

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc Hui-ā-Iwi

26th April 2024

Waipatu Marae

Heretaunga

9am-12pm



Mihi Whakatau

Whānau were welcomed to Waipatu Marae by Marei Apatu. Karakia, Himene and Housekeeping given etc.

Apologies

Te Kaha Hawaikirangi

Introduction

Bayden acknowledged Waipatu and thanked them for hosting us today.

Bayden gave a brief history of what's brought us here today. Basic background as stipulated in the panui below and on our website: <https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/politicalactionplan2026>.

Bayden expressed a timeline/journey of events that has brought us to this point:

- **1 October 2023**
The National Government announces its 100-day plan if elected. This includes detrimental policy changes that affect Māori.
- **3 November 2023**
The New Government Election Results are confirmed.
- **24 November 2023**
A New Coalition Government agreement between National, Act and NZ First, is signed.
- **29 November 2023**
The National Government confirms their 100-day plan. Māori are sadly awakened by the changes that the
- **30 November 2023**
Iwi leaders around the motu are concerned about the government's signals to reverse, remove, dismiss, dissemble, and unravel years of hard work surrounding Māori cultural recognition and wellbeing. Iwi leaders signal the need to protect all whānau Māori.
- **2 December 2023**
Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII holds the 165th anniversary of the birth of the Kīngitanga movement. Iwi leaders in attendance are very concerned about the rhetoric of the coalition government around the select committee review of the principles of the Tiriti o Waitangi. A few key points are discussed - one is to hold a Hui-ā-Motu to bring the people together.
- **4 December 2023**
Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi announces its disappointment in the government.
- **5 December 2023**
Ngāti Kahungunu Hui-ā-iwi announced to take place on 16 December at Waimarama Marae.
- **6 December 2023**

Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII issues a royal proclamation inviting all iwi to unify at a National Hui for Unity to challenge the coalition government's dismissal of hard-won rights and recognition.

- **16 December 2023**

Ngāti Kahungunu Hui-ā-Iwi held at Waimarama Marae. 37 speakers, 29 statements, 23 motions made.

- **20 December 2023**

Ngāti Kahungunu proclaims a plan forward and sends out the Ngāti Kahungunu Declaration of Independence.

- **20 January 2024**

Hui-ā-Motu hosted by Kiingi Tuheitia at Turangawaewae, Ngaruawahia. An estimated 10,000 Māori and non-Māori from around Aotearoa attended. Five (5) focus areas meet and a summary is given. *The overall key message was that we work together and unite our efforts to have more impact in our stance.*

Some key notes delivered at the Hui-ā-Motu:

- “Kotahitanga starts with self. What are we doing as individuals to contribute to our whānau, to our hapū, to our iwi?”
- “Governments will come and go. We are going to be here forever, and we need to unpack our existing models and re look at those of the past and find new models to help get us further – to go from being good to brilliant”.
- “We need to be constantly innovative and inspirational for our rangatahi”
- “The best protest we can do right now is “To be Māori, live our lives and uphold our values, kōrero Māori, care for our whānau, our whenua, and each other. Continue to be who we are and live what we believe and respect one another”

- **25 January 2024**

The kaupapa continued at Rātana Pa just four days after the Hui-ā-Motu, attracting about 7000 people, showing our united efforts.

- **6 February 2024**

A massive turnout of around 60,000 to 80,000 people converged at Waitangi for the Waitangi Day commemorations in February. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi held our own Waitangi Day event, including a wānanga to further discuss what Kotahitanga means to us.

- **22 February 2024**

The National Iwi Chairs Forum (NICF) met in Te Arawa (Rotorua) for a Rangatiratanga Wānanga. Among other things, iwi leaders held a 'Tino Rangatiratanga' session to further discuss ways to support whānau, hapū, iwi to further collectivise the knowledge base and efforts of iwi in the Kotahitanga space, and ensure information is shared across the nation so we can all move forward together.

- **26 April 2024**

Ngāti Kahungunu is hosting this Hui-ā-iwi to pinpoint key messages about how we would like to move forward with the motu in a unified approach. We understand that by uniting our efforts, we can have more impact.

Where are we now?

- A Hui Taumata will be held in Ngāti Kahungunu on 31 May 2024 at Omāhu Marae to identify solutions for 'Māori Unity – Kotahitanga'. Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII will be attending with his entourage. Kotahitanga is the key theme again as iwi Māori unite against the coalition Government.
- Bayden acknowledge Kahungunu and the PSGEs who put their hands up to run the Hui Taumata on 31 May. Bayden acknowledged Omahu Marae/Te Piringa Hapu who are here today.

- Bayden acknowledged Waipatu Marae, Ngāti Hawea, Ngāti Hori and Ngati Hinemoa, and the significance of the spiritual home of the Kotahitanga Movement that started right here in Waipatu.
- We cant be hosting a Hui Taumata when we haven't had the chance to talk about it ourselves. We are in a post settlement era with the last of our PSGES settling mid last year. We are unique in the way we have settled. The opportunity to talk about what Kotahitanga means to us, is now. Now is a good time to have this discussion ourselves.
- The Hui Taumata is an action call to Māoridoms' **thought leaders** from around the motu to put forward proposals and discussion documents on achieving Kotahitanga before the hui, so they can be considered and discussed by those in attendance on May 31. Thought leaders are encouraged to send their discussion papers and register your interest to speak – Email: huitaumata@gmail.com

More information about the Hui Taumata is available on the Hui Taumata website.

<https://www.huitaumata.co.nz/>

Whanau were encouraged to stay informed. This information was also a circulated panui.

