

# NGATI MARU

## “Mana Tangata”

Methodology of compiling the Ngati Maru Tupuna List  
& Rationale for Tupuna inclusion



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Ngati Maru (ki Taranaki) tupuna List is the result of a collection of Ngati Maru persons (tupuna) who were contemporary to the **historical era of 1880 – 1920**; Essentially the tupuna list was a snapshot of the composition of Ngati Maru, during that period. The Tupuna list would form the basis of who could be defined as Ngati Maru today; by virtue of descent from at least one of those tupuna.

This memo sets out the methodology employed for compiling the Tupuna List; and outlines the rationale for inclusion of those tupuna.

The list is essentially built from Primary Source Documents within our time period, in relation to Ngati Maru people as Land Owners, Ngati Maru people as Voters and Ngati Maru petitioners and their supporters, in seeking redress with the Crown. This extended further to Ngati Maru tupuna who made unsuccessful applications to the Land Court during the time period; the focus was on those who clearly identified themselves as Ngati Maru, rather than the outcome of title investigations. This cannot be understated. The underlying principle of the tupuna list is **“Mana Tangata” – positive identification as Ngati Maru.**

## 2. RATIONALE

Subject to the limitations set out below, tupuna included on the list are those, who as said above, identified themselves as Ngati Maru; either individually or by their inclusion in the collective representation of Ngati Maru in the documentation.

### (a) Primary Source Documents

We drew on the three Waitangi Tribunal Reports to create our source document list, of Ngati Maru Land blocks. Those reports were :

Bennion, Tom and Ford, Janine; *Te Wera Forest Research Report* – (WAI 908) 1996

Harris, Aroha, *Crown Acquisition of Confiscated and Maori Land in Taranaki 1872 – 1881* (WAI 143) 1993

Waetford, Aroha, *A report commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal for the Taranaki Claim (WAI 143) concerning Ngati Maru A – F Blocks*, 1995

Not all referenced documents were able to be located, despite extensive searches in the Maori Land Court / National Archives as applicable.

## (b) Time Period 1880 – 1920

We included tupuna from Documents from the above period. This is a spectrum in time that captures at least 2 generations of Ngati Maru; in some cases 3. Extending the dates would have the effect of bringing in more tupuna but will increase multiple generations within the list. An assumption is made here that the tupuna in earlier documents pre 1880 will either be on the list or their uri will be on the list. The same rationale can be applied to the later era, post 1920.

However, we have recently collected names from documents that cover the period 1870 – 1880 (Land sale documents); and although they have not been included initially; we are currently undertaking an exercise in cross matching. This is to test our assumption that uri of pre 1880 tupuna have been captured, or to identify tupuna who have been excluded because of our process, and their subsequent descendants are without a tupuna on the list to trace descent from.

## (c) Rohe

Land documents used were limited to the geographical area within the Ngati Maru rohe (as identified by Pono Whakaruru in the Waitangi Tribunal Claim submitted by Karl Burrows and Holden Hohaia).

Any names from the Western Maori Electoral Rolls were limited to those that resided in places that Ngati Maru were known to live, at that time (eg. Purangi, Tarata, Okawa). Of course this was subject to those having already clearly identified themselves as Ngati Maru either in the “tribe” column or the “hapu” column; as set out in the Western Maori Electoral Rolls of 1908 and 1919 respectively.

Name	Sex	Tribe	Hapu	Address
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## (d) Identity

Where land blocks fell within the Rohe of Ngati Maru, but have persons from an iwi or hapu other than Ngati Maru, these blocks have been **excluded**. Some noticeable examples are, Huiakama, Mangaotuku, Mangaere and Taumatamahoe.

The first three were Ngati Ruanui awards, and though the land lists comprised of persons who had dual whakapapa to both Ngati Maru and Ngati Ruanui, it was still clearly evident that these blocks were awarded under a Ngati Ruanui *take*.

