# Waitangi Rua Rautau Lecture Series 2016

# Te Arawa welcomes Mayor and Council

## November 2013

*"Today is more overwhelming to me than being sworn in as the Mayor of Rotorua.*
*That ceremony happened in a world I am used to – this ceremony today takes place in a parallel universe where the influences of those who have gone before are still very much with us."*
*- **Mayor Steve Chadwick***

*"Te Arawa wanted to acknowledge Steve as Rotorua's first female mayor, and recognise her previous community support when she was a member of parliament. We also wanted to acknowledge the new council."*
***- Mauriora Kingi***

*Image: Rotorua Daily Post*

# Decision to transfer ownership of Lake Okaro lake bed to Te Arawa

**December 2014**

*"This has been unfinished business for Te Arawa and the decision will also strengthen Council's existing partnership with Te Arawa Lakes Trust in respect of lakes management."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

# Te Arawa proposal passes vote 8-5 - Iwi partnership applauded

May 2015

# Ngāti Rangiwewehi signs new protocol with council

June 2015

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*"We now have a new way of working together, not only through the Te Arawa Partnership model, and it's incumbent on us all to make this work – so that it's not symbolism and so that we engage properly together for more enduring solutions for us all."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

# Ngāti Rangiwewehi signs new protocol with council

**June 2015**

*"We can't change history, it's happened, but what we can do is understand what it means to us – it gives us the ability to be resilient, in spite of it.*

*We've reached this stage and can now spring forward, together."*

***- Te Maru o Ngāti Rangiwewehi Iwi Authority chairman Anaru Bidois***

# Historic decision to return Taniwha Springs to Ngāti Rangiwewehi

August 2015

*"It signals a new way of working together.*
*I congratulate the leadership of Ngati Rangiwewehi, and I acknowledge their patience and forbearance over a long period leading up to today's decision."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

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**November 2015**

In 1966, land at Taniwha Springs, was taken from Ngāti Rangiwewehi for waterworks purposes under the Public Works Act 1928 and vested in the Rotorua County Council.

There was no negotiation.

Ngāti Rangiwewehi has mourned the loss of Taniwha Springs since its taking and considers that although the taking was in accordance with the law at the time, it was morally wrong, and caused the iwi great and lasting hurt.

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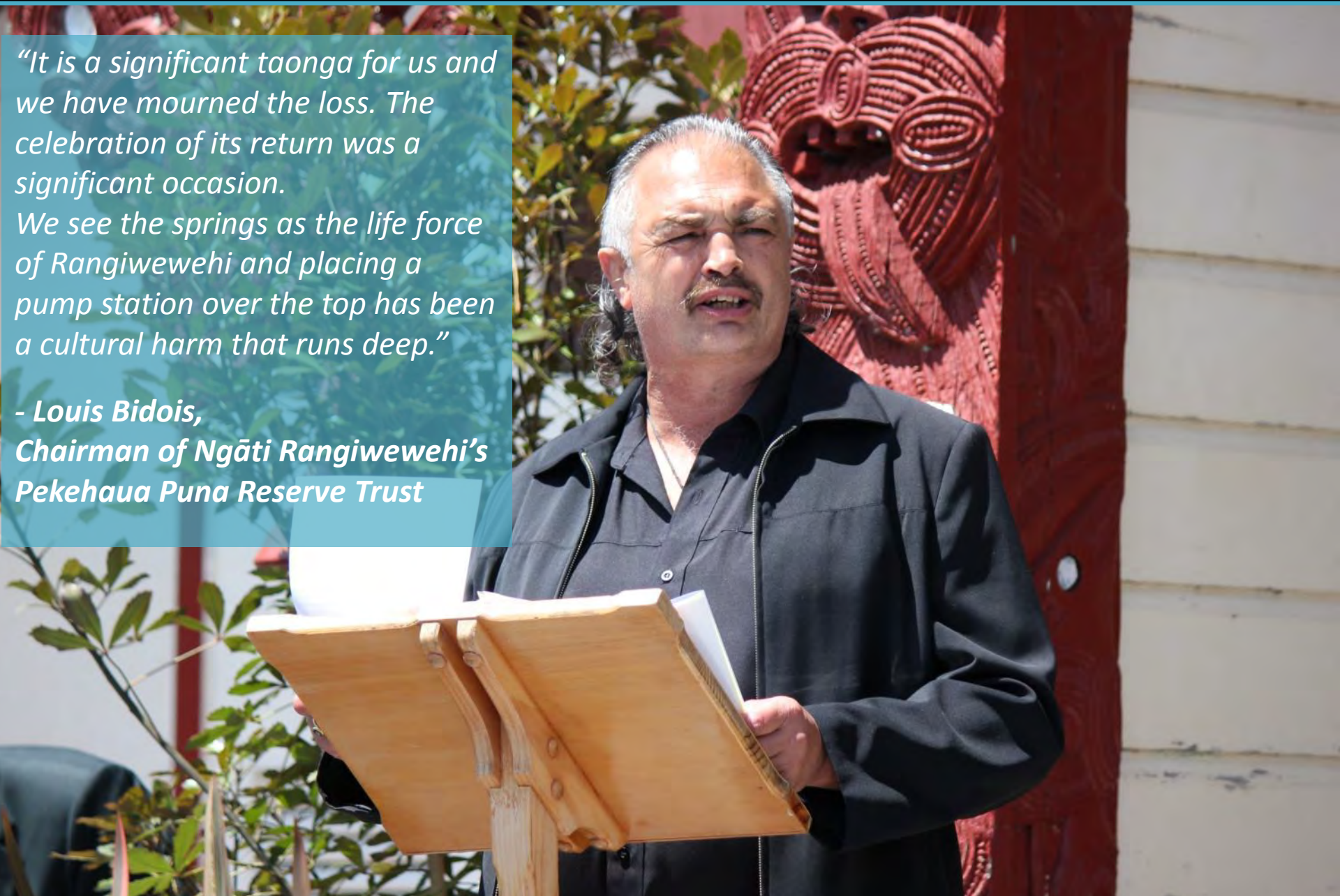