- Keep Abreast to stay unified - <https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/politicalactionplan2026>
- What is Kotahitanga? <https://www.kahungunu.iwi.nz/what-is-kotahitanga>
- The Hui Taumata will be live streamed on our FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/kahungunu>

- Bayden explained the way we will run today, similarly to how we ran Waimarama. If you want to speak, come up to the paepae and take a seat, and proceed one at a time. The 3 minute rule applies so all have a chance to speak.
- The NKII Board met in January and were able to address some of the motions that were highlighted at the Waimarama Hui-ā-iwi on 16 December 2023. Bayden gave an update on those things that NKII could follow through on. He noted that some kaupapa out of the scope of the iwi have not been addressed by the iwi.

Summary of Motions from Hui -ā-iwi 16 December 2024

1. We as Kahungunu will not be dictated to by a political party. Kahungunu will be determining our own strategy in response to the Governments attacks on te iwi Māori. Moved by Te-O-Tāne Huata, seconded by Johnny Nepia Apatu – passed by all.
2. Ngāti Kahungunu support Māori wards, moved by Thompson Hokianga, seconded by Alayna Hokianga and passed by all.
3. Ngāti Kahungunu take to government “if you want one people, one nation” then let that nation be Māori.
4. NKII calls a summit with all PSG's and Taiwhenua to stand shoulder to shoulder based on our intrinsic whakapapa.

Feedback

Kotahitanga is about us, about iwi Māori hapu. Kawanatanga are important as a treaty partner but they are not the most important thing. In terms of our strategy going forth – this (Hui-ā-iwi) is part of that strategy. We are pulling together whakaaro and we will have a strategy at sometime in the future.

Ngāti Kahungunu iwi supports the continuation of Māori wards. NK are leading that whaiwhai and continue to promote this kaupapa.

United we stand as one people

This call has gone out to all of our Taiwhenua and our PSGEs and how we can be more united, how we can work smarter and more united together as Kahungunu.

<p>5. That Ngāti Kahungunu never ceded sovereignty to the crown.</p> <p>6. Issue a statement that Te Tiriti should be formalised and entrenched in legislation so that the government cannot infringe and erode the whakapapa of our mokopuna and rights.</p> <p>7. Ngāti Kahungunu does not consent to the crown's assumption sovereignty over Ngāti Kahungunu</p> <p>8. Issue a statement that the policy to ban gang patches is discriminatory and overlooks social factors like poverty and abuse in state care and the governments' contributory role in gang growth. Moved by Haora Hema, seconded by Mereana Pitman, passed by all.</p> <p>9. That NKII holds rangatahi wānanga so rangatahi can speak and be heard through to governance. Ngāti Kahungunu develop a Kahungunu rangatira strategy, based on our people's expectations.</p> <p>10. NKII create advisory taumata to support iwi chair across the spectrum, to help advance Iwi priorities.</p> <p>11. Recognise the sovereign rights and responsibilities of our marae.</p> <p>12. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated actively object to any mining, marine and terrestrial.</p> <p>13. Make sure our people get good warm housing.</p> <p>14. Establish a learning institution to support whānau into social and health professionals.</p>	<p>We put that kaupapa down at Waitangi in front of Te Kawanatanga.</p> <p>That was put down at Waitangi, Ratana and Turangawaewae.</p> <p>One of the things we took up to Turangawaewae was our kawa. Familiarise yourself with it. It's inside our Tihei Kahungunu Passport and was authored by Mereana Pitman, Moana Jackson, Taanga Lawrence and Mere Ruru. Not once is Kawanatanga mentioned in this document. This document is about empowering us as Kahungunu. It's in English and Māori. We took this up to Turangawaewae. We will hold this as our response to any treaty matters. A copy is on the NKII website of you can request a hard copy from the iwi office.</p> <p>We want our rangatahi to come to this hui and offer their thoughts on Kotahitanga. Melissa Ihaka is the NKII Board rep and has been attending the Rangatahi forum at the National Iwi Chairs Forum.</p> <p>We have one, the membership contains Timoti Karetu, Liz Hunkin, Pita Sharples, those passed on Piri Sciascia Rose Pere, Tama Huata. We are looking to replace those who have passed on. Kahungunu recognises all of our marae, they are autonomous entities. They sit under Taiwhenua and PSGES and connect to Ngati Kahungunu but they are strong entities.</p> <p>We are working with NICF. We have Taranaki Iwi leading that mahi forward.</p> <p>Papakainga housing development. We need more of it. We are all working on this.</p>
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Bayden invited whānau who want to share their kōrero, to come up and sit on the paepae along with everyone else. Each speaker was given a few minutes to speak so as many as possible could talk.

- **The following are speakers, their key points and any motions made.**

1. Ngahiwi

- Before Takitimu waka came here, everyone separated into many groups. It wasn't until Kurahaupo or Takitimu Waka arrived that people started to amass and merge together. The first two mergings were Te Hika a Papauma and Te Hika a Ruarauhanga, but rather than coming together, they fought each other to a standstill. As a result of that, Te Whatuiapiti married Te Huhuti and through that they brought peace to the rohe of Kahungunu, and that's where we get our kaupapa kano ki te kano, pakahiwi ki pakahiwi, he whawhai tonu atu. It is hard work, working together all of the time but we gotta keep at it. The next delegation was Te Kupenga o te Huki – from Tologa Bay (Te Uaua) to Wairarapa. It was an attempt to bring us all together and it worked successfully for a long time. That was our first iteration as an iwi – Kotahitanga, otherwise we worked together as very strong hapu. When we finally got together, because of the new technology that arrived in our country, the musket, and because of the musket wars, we were forced to come together, we were forced to go to Mahia and Kaiuku, and this is where we started forging kotahitanga. Kotahitanga is prefixed on Mareikuratanga – our women protected our inner, matauranga and intellectual while men protected our assets and external property. Ngahiwi spoke about how we have always been tripped up by someone else's manifestation. In the first world war we came together to set up our Kahungunu troop everyone had to be over 6ft7 to match the zulu power so shorties stayed home. They had to pay with their own land. WWII D company – Kahungunu – we came together. Apirana came to Kahungunu and said we have history of Kotahitanga can all the other iwi come around Kahungunu and form D company because we were united/ Since then it's been about survival. Kahungunu was reaffirmed from Wairoa to Wairarapa. The NK Declaration of Independence was a result of mahi and hui held in Kahungunu, attended by 17,000 people, the declaration was presented to the iwi board in 2001 and adopted. Kotahitanga was shown with the foreshore and seabed, the rest of the country joined us and from that came the Maori Party.
- Here at Waipatu, would like to see three things –
 - **A Cultural Strategy based on our Whakapapa and based on our mareikura**
 - **A Legal Strategy suing the government every step of the way when they try to take away our reo and everything else**
 - **A Political Strategy – that we have a big grouping in parliament that no other government could sway because for example through the likes of the Maori Party, we're going to hold sway in Parliament as well.**

