorating the Māori Land Wars. Te Puni Kōkiri has advised officials that this funding is not for other events within the wider commemorations programme.

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Commemorating the Māori Land Wars

9. In Budget 2016 you secured a fund of $1m per annum to support existing and future Māori Land Wars commemoration events throughout Aotearoa.

10. You then held two hui with iwi and battle site representatives in June (which you attended) and in September 2016 (which was chaired by 9(2)(a)) to consult on how the fund could be allocated.

11. On Friday 28 October 2016 you received a Summary and Proceedings document (minutes) which included six (6) resolutions from iwi and battle site representatives for consideration. A copy of the minutes are attached at Appendix 1.

12. On 31 October 2016 a media release announced that the first commemoration day for the New Zealand Land Wars will be held in 2017 on 28 October, hosted by the Te Taitokerau tribes in Northland. It is the same day as the signing of the 1835 Declaration of Independence. The commemorations will move location from year to year to recognise battle sites around the country.

13. In early November 2016 you indicated that a meeting be scheduled with you and 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a) to discuss the six (6) resolutions. Resolutions 1 to 4 confirm the discussions had at the meeting held in June. Resolution 5 seeks a meeting with you.

14. Resolution 6 will require further discussion with iwi as this proposal does not align with the approach communicated post-budget 2016 which was that the funding will be administered by Te Puni Kōkiri and interested parties will be required to submit a proposal to access funding.

Comment

15. Following receipt of the minutes Te Puni Kōkiri is developing options for your consideration regarding the following which will provided to you in a briefing paper on 14 December:

    a. administering the fund which includes:

        - advice on Resolution 6
        - funding allocation options for funding the 28 October event year to year
        - funding allocation options for funding local events

    b. promoting the annual event on 28 October and educational information about the Māori Land Wars and sites where commemorations will be held;

    c. the process for government recognition of the event of 28 October annually; and

    d. the proposed memorial at Pukeahu War Memorial Park (to consult with 9(2)(a) at MACI).

Your update at the meeting

16. Given your timeslot of five (5) minutes at the meeting we propose that your update to your ministerial colleagues be:

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- I am considering the resolutions received from iwi and battle site representatives from meetings held recently and will inform you of my decision(s) at our next meeting.
- My officials are providing me with options on how to allocate the fund based on the resolutions to ensure the fund is used to support existing and future Māori Land Wars commemoration events throughout Aotearoa.
- I have advised my officials to work with your officials on the process for government recognition of the annual event on 28 October.
- I have advised my officials to work with your officials on my proposal to have a memorial at Pukeahu War Memorial Park to commemorate the Māori Land Wars, the New Zealand Wars and Māori who served in these wars and those abroad.
- I am keen to discuss with iwi and battle site representatives the oral history project that Dr Monty Soutar has led and whether they would be interested in developing something similar for the Māori Land Wars commemoration events.
- I have advised my officials to continue to work with your officials to ensure commemoration events for the Māori Land Wars are communicated into the New Zealand Wars Commemoration Programme.

Attachments

1. Summary and Proceedings document (minutes) from iwi and battle site representatives from their meeting on 24 September 2016.

Cath Nesus
Manahautū Tuarua Whakakapi | Assistant Deputy Chief Executive, Policy Partnerships

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Hōnore Te Ururoa Flavell Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
Date:_____ / _____ / 2016

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Summary and Proceedings
Raa Maumahara - National Commemoration Day Hui

Mangatoatoa Marae, Kihikihi. Saturday 24th September 2016.

Preliminaries

Poowhiri took place at 10.30am. Kaumaatua 9(2)(a) (Maniapoto) issued opening mihi to manuhiri. 9(2)(a) (Taranaki / Te Ati Awa) responded as did 9(2)(a) (Ngaati Hine / Ngapuhi). 9(2)(a) from Mangatoatoa concluded the mihi and invited manuhiri to meet the tangata whenua.

9(2)(a) was invited by 9(2)(a) to chair the hui. Morning tea followed a short beak.

Hui participants gathered the wharenui Te Maru O Ihowa at 11:00am. at which time 9(2)(a) took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Karakia was conducted by the Chairman and a short whakawhanaungatanga session followed. The chair was notified of the need to reorganise the agenda in light of the Cabinet paper concerning the funding and parameters already set for the national day puutea. The hui agenda was changed accordingly.