The same can be said of Taumatamahoe; despite having persons of dual whakapapa to both Ngati Maru and Ngati Ruru, the blocks had been awarded under a Ngati Ruru *take*.

These details are included in the accompanying table, along with details of other lands.

In cases where there has been no actual identification of Ngati Maru; but the documentation related to land in the Ngati Maru rohe and there are no known cross claims, or evidence of other iwi, these have been included. This includes all the West Coast Commission Reserves listed in the schedule.

### **3. APPLICATION FOR ADDITION OF TUPUNA/ ADDITION OF SIBLINGS**

We accept that there may be Ngati Maru Tupuna alive during this period that may not be on the list. To allow for this, uri of tupuna can make application to the runanga for their tupuna to be added with supporting evidence that shows that they are Ngati Maru. As of today's date, four (4) tupuna have been accepted by the runanga via this process.

Where we have evidence of tupuna that are siblings to those that are on the list by virtue of meeting the established criteria, these have been added to the list. As of today's date, three (3) tupuna have been added to the tupuna list as siblings.

### **4. DUPLICATES OF NAMES & ALIASES**

Some persons may be known by more than one name. Where this has been identified by the research or by consultation with Ngati Maru or we have good reason to believe the persons by different names are in fact the same person, we have not specified all names, but taken one version, usually the most expansive and included a column to record all variations, aliases and misspellings.

### **5. ONGOING RESEARCH**

To enhance the integrity of the list further, research should continue, and funding be sought for the following :

- Accurate overlaying of rohe boundaries over land blocks to ensure all blocks are considered and checking whether Ngati Maru are involved in any land blocks in other areas outside the rohe.

- Research into succession of tupuna to determine the descendants of tupuna to enable easier connection with present day generation.
- To increase the time parameters of tupuna harvest as far back to 1840 that we can, and continue exercises in cross matching.

**Schedule – List of documents considered and reasoning for their inclusion or exclusion from the Tupuna list**

	INCLUDED DOCUMENTS	Year	No. of Ngati Maru tupuna	Included/ Ex	Reason for Inclusion/ Exclusion				Notes
					Ngati Maru ID?	Within rohe?	Docs located?	Within time?	
	Legislation								
1	Purangi Landless Natives Act 1907	1907		Included	Y	Y	Y	Y	
2	Ngati Maru Landless Natives Act 1907	1907		Included	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Electoral Roles								
3	Western Maori Electoral Role 1908	1908		Included	Y	N/A	Y	Y	
4	Western Maori Electoral Role 1919	1919		Included	Y	N/A	Y	Y	
	Petitions								
6	Petition of Tumai Tamarua 1887	1887	7	Included	Y	N/A	Y	Y	
5	Petition of Kapua Keepa 1925	1925	7	Included	Y	N/A	Y	Y	
	Maori Land Court Hearings								
15	Whitianga Block hearing 1895 22 Whanganui MB 64 - 65	1895	47	Included	Y	Y	Y	Y	
16	Pahautuhia 1882 Mokau-Waitara MB 54-58	1882		Included	Y	Y	Y	Y	
17	Pohokura	1882	26	Included	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	West Coast Commission Reserves								
20	Manutangihia & Te Nau 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 86-87	1896	22	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	In rohe (Upper Waitara) and no evidence of other iwi involvement or cross claims
21	Autawa 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 87	1896	14	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
22	Kopua Section 55 & 56 (Burial reserve) 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 90	1896	1	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
23	Pohohitoa (Burial Reserve) 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 90	1896	5	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	