Cultural

- We need to build on the models of the past that have bound us as an iwi using examples such as (a) Te Kupenga o Te Huki (b) The union of Te Huhuti and Te Whatuiapiti (c) the joining of Pareihe and Te Wera Hauraki drawing Ngati Kahungunu together from Wairoa to

Wairarapa. (d) the 1st Maori Parliament in 1892.(e) Te Runanganui o Ngati Kahungunu in 1984, NKII in 1996, and so on.

Legal

- NKII, PSGES, Taiwhenua provide resources to litigate all attempts to remove and modify any laws and regulations that hinder or remove Maori rights won over many decades. This would include judicial reviews, Waitangi claims, and high court action.

Political

- Urge every Maori and non Maori to give their party vote to the Paati Maori. This could add up to another 5-6 seats. This will ensure that no Party can govern without the Paati Maori being in calculations to form any future government.

2. Mereana Pitman

- Have had a lot of korero regarding the mahi regarding the Declaration of Rights.
- We have a template – we already have a template of how to do Kotahitanga. The work done by Moana and I – you all need to read it and discuss it
- Ngāti Kahungunu is an intersting iwi. One of our faults is we are spiteful, jealous, poking the bear, we don't really like each other alot, we have traditional hara we wont resolve. If you want kotahitanga there's no use sitting around and maintaing that attitude with each other.
- Kotahitanga is about love, standing up for each other, looking out for eachother, caring for eachother, advocating for eachother not putting others down, not about shitting on eachother.
- We don't come together very well – that's what I perceive. "We're the hardest iwi to get together"
- One of the things that came out from Waimarama, is that a group will work with Hapu.
- Reiterating the importance of HAPU – It's at that level we really need to pull together. Not at the marae lever. thats your business. The business of representation is at a hapu level.
- At the hapu are the rangatira – who did not cede sovereignty? The hapu, not the marae.
- We need to spend the next 18 months- 2 years getting a long with each other, talking to eachother and practicing love and patience. I don't know why we are scared to talk to each other. We will always disagree and we're not always going to get on with eachother. I don't agree with you all. I come from Whakakī, the poor part, where all of your whakapapa comes from.
- We need to develop the resilience, strength and courage to sit down and have the kōrero. Have the dialogue. Arrange this.
- I've decided I'm going to go home to work around the education of our hapu and your fullas hapu needs to take care of the education of your people. Dont leave it to the few educators. Its too hard by ourselves. Ngāti Kahungunu need to take responsibility for the education of our people. It's too hard by ourselves.
- If I can go home first and do that work then awesome. You can do it. You need to lead out. Hapu need to lead out. Not rely on leadership from someone elses hapu to lead you out. Have a go~ all of those people who have been democratized can only go so far advocating.
- The PSGE's need to share your resources with the hapu, and stop representing the minimal amount under a democratic system that was not designed for us.
- We had systems of our representation – why aren't we using those? Because we're jealous of eachother and spiteful

- What's good for your hapu may not be good for the hapu next to it.
- For those of you who like being stroked by the neo-coloniser don't forget, you can be challenged as well. You will be challenged. I will challenge you. This is how the government has separated us. They have destroyed our relationships with each other.
- Constipation of Christianity has been part of the division as well.

Final remarks: "Have a go" – You can only represent us so far out there to all of those other iwi, kiingitanga, you go out there and do all that. But you need to share. Share the resources with the hapu. Stop representing the minimum amount under a democratic system that was not built for us.

The Declaration of Rights – Read it.

3. Henare Kani – Kotahitanga – why and what for.

- In Waimarama everyone wanted to fix this and that.
- Our experience is land loss, working divided. We have so many representations of Māori today that the crown has done a good job us whether from a club or gang view under the onslaught of colonisation hidden by nice words.
- We become toxic sometimes with each other so why and what for is it?
- Are we looking for Kotahitanga to become rich? To get our name in history? Or to look at each other in the eye and say I have a mamae can you help me? And if not, can we work out?
- Our culture has been affected by colonisation. What do have that has endured?.
- The only thing that has **ENDURED** is our **WHAKAPAPA**. Our **MARAE** has endured.
- We have our hapu. Some of our Hapu are a bit old we need to get some new ones to manage ourselves better.
- How are we gonna manage ourselves if we can't maintain ourselves, if we can't refresh ourselves? Puawai
- We have our reo, our language – Our kohanga, they are the fruits of our labours, they are the next generation to look forward to leading us in the future and even right now today.
- **Final remarks:** Kotahitanga needs to be about belonging, nation building at all levels - hapu level and at our iwi level. I agree with Mereana – the need for us to grow like grass grows, unfortunately we have to cut it now and again but it never stops growing, we have to keep nurturing it. No matter what soap box you stand on, PSGE, marae, church, organisation. If we are looking for Kotahitanga as an iwi – then what is it for? That's my question.
- Our Tipuna gave us lots to do, today all I want to do is enjoy being in your company

4. Ngatai Huata

- Kotahitanga has been misappropriated over the years because we made it an objective.
- Kotahitanga is not an objective it's a process, he huarahi.
- The mother of all claims, Wai262 – The treaty claims over the past years have been shocking, they've been corrupted, one-sided, people have been wahamū? For us in Kahungunu we had shocking treaty claims. There were people who became millionaires on their Treaty claims.
- Kotahitanga is the huarahi carried towards it's objective.
- Tū tira mai ngā iwi lyrics – Kotahitanga is everyone respects and comes together.
- Treaty claim – she has lots of issues with Treaty claims. Hopeless.

