



**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

Kaupapataka Agenda

NOTICE OF A MEETING

Pukaki ki Rotorua Charitable Trust meeting

Date: Friday 25 August 2023

Time: 1pm

Venue: Committee Room 2

MEMBERSHIP

Chair	Mr Tamati Coffey
Members	Mayor Tania Tapsell Mr Paora Tapihana Mr David Reeves

Quorum	3
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PUKAKI TRUST

Type of Committee	Charitable Trust
Background	<p>Ngāti Whakaue originally intended to gift its ancestor Pukaki to the Crown in 1877 to symbolise agreement between the people of Ngāti Whakaue and the Crown to the establishment of Rotorua township.</p> <p>Pukaki was held by the Auckland Museum from 1877 until 2 October 1997</p> <p>The people of Ngāti Whakaue wished to confirm and complete its gift of Pukaki to the Crown, with the intention that that gift is to recognise and symbolise the partnership of Ngāti Whakaue and the Crown achieved through the settlement agreement signed by those parties on 23 Sept 1993.</p> <p>By Memorandum of Understanding dated 2 October 1997 it was agreed that a trust called the Pukaki Trust, would be established by the parties to the MOU by 2 November 1997.</p>
Membership	<p>The trustees of the Pukaki Trust would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One crown representative (as appointed by the Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations), as Chairperson; • One Ngāti Whakaue representative; • One Auckland Museum Trust Board representative; and • One Rotorua District Council representative. <p>The Trust will act as guardians of Pukaki in accordance with the trust deed</p>
Reference	20-07-019
Quorum	3
Meeting frequency	Annually
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust is established to provide within New Zealand for the care, conservation and custody of Pukaki on behalf of the Crown.

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1 Opening karakia - Karakia whakapuaki

2 Apologies - Ngā whakapāha

The Chair invites notice from members, apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting,

3 Confirmation of Minutes – Te whakaū i ngā meneti

3.1 Pukaki Ki Rotorua Trust meeting minutes (draft) 13 October 2021

20-07-019
RDC-1211058

Minutes (draft)

Pukaki ki Rotorua Trust meeting
held 13 October 2021, 2pm
Committee Room, Rotorua Lakes Council

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MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr Coffey
MEMBERS PRESENT BY AUDIO VISUAL:	Mayor Chadwick, Mr Reeves, Mr Tapihana
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cr Donaldson; A Coffey, Executive Assistant to Mr Coffey
IN ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL:	D Peita Tumuaki, Director Maori and Pacific Development, Auckland Museum
APOLOGIES:	G Rangī, Deputy Chief Executive, Te Arawa Partnership; M Pene, Collections Curator, Taonga Māori
STAFF PRESENT BY AUDIO-VISUAL	S Brown, Manager Arts & Culture; L Marvelly, Museum Director; C Jehly, Operations Manager, Museum
STAFF PRESENT:	G Smith, Financial Accountant; I Brell Governance Support Advisor

The meeting opened at 2.03pm and the Chair welcomed members, those in attendance and staff.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI OPENING KARAKIA

The Chair opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA APOLOGIES

That the apologies from Manaaki Pene and Gina Rangī be accepted.

Moved: Mr Coffey
Seconded: Mr Reeves
CARRIED

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3 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF PUKAKI KI ROTORUA CHARITABLE TRUST MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2021

Resolved

“That the minutes of the Pukaki ki Rotorua Charitable Trust meeting 15 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Chadwick

Seconded: Mr Tapihana

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr Coffey said from the previous meeting he had been asked to approach the Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage about establishing a standard budget which would represent the Crown’s contribution to the care of Pukaki. Mr Coffey advised he has spoken with the Minister and her office about issues such as the impact of audit fees and the Minister is receptive to meeting with the Trustees.

Mr Coffey said a further discussion about what the Trustees could present to the Minister Sepuloni could be held in General Business section of this meeting.

4 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

4.1 RECOMMENDATION

CONDITION REPORT ON PUKAKI

Cat Jehly, Operations Manager advised there had been no changes since the previous condition report.

Resolved:

That the report “Condition Report on Pukaki” be received.

Moved: Mr Tapihana

Seconded: Mayor Chadwick

CARRIED

4 STAFF UPDATES

5.1 Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa project update

Stewart Brown, Manager Arts & Culture provided an update.

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- Work in the south wing has started. Through the 2020 lockdown geothermal issues resulted in further ground testing under the museum. Investigations are underway. This has resulted in a project reset.
- Structural design is being worked through.
- Zones 2 and 3 have been worked through, with 4, 5 and 6 to complete.
- The ground condition issues will have options for the Project Steering Committee to consider. Options will be available November – December and construction on the solution will begin mid-2022.
- The project completion date is now expected to be towards the end of 2025.
- It is important to have the right solution for the building in terms of the type of ground condition.

Mr Brown explained the geothermal activity is not and occurred in lockdown 2021. A high degree of heat and steam was being emitted from the new south wing. A purpose built venting system is designed to deal with geothermal gases however not normally to that level of heat. It took a few months of testing to discover there was a compromised bore which was subsequently quenched. The ground has cooled returning to a level more consistent with previous years.