The Chair gave a short backgrounder to set the context of the hui. [redacted] supported and provided the history of how the idea of a national day actually came about and its origins with the O-Rakau Heritage Society back in 2010/2011, how the concept grew and took on a life of its own in latter years culminating in the 150th commemoration, support from 9(2)(a) the petition to Parliament and subsequent support for the kaupapa from the Crown. 9(2)(a) also acknowledged the tremendous support provided by Minister Flavell for the kaupapa.

The Chair invited the hui to put forward a date for the commemoration as a starting point for the deliberations. From this point several positions were put and much koorero followed. There was unanimous support for all resolutions put to the hui and everyone felt their points of view were heard and satisfied.

Resolutions

Resolution 1. "That the commemoration day be a national kaupapa with a major commemoration event rotating around the motu from rohe to rohe". Moved by Te Aitanga A Mahaki - Tuurangnui A Kiwa / Seconded by Taranaki - Te Ati Awa. Carried unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui welcomed the idea of the national day being held or hosted on all of our commemoration sites over the lifetime of the kaupapa itself. It was seen as being inclusive and also of major educational value to those travelling to support the national day. This approach will ensure that small and out of the way sites will host the national day, raising their importance and profile to the nation while creating "place based" educational opportunity for those visiting.

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Resolution 2. "That the 28th day of October of each year be set aside as the Raa Maumahara National Day of Commemoration". Moved by Te Aitanga A Mahaki - Tuuranganui A Kiwa. Seconded by O-Raakau Tainui -Te Kohera. Carried Unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui supported the idea of aligning the national day with Te Whakaputanga / Declaration of Independence. There was a natural connection that being the underpinning theme - the promotion and preservation of "Te Mana O Te Maaori Motuhake / Tino Rangatiratanga".

Resolution 3. "That the first Raa Maumahara National Commemoration is to be held in 2017". Moved by O-Raakau Tainui - Te Kohera. Seconded by Ngaati Hine / Ngaapuhi. Carried unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui agreed that there would need to be sufficient time and spacing in order for the organisers of the national day to plan, prepare and deliver the kaupapa. A starting day in 2017 was considered a prudent and responsible approach.

Resolution 4. "That Te Tai Tokerau will be the first hosts for the national commemoration day and event. Moved by Te Aitanga A Mahaki Tuuranganui A Kiwa". Seconded by Taranaki / Te Ati Awa Carried unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui felt it appropriate to commence the hui in the north. As advised by Te Aitanga A Mahaki - Tuuranganui A Kiwa the first conflicts between the Crown and our people took place in the north.

Resolution 5. "That the hui congratulate and thank the Minister Flavell for creating the national puutea and respectfully request that on his return to Wellington he work industriously to significantly increase the fund". Moved O-Raakau Tainui - Te Kohera. Seconded Taranaki - Te Ati Awa. Carried unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui understood that the fund was a great start and agreed there are moral obligations and a practical need for the Crown to move toward matching the level of support and importance of Te Raa Maumahara with other national commemorations and events.

Resolution 6. "That the government resourcing be provided upfront to an entity to be established by this grouping, with the "principle" funding being untouched and the annual income being used to support the commemorations kaupapa, that is the national event and commemorations held in the regions. If the government ties on this funding are overly restrictive, we continue our kaupapa and not take the government funding". Moved Te Aitanga A Mahaki - Tuuranganui A Kiwa. Seconded Ngaati Hine - Ngaapuhi. Carried unanimously.

Commentary:

The hui felt that in previous years the Crown has not supported the regional commemorations and that if the funding regime was overly restrictive it was in our own interests to continue our mahi independent of the Crown.

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Next Steps

Proceedings report generated and circulated. Minister 9(2)(a) for Iwi Leaders forum briefed on hui outcomes. Follow on hui to be considered.

The Chairman summarised the hui and the outcomes and thanked everyone for giving of their time to support the kaupapa. The hui was closed with a karakia by kuia 9(2)(a) at 2.30pm.