- Kotahitanga – No one should be pushed to vote and support something that they don't agree with. For Kotahitanga I think that Kahungunu have a beautiful way of working with people through manaaki
- “It was our men who sold the land”. Womens rights. Sufferegette.
- We are terrible with our behaviour towards each other. We behave like the colonisers.
- There's no pākeha framework that can work with us. The proof is shown in all the statistics.
- We have to aroha eachother. Retain what you believe in but don't takahi on each other. I love being Māori. I love being Kahungunu.
- We don't have paramount chiefs here in Heretaunga. Heretaunga ararau. All chiefs no indians. We all cousins. We are related.
- Love each other. Paid tribute to Stan Walker “I am, you are, we are”. Everything he doing is about Kaupapa Māori. We got people like that, its about surviving based on our own environment and culture.

5. Narelle Huata

- **Takitimu video played – a beautiful historical film from past years. Some key whanau and kaupapa that has gone on over the years in regard to Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu.**
- Ko te amorangi ki mua – (she got a full on slideshow, played the video and now is reading her slides, speaking to photos)
- Speaking about achievements and developments of Takitimu
- Take heed of opportunities in front of us. Don't be scared when things get rough. Take up that challenge and move forward.
- **Relevant remarks:** Te Kotahitanga is wrapped throughout the whole kaupapa. It's about moving as one in diversity. Moving the culture through the people, the whanau, the hapu and the iwi.
- Talking about Te Tuwharetanga opening – inviting the community
- On 1st June they are opening their new kura at Bennett Road. They have invited
- Nga Matatini. Diversity is Strength.
- Te kotahitanga – Rangatiratanga, Mana motuhake – I place our tipuna here. The uri of our tipuna is still moving forward through Te Wananga Whare Tapere o Takitimu.

**A Motion was made: “That Ngāti Kahungunu reinforce and support the aspirations of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu to be the Kahungunu Takitimu Waka Wānanga”
Moved by Koro Te Whaiti, Seconded by Kotuku Tomoana, All in Favour, Carried.**

6. Jake Kehema

- To talk about Kotahitanga we need to acknowledge why we need kotahitanga
- Five million people in NZ and Māori only make up 900,000 of that population
- Smoking affects Māori people at a higher level than others – 17% (Māori) – 150k Māori people smoke.
- Addressing smoke issues and the smokefree law
- Addressing restrictions of funding for disability and carers.
- Addressing Mental Health rates – statistics from Mental Health foundation.
- Researched how Māori are affected by disadvantages

- Government poor choices around funding for healthcare sectors
- Solutions – looking back at our core values
 - Learning – hold hui for adults to support our young people and encourage them to express themselves and communication
 - Stand up for people who can't do it for themselves. We need people who can advocate
- When core values are put into practice they can become tradition

7. Hinewai Ormsby

- Hawkes Bay Regional Council perspective – we as a council are not interested in disestablishing our Maori constituencies this term as the government would have us do. We unanimously support Māori wards.
- We must be strong on all policies that affects us as Ngati Kahungunu. We can't do it without our marae, hapu.
- We see no want to go backwards. We educating our people.
- We are very frustrated with Government. We have Petane and Tangoio marae, the crown is making things uncertain for our marae. We have 6 flood recovery schemes. We cannot do with with our hapu, mana whenua and marae. From Wairoa to Porangahau, we need eachother to support. We can do this.
- Acknowledged Mereana Pitman – look within your whare, papakainga and marae to do the best you can and put your best foot forward to demonstrate success and partnerships. We can do it. We have to have that strength and partnership.
- We can be hard on eachother but we can be soft on each other too. This is a time when we have collective action.
- We need to identify those policies before we go to Omahu. We need to have our korero in place.
- Affirms what Ngahiwi said, we need a Cultural Strategy to tell our story, a Legal Strategy because thats the language the government talks to and we need a Political Strategy to move and influence.
- Bayden this is a wero, that we come out with some clear actions, so we are succesful as an iwi.

8. Christine Kidwell

- We talk about love. How big is your love? Rongomaiwahine, are you here? I am. I am both. How big is your love.
- We have to stretch further than where we sit, how we think and what we do and how we do it. Its not easy.
- Don't rush this kaupapa – we want to be sure about it and have ALL our people behind this kotahitanga not just a few who sit here. I admire what you do. I dont doubt what you are doing. Te reo me ona tikanga
- The Fast track approved bill – what another big headache. I might not see the beginning of true kotahitanga, but the future, our children have to be present and told the truth of who they are there for. We know what our tipuna did.
- Dont muck around, I've had to stretch my love to Australia just so they know they're Māori not Australian.
- **Final remarks** – Stretch our love

9. Thompson Hokianga

- Kotahitanga – there was a drive by our operation team to collect our voices from Kahungunu. We all have various iwi connections. I am staunchly Kahungunu through and through.
- Kotahitanga – whanaungatanga component of Kotahitanga in what I'm hearing in terms of themes emerging...is a law that reminds us of our relationships to those of the past who now reside with our tipuna. It's the relationships we have with our environment, each other, and our mokopuna or those yet to be born. It's important to remember that Kotahitanga is a perpetual becoming. Within this context, we have to run it straight. Speakers, be absolute of what actions we want to take. The previous hui we have been a part of...How do we give practical expression to those aspirations of those people?.
- **Final remarks** – We have to run it straight. Be absolute on what actions you want to take.