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24	Puketui Sec 17 Bk II 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 90	1896	5	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
	West Coast Commission reserves cont...				Ngati Maru ID?	Within rohe?	Docs located?	Within time?	
25	Makahau 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 88	1896	2	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	In rohe (Upper Waitara) and no evidence of other iwi involvement or cross claims
26	Makino 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 88	1896	1	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
27	Namunamu 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 88	1896	4	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
28	Paritutu 1896 - 7 Taranaki MB 88	1896	8	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
29	Ngakorako & Mangahau Reserve 1891 - 6 Taranaki MB 5-7	1891	8	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
30	Mangaoapa 1896 - Ownership list for Mangaoapa 20 March 1896	1896	12	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
31	Kerikeringa & Kawau 1884 - Original Owners for Te Kawau (Huiroa SD Bk III) Block Order file for Kawau Block, dated 28th October 1884 AND First Schedule of Original Owners for Kerikeringa dates 12 November 1884	1884	34	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
32	Onepoto 1916 - Original grant for Onepoto 1884 plus succession to Tuihu Matenga 1899	1916	4	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
33	Pukehou 1916 - List of Owners of the Pukehou Block 1916	1916	14	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
34	Pukerata 1907 - List of Owners and Rents Received AJHR 107, Session 1	1907	33	Included	N/A	Y	Y	Y	
	Other								
S	Sibling to tipuna on list due to meeting criteria above in 1-35			Included	N/A				
A	Tupuna added pursuant to approval by Runanga			Included	N/A				

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Petitions								
Henare Te Rangipiahouho and 12 others 1872	1872	13	Excluded	Y	N/A	Y	N	Outside timeframe but names noted for possible future inclusion
Waingarunui and 16 others - Petition number 314/1898	1898	17	Excluded	-	N/A	N	Y	Assistance requested from Crown historian to help locate these documents.
Tutanuku Tume and 72 others - Petition number 115 (1899)	1899	73	Excluded	-	N/A	N	Y	
Te Weri Haeretuterangi and 7 others - Petition number 29/(Session I 1909)	1909	8	Excluded	-	N/A	N	Y	
Te Kapua Rangataua and Another - Landless Members of Ngatimaru Tribe - Petition 21/1935	1935	2	Excluded	Y	N/A	-	N	Outside timeframe but names noted for possible future inclusion
Titi Te Ikahaehae Kupenga and 22 others re Pukemahoe Block - Petition 61/1937	1937	23	Excluded	Y	N/A	Y	N	
Te Hekenui Whakarake and others concerning Ngatimaru Landless Natives Lands (R17696887) - Petition number 174 of 1937	1937	-	Excluded	Y	N/A	-	N	
Hekenui Whakarake of CastleCliffe Wanganui Record number N.D. 5/5/24 Petition number: 54/1943	1943	-	Excluded	-	N/A	-	N	
Land sales not through Maori land court								
Kopua	1872	23	Excluded	Y	Y	-	N	Outside timeframe, but names noted for possible future inclusion
Waitara- Taramouku	1874	23	Excluded	N	Y (partly)	-	N	
Pukemahoe	1874	7	Excluded	Y	Y	-	N	
Ruapekapeka	1874	1	Excluded	Y	Y	-	N	



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Land sales not through Maori land court cont...					Ngati Maru ID?	Within rohe?	Docs located?	Within time?	
	Huiroa	1874	-	Excluded	N	Y		N	Ngati Ruanui listed as sellers
Maori Land Court Hearings									
	Huiakama	1881	-	Excluded	N	Y	Y	Y	In rohe, however evidence indicates the participants were mostly Ruanui (9 out of 14). The five Maru participants have been included through other blocks
	Mangaotuku	1875	-	Excluded	N	Y	Y	N	
	Mangaere	1881	8	Excluded	N	Y	Y	Y	Awarded to Ngati Tuhikitia and no reference that this is a hapu of Ngati Maru
	Taumatamahoe		-	Excluded	N	Y (partly)		Y	Claimed by and awarded to Whanganui tribes
West Coast Leases									
35	Kirikiri	1884	5	Excluded	Y	Y	N	Y	
	Rimutauteka		-	Excluded	N	Y		Y	Awarded to Ngati Awa