9(2)(a)

Chairman

9(2)(a)

Convenor

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HEI WHAKATAU | BRIEFING

Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara – 9 to 11 March 2018

Date:	6 March 2018	**Priority**	High
Classification	In Confidence	**Tracking Number**	36874

Action sought	**Date action required by**
It is recommended that you: 1. note the contents of this briefing and event pack to support your visit to Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara, Kororāreka, Bay of Islands on 9 to 11 March 2018 2. advise officials of any additional support you may require during your time in Kororāreka.	6 March 2018

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)				
Name	**Position**	**Telephone**	**Mobile**	**1st contact**
Tui Marsh	Regional Manager, Te Taitokerau		9(2)(a)	√
Sheryl Davis	Senior Advisor, Te Taitokerau			
Sarah Howard	Manager, Investment			
Mani Crawford	Senior Advisor, Investment			

Other Agencies Consulted					
☐ MBIE	☐ MoJ	☐ NZTE	☐ MSD	☐ TEC	☐ MoE
☐ MFAT	☐ MPI	☐ MfE	☐ DIA	☐ Treasury	☐ MoH
☐ Other					

Attachments	Regional visit programme pack

Minister's office to complete:

☒ Approved ☐ Declined
☐ Noted ☐ Needs change
☐ Seen ☐ Overtaken by Events
☐ See Minister's Notes ☐ Withdrawn

Comments:

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6 March 2018

Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
Associate Minister for Māori Development

Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration – 9 – 11 March 2018

Purpose

1. This briefing paper provides background information to support the Associate Minister of Māori Development's attendance at the Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration (the event) on 9 to 11 March at Kororāreka, Bay of Islands.

Background

2. You were invited by the Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara Commemoration Kōmiti Chair, 9(2)(a) [redacted], to attend the event, hosted by Te Tai Tokerau iwi in Kororāreka, Bay of Islands. In your absence, you have asked the Acting Minister for Māori Development, Hon Willie Jackson to attend on your behalf. In addition the Hon Kelvin Davis Minister for Crown/Māori Relations, Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Willow-Jean Prime MP have confirmed their attendance.

3. Attached to this briefing is an event pack containing supplementary information to support the Acting Minister for Māori Development's attendance.

4. The event pack for the Acting Minister for Māori Development includes:

   a. Itinerary for Hon Willie Jackson, Acting Minister for Māori Development for Sunday 11 March 2018

   b. Aide-mémoire providing background information about the event and the Te Pūtake o Te Riri: Wars and Conflicts in New Zealand fund

   c. Talking points for the Hon Willie Jackson, Acting Minister for Māori Development

   d. Contact Details for key personnel to support the Hon Willie Jackson, Acting Minister for Māori Development

   e. Te Pūtake o Te Riri – Event Programme 9 – 11 March 2018

   f. Appendix 1- List of members for the Kōmiti Whakahaere for Te Pūtake o te Riri

   g. Appendix 2 - Summary of Successful Applicants for Te Pūtake o Te Riri Regional Events 2017- 2018.

Comment

5. Te Puni Kōkiri Regional Manager Te Tai Tokerau, Tui Marsh, and her staff are available to provide support as required, while visiting the region. They have been involved in supporting Te Tai Tokerau iwi and the Kōmiti Whakahaere in the preparations for hosting the event.

6. The event packs for other Ministers attending the event will exclude the talking points and personal itinerary for Hon Willie Jackson.

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Recommended Action

7. It is recommended that you:

   1. **note** the contents of this briefing and event pack to support the Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara Commemoration on 9 to 11 March

   2. **advise** officials of any additional support required. **Yes / No**

Susan Shipley
Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Investment

Hon Nanaia Mahuta Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
Date:_____ / _____ / 2018

Hon Willie Jackson Associate Minister for Māori Development
Date:_____ / _____ / 2018

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Itinerary for Hon Willie Jackson, Acting Minister for Māori Development

Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara Commemoration Programme Schedule

Sunday, 11 March 2018

6.45am	Pick up by Te Puni Kōkiri at Accommodation (tba)
7.00am	Arrive Pāhia Wharf travel to Russell Wharf, Kororāreka
7.30am	Arrive Russell Wharf, Kororāreka to prepare for public procession
8.00am	Dignitaries, iwi and public procession through the streets of Kororāreka to Christ Church
8.15am	Service of Remembrance to the fallen outside Christ Church
8.35am	Dignitaries, iwi and public make way to Haratū Marae
8.45am	Pōwhiri onto Haratū Marae
9.00am	Speech from Hon Kelvin Davis, Minister for Crown Māori Relations
9.10am	Speech from Hon Willie Jackson, Acting Minister for Māori Development
9.20am	Other formal speeches
10.00am	Shared Hākari at Haratū Marae
11.00am	Leave Haratū Marae to return to Russell Wharf, Kororāreka
11.30am	Leave Russell Wharf return to Pāhia Wharf
12pm	Arrive Pāhia Wharf travel to Airport
3.05pm	Flight Kerikeri – Auckland