10. Bryce Kihirini

- GP at Flaxmere. Pay your bills cos we are struggling. Go to the Doctors and get well. If you are not well in body, and well of spirit and mind you are going to struggle.
 - Need a Health strategy and wellbeing for our people
 - Formal Education strategy which looks at the Leadership amongst our rangatahi – “The price of our citizenship will be paid for with the blood of our men and tears of our women” – we are still second class citizens
 - Move forward focus on lessons of our past

11. Don Huatana

- Acknowledged Mereana for her korero.
- Where does Kotahitanga begin and this korero about relationships – I learned from Paraire Huata,
- Au, whānau and whakawhanaungatanga all include AU – It begins with us. We can't help others if we can't help ourselves. I'm sharing the harsh lessons I learned. We need to start with Au...ourselves. You can be the man, but not have your crap together at home. It starts with yourself.
- Aroha – Anecdote of Aunty not wanting a tangi she wanted a wananga where there was karakia, talked about her life and a waiata, nothing else. Full of aroha.
- Final remarks – Wānanga everything. Wānanga for yourself and wānanga with your whanau and wananga with everyone else. This is my 80th year on this planet. After this I'm going to gym and then for a massage. Live longer!

12. Piripi Hānara

- I grew up seeing how our kaumatua worked together. You older ones know what I mean. We are very fortunate to carry on the traditions of our elders. I'm here on behalf of our Omaha paepae. Mihi to all of our Kahungunu whanau – come along to the Hui Taumata.

13. Zhane Tahau Whelan

- Encouraged everyone to turn to the person next to you and say I love you. He nui te aroha.

- Greetings from Te Piringa Hapu – those based at the marae, excited to be hosting the hui taumata.
- Ever since Cyclone Gabrielle it was clear that the government wasn't going to help us immediately we had to rise up and help one another. We saw that throughout Kahungunu to ensure whanau were ok. Our hapu has been able to rebuild, whakapapa.
- This worked because we launched into a Tikanga and whakapapa of aroha and manaakitanga laid before us.
- When we look to our whakapapa, we are able to see a rongoa for these times whether it be a cyclone or hardship or sickness. We look at our whakapapa as the super power, and we can see our rongoa for us all.
- We are here the home of our Kahungunu Māori parliament together.
- Referred to Renata Kawepo when being attacked by Government in Taranaki – “My name is Māori and if one part suffers all of us feel pain, so we are one body”
- Invited the iwi to come to Omahu to be a part of the haka powhiri practices to welcome the motu to Kahungunu at Omahu. Come and help us with our kai and hospitality. This is our time to create a way forward for us all.

A Motion was made: “That Ngāti Kahungunu to pull together a working group to collate the whare korero that will come out of today's hui to present to the Hui a Taumata”.

Moved by Bevan Taylor, Seconded by Renee Love, All in Favour, Carried.

14. Laura Gemmell

- Stand here as a rangatahi.
- We sit here and talk about kotahitanga but where are our rangatahi
- Grow our workforce – invest in our rangatahi. How do we infiltrate our systems.
- How do we bring our tangata Māori into our strategies and into our policies and in our government?
- My wero is to develop our Education strategy further in establishing a Kahungunu Research Centre. We have so many expertise in our iwi. Let's open our own centre. Invest our time in our rangatahi. How do we grow our future for our rangatahi to learn and utilise our tuakana teina relationships.

A Motion was made: “That Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi develop an Education Research Centre - a repository of knowledge for our Rangatahi and Iwi Whānui, where we can capture and grow our future leaders”

Moved by Toro Waaka, Seconded by Kelly Rangī, All in Favour, Carried.

15. Anthony Tipene - Matua

- Push for our support for Kaimahi Māori who is getting slashed in MOE, NZQA, DOC – all of them.
- We need to send a message to Poneke saying we do not support the cutting of Kai Māori in government jobs – ever, who are few and far.
- If we have a wananga here, we want a hui in Tamatea.
- Our tupuna Paraihe stood on top of Pukeora and told our people we will move to Nukutaurua if you don't you stay here at your demise, that was a sense of kotahitanga. The other one is when we built the waka in 1990s with Wi Huata came up to Ngati Whare and said we haven't

done this before, but lets do it now, and during that time, the kaihoe were from all gangs, they were from all iwi from Wairoa, Heretaunga and Tamatea. We came together and took it up to Waitangi. 25 years is coming up. Wairoa you owe us a waka.

16. Mckay Wairangi Pearse

- I'm not from here, I'm from Ngapuhi but lived here in Kahungunu my whole life.
- Māori wards – Acknowledge Heather and Tāwhana. We've seen the Govt try to take away Maori Wards on each council.
- Unite together against Kawenatanga.
- We need to follow Kiingi Tuheitias words. The way we will get through is to celebrate and treasure being Māori. Its part of us. We are the indigineous people of NZ.
- Stop fighting eachother.
- Daivd Seymour take your treaty principles Bill and flush it down the toilet

17. Jerry Hapuku

- Rangikoanake didn't give our Mana to the crown
- We all have the ability to what we are capable of doing. We all have the motivation to determine what we do.
- Tautoko by Muiwai

18. Flo Karaitiana

- Strategy to bring us from Colonisation
- Through Westernised bills that they pass while we are sleeping and arguing with eachother.
- While they are 10-15 years ahead of us we are talking about the 10 years just passed.
- Colonisation to our tipuna would've been beyond them.
- Where our Men sit, our Wāhine sit just as equal – it goes way way back. What has changed? Nothing
- Hapu phase – Many of the hapu are made after the Tāne
- Our Wāhine need to be made as equals and have Hapu made after them. Ngāti Hinemanu
- We will be creating Ngāti Hinemanu for her uri to come as equal and have their say.

