

Nau mai e te ao,
Kawea mai ngā hua o tēnei rā.
Hei whakamātau atu, hei whakamātau mai.
Nau mai, tau mai,
Whakapūmautia te hauoranga o ēnei hautū tangata.
Ngā tōpito o runga, o raro, o roto, o waho, o tēnei piringa.
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairihia ake ki runga
Tūturu whakamaua kia tina, tina!
Hui e, Taiki e!

Aku rangatira, huri noa i te motu, tēnā rā koutou. Tēnā koutou i roto i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā, i runga anō i ngā āwangawanga kua kawea mai e te ngārara nei, te Huaketo Korauna nei arā ko te COVID-19. Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e pūtohe ana kia whakariterite ai ō koutou ake rohe, ō koutou ake iwi, mō te taenga mai o te mate rere nei. Ko te tūmanako, mā te wāhi ngaro tatou e arahi, e whakaruruhau hoki. Mauriora!

These are challenging times; COVID-19 is slowly beginning to impact on us all and the prognosis is that its impact will only escalate. As a result of the rapidly changing landscape and the fact that the government has already activated the Level Two Alert, Ngāti Raukawa and the Coordination Group of the NICF have agreed that the NICF Hui that Raukawa was to host in Ōtaki from 6-8 May 2020 should be cancelled.

The overwhelming sentiment of the Coordination Group is that, at this time, our responsibilities and efforts are best placed ensuring that our own rohe and own people are in the best possible shape to respond to the challenges of COVID-19.

To be clear, the May Hui is not postponed, it is cancelled. The next hui is to be hosted by Ngāti Manuhiri from 5-7 August.

Raukawa is disappointed that we will not have the opportunity to host you once again in May, but we are sure that you will understand the decision is made in the best interests of Aotearoa and all of our peoples.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

Nāku noa, nā

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