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HE PĀRONGO | AIDE MEMOIRE

Background Paper for Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration Event and Fund

Te Puni Kōkiri contact: Di Grennell, Regional Partnerships – Manahautū Tuarua
Phone: 9(2)(a)
TPK tracking no: 36874

Purpose

1. This aide memoire provides you with background information about the Te Pūtake o Te Riri: Wars and Conflicts in New Zealand Fund (the Fund) and the Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration (the Event).

Te Pūtake o Te Riri: Wars and Conflicts in New Zealand Fund

2. The Fund was established in 2016. At the time it was recognised that New Zealand has a history of commemorating the campaigns that New Zealanders, including Māori, participated in overseas but did very little to recognise the battles and conflicts that occurred in New Zealand.

3. The request for increased recognition and awareness of our own conflicts gained momentum following recent commemorations held at Orakau, Rangariri, Te Kupenga a Taramainuku and others. The Government recognised it had a responsibility to increase New Zealanders awareness and recognition of the wars and conflicts in New Zealand, their impact and the reconciliation that has taken place over the last 30 years.

4. A panel of iwi and crown representatives with an independent chair was established in 2017 to provide advice to Te Puni Kōkiri on the quality of applications and proposals and make recommendations on the level of funding. The decisions from these recommendations are the responsibility of the Deputy Chief Executive, Investment, Te Puni Kōkiri. As nominated by the previous Minister for Māori Development and the previous Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, the current members are Michelle Hippolite, Pita Tipene, Kāwhia Te Muraahi and Paul James, Chief Executive for the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. Tā Wira Gardiner is the Chair. The current membership of the Advisory Panel has been appointed for a one year and two month term (through to 30 June 2018).

5. In 2017, the Advisory Panel renamed the Fund 'Te Pūtake o Te Riri: Wars and Conflicts in New Zealand Fund'. This name reflected the desire to support commemorative events that recognise the wars and conflicts in New Zealand that impacted tangata whenua and their whānau, hapū, iwi and whenua.

6. The Fund with a budget of $1m per annum is divided between national and regional events. Currently, $500,000 is set aside to support the Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara event and the remaining $500,000 is set aside for regional events, activities and initiatives. The Kōmiti Whakahaere for Te Pūtake o Te Riri are responsible for hosting the event for Te Tai Tokerau. See Appendix 1 for a list of the members for the Kōmiti Whakahaere for Te Pūtake o Te Riri.

7. Ten regional applications were endorsed by the Advisory Panel in August 2017. Of these there were five regional activities held before the end of 2017. Another five activities will be held

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between April and October 2018. Out of scope [redacted]

Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara Commemorative Event

8. After a hui held at Mangatoatoa in September 2016, convened by 9(2)(a) with iwi leaders it was decided that the first Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara event was to be held in Te Tai Tokerau on 9 to 11 March 2018 at Kororāreka, Bay of Islands.

9. This event commemorates the significant battles that were part of the New Zealand wars between the British and the Northern Tribes in the 1840's. The New Zealand wars were a series of 19th-century campaigns involving some Māori tribes and government forces, which included British and colonial troops and their Māori allies. The two major periods of conflict were the mid-1840s and the 1860s.

10. The first series of New Zealand wars took place in the 1840's, when Māori were still a majority of the population, although Pākehā dominated the towns. The 1840's wars began with fighting between Ngāpuhi and government troops at Kororāreka (Russell) in 1845. A series of battles were fought in the Bay of Islands until early 1846. Later that same year there was fighting between government and Māori in Wellington, and there were battles in Whanganui in 1846 and 1847.

Comment

11. The location and host iwi of the 2019 Te Pūtake o Te Riri – He Rā Maumahara Commemoration event has not yet been decided by the Advisory Panel and we are not in a position to announce any decisions at this time.