19. Palestine scarf/Muslim looking brother – Haimoana

- Listening is a hard skill however people have said that aroha can unite us
- The other things that can unite us is a common enemy
- Kahungunu was a great lover and so are his descendants but I also know that our people like to fight
- I'm hear to talk about fighting, not violence but the map has been laid out. Te Hapuku signed the TOW, I want to endorse people who are thinking that way – being proactive.
- Likes the way Bayden cut off the beach so people didn't drive on it. That's rangatiratanga as well. We can express this in our space as well.
- Our Tangata tiriti are wanting this too, they are hungry for us. We can show them the light and lead them out of darkness.
- Action – we need to take action.
- I like to be disruptive. Im also a union rep, so as a union i am trying to build our people.

20. Annette Harris

- TRAUMA – I know that you will be sitting here with your trauma. That is the mahi we have to do to get it out of ourselves so we can communicate
- Our rangatahi don't know how to communicate so they flip out, it's a cycle, they do drugs and alcohol.
- Proposing – each Māori school has a communication strategy around how to talk to each other not only about trauma but about how we do things.

21. Hinematewai Vercoe

- Teacher/Mother
- Methodology of whakapapa can be practiced and embraced in kotahitanga
- Using Education as the basis to my whakaaro, I want to take you on my educational whakapapa cultural strategy journey that's been influenced by significant people whom I value...Whakapapa.
- Whakapapa, legalities, political views
- Heke mai this, Heke mai that....
- Matauranga Kaupapa Māori – Māori educational frameworks is Kotahitanga
- Lets have the dialogue and give love
- Lets be decision makers and not decision takers
- Don't make hidden decisions
 - Rangatahi representation on all 6 Taiwhenua
 - Rangatahi Council
- Take ownership
- What resources do we have available to us now?

22. Tawhana Chadwick

- Mihi to everyone in the past who have struggled
- All of the people are in my heart and I try to show up when all of our people are being targeted.
- Stands up for Takatāpui people – talk about resistance of our people. Whaea Mereana.
- Talks about the attacks on our Takatāpui people.
- Stand with our whānau. And stand up for our people.
- Hapu is where it's at.
- What is Kotahitanga to us
- Whos is the enemy
- They want people to make an oath and mention everyone who is oppressed. Our rangatira need to be in solidarity all of the time.
- Motion – Ngāti Kahungunu make copies and send it out to everyone

A Motion was made: "That Ngāti Kahungunu make copies of the Declaration of Independence that Mereana, Moana and Taanga and Mere put together, and send to everyone"
Moved by Tawhana Chadwick, Seconded ----- Bayden didnt get around to enforcing this motion.

23. Heather Skipworth

- Lots of beautiful & refined kōrero from many of our whānau today along with some good motions to tautoko and uplift our people.

- I managed to finish my kōrero with a few seconds to spare IYKYK 😂
- I asked for a motion to combat the Ngangara Methamphetamine, sadly it has affected some of my whānau, and many others whānau. I also asked for us to stop calling our whānau who are addicted to meth, crack heads and p heads, etc.. because using those names only denigrates our whakapapa. We are not exclusive to this ngangara, it is nationwide, it doesn't discriminate, it comes to steal your wairua and possesses your tinana, and hinengaro, and if it hasn't already, it could be coming to your whare next 🙄 we have to be intentional in this fight.
- We can't have kotahitanga, if we are leaving some of our whānau behind.

A Motion was made: "That Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi plan to combat the ngangara Methamphetamine by working with appropriate partners to strategise a positive way forward"
Moved by Christine Kidwell, Seconded by Ihaia Hutana All in Favour, Carried.

24. Echo Haronga – I'm a Maori wahine, māmā, and lawyer

- I work in the courts as a criminal defense lawyer. This is a space where many of us do a lot of our kaupapa aroha for, where disadvantage and health inequity is demonstrably and heartbreakingly Māori.
- This government insists in introducing populist and racist law changes that have no evidence that they will achieve their stated aims except for appeasing the media who they perceive to be their voters. However there is evidence that these are laws which will leave our people facing harsher policing powers, having their human rights breached more regularly. Being incarcerated and serving longer sentences. We all know what this means for our whānau, this means more intergenerational crime, more parents in prison, more state care to fill the gap of our parents who are in prison and more of the state gap that gave rise to the thriving gang population that we have as our people were looking for an identity with a whānau after they had been removed from their own. I agree with what the sister said, this will bring more drug addiction and misuse of substances.
- I'm reflecting on kotahitanga and my mahi in this space. Obviously I exist within the system as a criminal defense lawyer but I encourage and support nga whakaro i tukua ki te whaiwhai ki te ake ake ake, at the same time, I am here and willing to make help things happen for the immediately present future that we are stuck with in the criminal justice system. I also want to make it clear that the Criminal justice system is not just for lawyers, they affect all of us. They permeate our whānau and our experience in every avenue in life. I encourage that we tautoko the motions taken up to move forward. My ideas are -
- A collective strategy around criminal law for Kahungunu – from law enforcement through to rehabilitation and reintegration that is NK and designed.
- I would like to see Kahungunu grow our own Criminal lawyers and advocates in the criminal court so we can access culturally legal representation. There are to my knowledge about 10 lawyer Māori who currently take your case in Te Reo Maori in the entire country. We have young ones coming through, so I support an Education Strategy – support system and links to the professions for our rangatahi, and access to justice for our people so they understand the legal system that is going to grind the wheel of justice upon them and also so they know where they can find lawyers they can trust.

Proposal defined – No motion made at the time.

- To advocate against law changes that negatively impact our people
- Develop how Ngati Kahungunu can support people appearing before the courts now and their whānau trying to support them.
- Develop our own lawyers and advocates in the criminal court so we can access culturally competent legal representation.
- Access to justice for our people so they can safely get legal education and advice at crucial points in their lives, and so they can get advice from lawyers who they trust.

