



HUI A TAU 2007 REPORT

Introduction

1. This report intended to provide an overview of the hui-a-tau (**hui**) held at Waipapa Marae on 6-9 September 2007 and to assist with organising future hui.

Organising committee

2. A committee comprising members from the Auckland region was responsible for developing the hui programme and ensuring its implementation. Without their assistance the hui would not have been the success it was so our thanks and appreciation to Stormie Waapu, Len Hemi, Jaimee Kirby-Brown, Ophir Cassidy, Rich Kaio, Te Aopare Dewes and Jamie Baty.
3. The committee was guided by a project plan which set out all the required tasks and who was responsible for each. This provided a useful checklist for monitoring performance. Although most organising was conducted by email and phone there was definitely an advantage to all the committee being in Auckland and therefore having the ability to meet kanohi ki te kanohi as and when required. Ideally, you need one person to project manage the organising and be prepared to take responsibility for its success and failure. Although the role is extremely onerous we consider it is absolutely necessary. We recommend a similar approach be adopted for the 2008 hui.

Content

Seminars/Workshops

4. We aimed to provide a variety of seminars and workshops by providing the following three streams aligning with the theme, Lawyers collaborating to strengthen Maori communities:
 - (a) Commercial – building and strengthening Maori economies
 - (b) Litigation – building advocacy skills
 - (c) Whanau/Hapu/Iwi – building and strengthening whanau hapu and iwi
5. Unlike other years there was less emphasis on treaty issues and a shift more towards the post settlement phase and other relevant issues.
6. We also had a strong judicial presence (Judge Hemi Taumaunu, Judge Lisa Tremewann, Judge John Adams, Judge Ida Malosi and Judge Stephanie Milroy) which was well received by members. Chief Justice Sian Elias and Justice Mark Cooper were approached and very keen to be involved but unfortunately due to other commitments were unavailable. All judges including the Chief Justice and Mark Cooper have indicated that they would love to be involved next year. In this respect we consider the date for 2008 be confirmed as soon as possible and contact made with the judiciary.

7. An oversight of the organising committee was not developing and implementing a feedback survey to determine levels of satisfaction etc. Despite not receiving formal feedback, overall the verbal comments were very positive including those relating to seminars and workshops.

Entertainment

8. It was suggested by the previous organising committee that Hunga Idol be held every 2 years. For this reason we held a hunga roia pub quiz at the Strand bar. Kristy Hill, Tama Hovel and Len Hemi made a sterling effort to ensure that it was an entertaining and fiercely competitive quiz.
9. The formal dinner held at Markovina Estate was extremely successful. The cost which included transport to and from the city, pre-dinner nibbles and a full course dinner was very reasonable.
10. One particular highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Moana Maniapoto, who was not only extremely entertaining but very appropriate given her close association with Syd Jackson who had recently passed. We paid a speaking fee of \$1125 to Moana however we consider it was worth every penny. Following Moana's address and while awaiting the band set up, each wananga got up and performed an item or two which provided a nice touch to the evening.
11. We managed to find a local band who performed for a very reasonable price of \$1500 plus petrol vouchers. Its always a good sign when the dance floor is full from start to finish.

Moot

12. The moot was also very successful with all mooters maintaining the high standard seen in previous years. The judges were Judge Hemi Taumaunu and Judge Stephanie Milroy. The old courtroom at Auckland's high court was the perfect venue and created the right atmosphere.
13. A conscious decision was made to limit alcohol consumption at Waipapa marae. Accordingly the wine and cheese evening that followed the mooting competition was very low key providing lots of nibbles, minimal alcohol and "mellow" music. This was successful and resulted in an early and quiet night.

Sports

14. No sports were organised for the hui due mainly to tight timeframes. While we didn't receive any negative feedback for not providing sports it may be a matter to be considered for future hui.

Conference fees

15. Following a recommendation from the previous organisers the student fee was raised to \$150 this year. The increased fee had no effect on student participation with 80 students registering for the hui. We note however that \$150 still does not cover the per head cost.
16. We also raised the day fee to \$400 (only \$50 cheaper than a full fee) to encourage people to attend the entire hui. In hindsight this may not have been a good decision as some members questioned the fee and consequently did not attend.

Registration Numbers

17. Below is a breakdown of registrations for the hui shown in comparison to 2006:

	2006	2007
<i>Total registrations</i>	166	171
<i>Actual attendees</i>	146	167
<i>People who did not turn up</i>	20	4
<i>People who attended only 1 day</i>	1	2
<i>Total student registrations</i>	77	80
<i>Total practitioner/non member registrations</i>	89	91

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- Firstly to our sponsors especially First Sovereign Trust, Te Puni Kokiri, Poutama Business Trust, and Westpac Bank;
- Monty Morrison and his team (in particular Penny) at CMM Management Ltd;
- To all our presenters for the workshops and seminars;
- Tatou Caterers & all their whanau that continuously rolled out the most exquisite meals;
- Simpson Grierson who provided significant administrative support and for allowing Ngaroma a significant amount of time to organise the hui;
- All judges in attendance including Judge Hemi Taumaunu, Judge Lisa Tremewwan, Judge Ida Malosi, Judge John Adams and Judge Stephanie Milroy;
- Our entertainers Moana Maniapoto and Race Relations.

Conclusion/Future

18. We would like to thank all our members for their support and attendance at this year's hui. We value your positive comments about the hui and hope that you will continue to support Te Hunga Roia Maori o Aotearoa in the future.
19. If there is one thing that our members have taken away from the hui which assists them in collaborating to strengthen Maori communities then we have achieved what we set out to achieve.
20. It is our recommendation that the 2008 and 20 year jubilee for THRMOA return to Rotorua where it first began.
21. We wish the new organising committee well for our hui and celebration in 2008.