12. This aide memoire is to be read in conjunction with Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration Event Pack.

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TALKING POINTS

Acting Minister for Māori Development Hon Willie Jackson

Te Pūtake o Te Riri - He Rā Maumahara Commemoration

- Mihi to rangatira, whānau, hapū and iwi, dignitaries including Te Taitokerau, and the Kōmiti Whakahaere.

- Today's event, He Rā Maumahara for Te Pūtake o Te Riri to commemorate the wars and conflicts in New Zealand.

- It is a reminder of the significance of our land, heritage and historical sites and of where our whānau lay, where whenua was confiscated but also the long journey from war and conflict to atonement, peace and reconciliation.

- I am honoured to be able to attend the inaugural He Rā Maumahara event given it is a time and moment to honour and reflect on the shared experiences and stories handed down to us from our tipuna.

- I am also honoured to remember with you all the Battle of Kororāreka which took place on this day in 1845. This battle was the first in the Northern War and was the beginning of a series of wars and conflicts that raged through out New Zealand until 1872.

- It has shaped our stories, our kōrero, our identity, and relationships with one another across Aotearoa.

- I have heard that many have attended the activities held over the last two days and the stories told from these will shape the expressions and impressions of our whānau and in particular our rangatahi who are hungry for knowledge on our history.

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Te Puni Kōkiri Contacts

Te Puni Kōkiri National Office

Di Grennell, Acting Toihautū I Chief Executive

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Te Tai Tokerau Office

Tui Marsh, Regional Manager – Tumu Whakahaere ā Rohe

Mobile Phone: 9(2)(a) [redacted]

Sheryl Davis, Senior Advisor – Kaitohu Tōmua

Mobile Phone: 9(2)(a) [redacted]

Office of the Minister for Māori Development

Ata Jacob, Private Secretary

Mobile Phone: 9(2)(a) [redacted]

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Te Pūtake o Te Riri – Event Programme

Friday, 9 March 2018

12.00pm	**Ngā hapū o Waitangi pōwhiri for ngā iwi ō te Tai Tokerau on Te Tii Marae, Waitangi**
1.00pm	**Paramanawa**
1.45pm	**Prepare for Pōwhiri to ngā iwi o te motu** Led by 9(2)(a) [redacted]
3.00pm – 5.00pm	**Pōwhiri ki ngā iwi ō te motu from Te Tou Rangatira, to Te Tii Marae, Waitangi.** A welcome to everyone.
5.00pm	**Paramanawa**
6.30pm	**Wānanga Kōrero. A panel of speakers giving their perspective on the Northern Wars and Conflicts.** Speakers: 9(2)(a) [redacted] Facilitator: 9(2)(a) [redacted]
10.00pm	**Paramanawa**

Saturday, 10 March 2018

9.00am – 12.00 pm	**Performance Stage** Performance stage, audio visual programme and creative space for tamariki. Food stalls will run throughout the morning including a tent for kaumātua and kuia with a cup of tea.
12.00pm – 4.00pm	**Riri Whenua Tours** To Ohaeawai and Ruapekapeka, departing from Te Tii Marae, Waitangi
4.00pm	**Paramanawa**
5.30pm – 6.00pm	**Wānanga Kōrero, Te Tii Marae** A panel of invited speakers from throughout the country will share stories, perspectives and histories from other sites of conflict. Speakers from: Te Kupenga, Maungapōhatu, Tauranga Moana, Waitara, O-Rākau and Te Akaaka Rau Whero.
9.00pm	**Paramanawa**

Sunday, 11 March 2018

6.00am – 7.30am	**Depart to Kororāreka** Charter buses for dignitaries and special guests depart from Copthorne Waitangi to Russell (via vehicle ferry from Opua)
8.00am	**Procession** Dignitaries, iwi and public procession through the streets of Kororāreka from Russell Wharf to Christ Church
8.15am	**Ceremony** A service of remembrance to the fallen outside Christ Church
8.45am	**Pōwhiri - Haratū Marae** Formal speeches
10.00am – 11.00am	**Shared Hākari** Provided by the people of Kororāreka
11.30am – 12.00pm	**Return to Paihia/Waitangi**

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Appendix 1 – List of Members for the Te Pūtake o Te Riri Kōmiti Whakahaere 2017



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