25. Ana Te Whaiti

- Kotahitanga – Every day is the opportunity to action Kotahitanga with or without a framework
- A collective and collaborative effort is what we need
- We are experiencing a high political climate
- We need to understand and articulate the values that we have that are non negotiable.
- Recognition is our right
- It's easy to be Wahu nu when you are not affected I ask that you be compassionate towards us
- What is your price? Who are you working to appease and is it us? As whānau, hapu, marae and iwi? What have you continued to do since our hui?
- Kōrero is a start, action is everything
- Our kōrero is to DO – to action and do things instead of just talking and not doing anything about it
- Lets work hard to colonise ourselves and the need to unlearn so much
- When we invest in our rangathi the investment is the oranga of our whānau

**A Motion was made: "That Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi reinforce, to understand and articulate the values as noted in the Kahungunu Declaration which are our non-negotiables"
Moved by Ana Te Whaiti, Seconded by Manawanui Mihaere, All in Favour, Carried.**

26. Koro Te Whaiti

- My korero at the Waimarama Hui a iwi.
- I've been colonised for 73 years. I smoke, I drink, you name it. That's me, so hopefully nga karakia kia Io to turn things around.
- Turned around showed his backside ... referred to the scars from back in the day – all those scars from the cane are still there.
- I see kaumatua, these things, the system put us in this situation.
- Read the first page of TIHEI KAHUNGUNU – Read out Tumai Awa....

27. Te Otene Huata

- Ka wha whai tonu matou ake ake ake
- Tino Rangatiratanga means to me – Collective Liberation
- Collective Liberation – those who fought for us in the past were takatapuhi, we now need to protect them while they're under attack
- Collective Liberation is Recognising all of the indigenous oppression thanks to capitalist greed
- We should all be waving our flags unashamedly
- I dont celebrate ANZAC day cost when our tipuna came back, the war was still happening.

- We went over there to fight for our own citizenship – the cheek. We inherited the rights for British Citizens.
- Need to have more meaningful conversations
- The T.O.W was written for their benefit, not ours.
- There needs to be a set non negotiables set If our Non-negotiables are not met, we should not proceed
- Those kids who have missing limbs, no parents, they look like our kids, because they're indigenous.
- Mihi to Ngahiwi for providing Waipatu to hold a Palestine wananga
- Promoting Rally for Palestine at 1:30pm every Sunday – we've been holding rallies for the past 6 ½ months. We are fighting for an indigineous nation, like ourselves.
- How can we expect someone to fight for us when we cant stand up and fight for someone else?
- If we dont have a strategy to attract tangata Te Tiriti, if we can

Proposal noted: "We need to break away from a system we are too reliant on"

A Motion was made: "That Ngāti Kahungunu be the first iwi to urge support for a cease fire in Palestine"

Moved by Te Otane Huata, All in Favour, Carried.

28. Te Aniwaniwa Johnston

- A lot of the kōrero today has been about relationships and strategies
- Colonisation has severed a lot of our relationships
- Growing respectful relationships – bicultural relationship
- I've been attending all the hui and all I hear is chaos. It's chaotic to me. I've walked the whenua and there is no chaos there.
- Be weary of wolves in sheeps clothing with Tangata Tiriti
- Kotahitanga to me would like us coming together and fashining one person to stand for that seat

29. Jenny Mauger

- Talking about spirituality
- You have the solutions within you
- Because we are standing in unity, we should consider a wahine committee.
- In the four pou need a – Pou putea – Need someone who understands financial change – financial strategy

A Motion was made: "To add a financial pou to the strategies required going forward"

Moved by Jenny, Seconded by -----, All in Favour, Carried.

30. Pohatu Paku

- Kotahitanga as a process – yes. Kotahitanga as an objective -
- It will bring the best but also the worst out of us
- We can be quite harsh on eachother, but we need aroha.
- 200 years ago we saw the battles.
- Tough love – perhaps they forgot about the love just the tough

- Tamatea Pokaiwhenua Chair – 23 marae, 43 Hapu. We are orientated by Hapu. When the Hapu speaks, we are there.
- If we are not delivering – hold us by account if that's by a constitutional review - kei te pai. If we're not reflecting, let us know, but please Don't throw stones in the process
- We can harness talents in our hapu to advance the kōrero today – whether that be a constitutional review to better advance this korero.
- He Panui - Next Tuesday is a board meeting at Korongata Marae – to understand our settlement process. We want to show our whanau what we're about.

A Motion was made: “That we harness our talents to advance the korero today and be willing to put our constitutions on the tepu if need be, to advance those aspirations ”

Moved by Pohatu Paku, Seconded by Piripi Hanara, All in Favour, Carried.

31. Jason Whaitiri

- Acknowledge Heather and Tāwhana running for council
- He believes in Mātauranga Māori, strengthen our hapu, marae and iwi
- “That was 100 years ago”, we need solutions for today for tomorrow

32. Jordan Winiata

- Does Ngati Kahungunu still support the Kotahitanga?
- What is the strategy moving forward? What are we going to do as a collective. What is the strategy moving forward? We are clever, we have the answers.
- We set up Kura reo, Kura kaupapa Māori, Wharekura, Wananga, Revitalisation of the Reo, Oranga Mokopuna, Te Aka Whaiora, we set up ti mea ti mea ti mea – and what happened with it all? IT was watered down. The foundation and the pou of all those strategies and all of those energies – where are all of those rangatira we talk about today? Where is the succession. Where are we as a people taking what they've given us and installing it and putting it back into our hapu and iwi. We need a policy development team of our own. We need to be advising our councillors, we need to be advising our politicians, we need to be advising that senior leadership. We need to do a stocktake Ngāti Kahungunu. Is the priority of yesterday still the priority of today? Is there anything that we are doing individually that we could be doing collectively? Are we investing our time, energy, expertise and our people resources and effort in the correct spaces?
- Finally, any whenua out there with no title on it – needs to be claimed by our hapu. You need to put claim to it and Ngati Kahungunu has to support it. Whilst we might feel that the settlements did justice to that, it didn't. There is a lot of whenua untitled that sits in our rohe, we need to get it back.
- We put pou in the whenua to stop the sale of lands, here in Heretaunga, It's now time to put the pou in the whenua for Kotahitanga.