5.2 Financial update

George Smith, RLC Financial Accountant spoke to the unaudited Annual Report.

- The audit will probably be completed late November. Audit NZ are experiencing staffing shortages due to their foreign staff not been able to enter the country due to managed isolation quarantine (MIQ) restrictions.
- Audits are being prioritised on size and significance.
- The audited financials will be noted to explain the delay was due to Audit NZ staffing shortages.
- There has been a marginal audit fee increase by about \$100.00
- Cost of 2021 audit is \$4416.00
- RLC will be provide Minister Sepuloni with confirmation of the cost of the annual audit fees.

Mr Tapsell, referring to Notes to the Financial Statements 5. Heritage Asset (page 8) asked if the following amendment could be made:

Pukaki is a taonga (a prized ancestral treasure) that is located in the Rotorua Museum of Art and History. This taonga was originally gifted as a symbol of trust regarding the Crown's promise to develop the Rotorua Township for the Ngāti Whakaeu – the local iwi. Due to the ancestrally significant nature of this taonga, no current values are readily available.

Mr Smith said he would update the note.

Mr Smith advised there would not be a material change in the completed audited annual report to the unaudited document presented at this meeting. He advised the Trustees provisionally approve the final audited report subject to any audit changes.

After discussion the following motion was resolved:

Resolved

That the annual report, subject to audit changes, be provisionally approved subject to the Trustees final review - by email – post audit.

Moved: Mayor Chadwick

Seconded: Mr Tapihana

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CARRIED

6 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Tangata Whenua – request to extend image rights to digital book formats.

The Trustees reviewed and confirmed the approval of the request from Barbara Graham, Bridget Williams Books.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Trustees meeting with Minister Sepuloni

The Chair advised this would be an online meeting and the Minister's office had asked what the Trust's aspirational goals and plans were for Pukaki in addition to a financial contribution for the audit fees and how could the Crown help. The following comments and ideas were noted:

- As Te Whare Taonga will not be opened until 2025, is there an alternative way to tell his story e.g. by marking the original site of Pukaki in Pukeroa Pā – southern gateway.
- Upgrade original information panel to be digitally accessible by barcode and publically display. The panel is currently in storage.
- Is there an opportunity for the Crown to contribute to not only care and maintenance of Pukaki, but to raise his profile and story. Ngāti Whakaue would need agree.
- Museum staff are keen to support and facilitate contact with Pukaki.
- Pukaki was gifted to the nation from Ngāti Whakaue and therefore is publically accessible.
- The Trust to consider 3D scanning to capture Pukaki.
- There is a 4 year opportunity for the Trust to consider a range of programmes and activities, in for Pukaki, in conjunction with Ngāti Whakaue and the museum team, to present to the Minister.
- Rotorua Primary School is investigating creating an innovation centre on the playground at the corner of Arawa and Rangiuru Streets. Principal Fred Whata has a partnership with Apple which will enable access to technology. Mr Whata is looking for support and this could be a consideration for the Trust as Pukaki was once located near the area.
- The Trustees need to discuss the use of the image of Pukaki in terms of tapu.

The Chair advised Ngāti Whakaue would need to be part of these discussions and the Trust would be guided by their decisions. Mr Tapihana would assist in facilitating this process.

8 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Tapihana to close the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed 2.50pm

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4 Staff Reports – Pūrongo Kaimahi

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ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

Chair and Members

PUKAKI KI ROTORUA CHARITABLE TRUST

4.1 Condition report on Pukaki

Report prepared by: Isabel Brell, Governance Support Advisor**Report approved by:** Debbie Cossar, Governance and Democracy Manager

1. TE PUTAKE PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the condition of Pukaki.

2. HE TŪTOHUNGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That the “Condition Report on Pukaki” be received.

3. NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA ATTACHMENTS

Condition Report on Pukaki – Attachment 1

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Accession no. L2011.70

CONDITION REPORT

Object/Title Pukaki (carved figure, formally a waharoa)

Medium Totara



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Kora Pukaki continues to be cared for in the museum's environmentally controlled Offsite Facility on Tallyho street. Access to the collection continues to be a priority and over the last few months Kora has been visited by his many uri, the Rotorua community as well as residents outside of Rotorua. We recently hosted the Archives

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CONDITION REPORT



Condition

- From October 18th 2018 to June 5th 2019, Pukaki has been resting in his crate lying flat at the museums secure, climate controlled offsite facility
- Throughout this period Pukaki has been visited and checked regularly by museum staff whom are also Ngāti Whakaue uri.
- On June 6th Pukaki was carefully set upright and secured into position by the museum team with assistance from the Arts & Culture team
- Pukaki was brush vacuumed and condition reported on 16 September 2019 by Collection Curator Taonga Māori, Manaaki Pene
- His condition remains the same. He is stable overall and there is no new information to report.

Report by

Manaaki Pene

Position

Collection Curator, Taonga Māori

Signed

Date

17 September 2019

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5 Staff Verbal Reports – Ngā Pūrongo – Ā-Waha

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