*"It is a significant taonga for us and we have mourned the loss. The celebration of its return was a significant occasion.*
*We see the springs as the life force of Rangiwewehi and placing a pump station over the top has been a cultural harm that runs deep."*

***- Louis Bidois,***
***Chairman of Ngāti Rangiwewehi's Pekehaua Puna Reserve Trust***

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*"We can't change what happened in the past but we are doing what we can to make it right and now have a new way forward – tatau tatau (together), working side by side."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

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*"We know there are more effective ways for local government and iwi to work together than has been experienced in the past. This council has undertaken to work better with iwi and I have faith in the collaborative new relationship we've established with Ngāti Rangiwewehi."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

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# Council approves partnership document

## December 2015

*"We have agreed to move ahead in a very significant way."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

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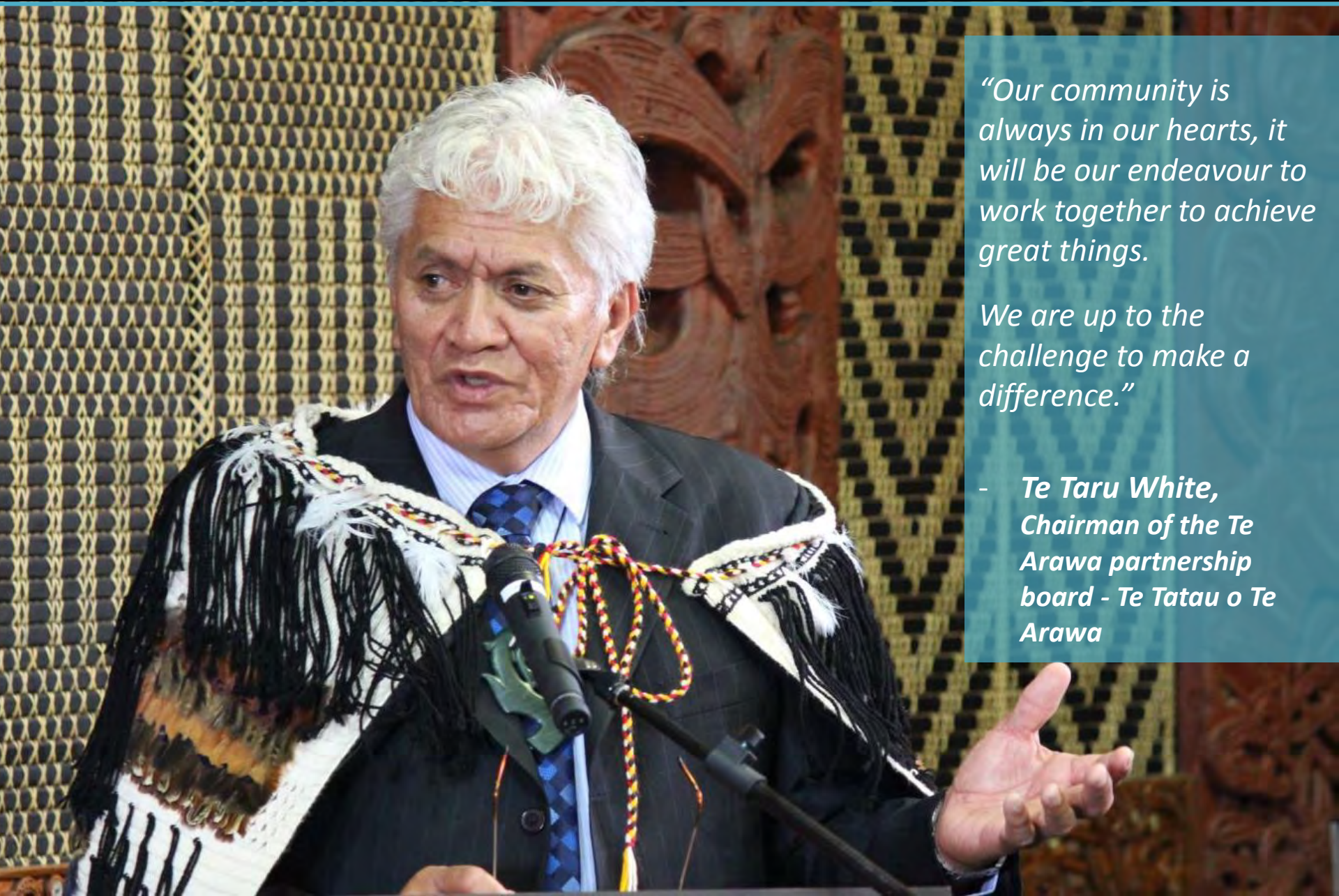

*"Our community is always in our hearts, it will be our endeavour to work together to achieve great things.*

*We are up to the challenge to make a difference."*

- ***Te Taru White,*** ***Chairman of the Te Arawa partnership board - Te Tatau o Te Arawa***

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*"With this new understanding and trust in each other, just imagine where we can go from here."*

***- Mayor Steve Chadwick***

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