33. Fred Puriri

- We are rich because of the whenua
- Kahungunu known for hospitality and entertainment

34. Wi Derek Huata

- Tumatauenga – the words we hear from the govt is evil we can either respond kotahitanga or radical protest
- Fast track approval
- Policies don't come from here they come from United Nations
- We are not the only indigenous people under attack in the world
- To my cousin Jason, be the man and step down and let Heather run for it
- Once the men were warriors, we are no longer warriors its the women who are warriors
MANAWAHINE

35. Charlie Ropitini

- 1892-1893 Te Kotahitanga was intended to be an expression of rangatiratanga within Kawanatanga
- What does that look like? What does that look like. Above us are two flocks of pigeons flew, a Kahu flew in between and they dispersed. That is rangatiratanga within Kawanatanga. I have been to Palestine, I have walked the holy land and a kuia who was 106yrs old produced for me her Treaty from 1920. She still hasn't returned home.
- For all of the thousands treaties written by the British empire, it is the one that is being upheld by all the British empire. We owe it to our Tipuna.
- The crux of Kotahitanga was to do a census to know how many Māori were there and how much tax to be paid
- Be a Kahu. Strong and disperseful.
- Remove the narcissism from our iwi
- Where are the PSG's chair people who hold the key to our putea for the iwi
 - Motion 1 – "For all hui, report back to the people on all of the motions, about how these actions are going to be completed"
 - Motion 2 – "Do not call another hui of this nature without the chairs of our PSGE's sitting next to you Bayden, without leaders here side by side. Show us, demonstrate us what Te Kotahitanga looks like". (There was a motion to pull the PSGEs together, has that happened? Acknowledged Pohatu and thanked him. Where are the rest? Where should we place our trust? IT is no use talking about eachother in your own boardrooms without coming and fronting at a Hui-ā-iwi. The iwi is not Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. The iwi is all of us sitting here today. Report back to the people. If Mereana is correct and we have come to a point of democratization of our culture, we have elected you and we now hold you to account. You are not an ariki, you are not a rangatira, you are an elected person representing our interests and expression of rangatiratanga within kawanatanga. Remove the narcissism from our iwi. Your self importance is not above the interests of the people. Where are our PSGE's? Where are the people holding the key to our safe that is full of our putea? We need to see those people here at the Hui-ā-iwi hand in hand demonstrating that Kotahitanga that we're all talking about. Show us show us what it looks like.
 - Motion 3 – "For all your mokopuna who aren't here. Go home and make love and make Kahungunu babies". Demilitarise ourselves people. We're not fighting a war. I've been to war, I know what war looks like and I know what war smells like, and this isn't

it. Demilitarise your thinking, become more astute and make Kahungunu babies. And if those babies aren't made within love, give that baby to our Takatapuhi whanau who will show them what love it.

- Directed to Bayden, At the beginning of the hui you said that some actions had ticks and some had crosses and sat with other organisations. Please take those crosses and turn them into ticks with our leaders of our PSGE's and Taiwhenua. Acknowledged Toro Waaka for being here for being one of our tama toa warriors as well. I look forward to when you start talking about love, just like Aunty Ngatai, because I think you would be a great person to bring our people together as well.

A Motion was made:

- **Motion 1 – “That the iwi report back to the people on all of the motions – expressing how these actions have or are going to be completed”**
 - **Motion 2 – “That the iwi leaders including the PSGE's and Taiwhenua sit together to demonstrate kotahitanga”**
 - **Motion 3 – “To go home and make Kahungunu babies”.**
- **Moved by Charles Ropitini, Seconded by Te Otane Huata, All in Favour, Carried.**

Closing Remarks - Bayden

This is a journey. Kotahitanga is what we want to aspire to. Kahungunu, yes we've talked about love, whawhai, those situations that brought us together.

We need to do more. We need to look at today's context. We will be hosting the motu on 31st May. The tono is going out to all marae, PSGE's, Taiwhenua to tautoko on the 31st May. It should be the iwi supporting.

Kotahitanga is our power play. And we need to get there. It's going to take all of us, getting on that waka together. It can happen.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS:		
Summary Objective	Summary Update	Summary Report
Pull together a working group to collate the whare kōrero that will come out of today's hui to present to the Hui a Taumata.		
Create the following strategies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Cultural Strategy 2. A Legal Strategy 3. A Political Strategy 4. An Education Research Strategy – to capture and grow future leaders 5. A Rangatahi Leadership Strategy 6. A Health Strategy 7. A Financial Strategy 		

<p>Reinforce, to understand and articulate the values as noted in the Kahungunu Declaration (Tihei Kahungunu). That a copy be made available for all to read and understand. Whānau urged to read it either online or get a hard copy from the iwi office.</p>		
<p>Reinforce and support the aspirations of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu to be the Kahungunu Takitimu Waka Wānanga</p>		
<p>Plan to combat the ngangara Methamphetamine by working with appropriate partners to strategise a positive way forward</p>		
<p>Be the first iwi to urge support for a cease fire in Palestine</p>		
<p>Harness our talents to advance the korero today and be willing to put our constitutions on the tepu if need be (to review)</p>		
<p>Report back to the people on all of the motions from the last Hui-ā-iwi held in Waimarama and also on this hui.</p>		
<p>That all iwi leaders including the PSGE's and Taiwhenua sit together to demonstrate kotahitanga.</p>		