

**Date:** Tuesday, 26 April 2020  
**Time:** 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Video Conference Call

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## **TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY**

### **HUI 54 – 26 May 2020**

### **Open Agenda**

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| <b>Chairperson</b>        | Paul Majurey           | Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Marutūāhu Rōpū)      |
| <b>Deputy Chairperson</b> | Cr Alf Filipaina       | Auckland Council (Governing Body)                       |
| <b>Members</b>            | Cr Dr Cathy Casey      | Auckland Council (Governing Body)                       |
|                           | Josephine Bartley      | Auckland Council (Governing Body)                       |
|                           | Toni Van Tonder        | Auckland Council (Devonport-Takapuna Local Board)       |
|                           | Chris Makoare          | Auckland Council (Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board)      |
|                           | Lemauga Lydia Sosene   | Auckland Council (Chair – Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board)  |
|                           | Hauāuru Rawiri         | Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Marutūāhu Rōpū)      |
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|                           | Dennis Kirkwood        | Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Waiohūa-Tāmaki Rōpū) |
|                           |                        | Crown Representative                                    |

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*(Quorum is 7 members,  
comprising the chair or deputy  
chair and 2 members appointed  
by the rōpū entities and 2  
members appointed by  
Auckland Council)*

## Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014

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- (2) In exercising its powers and carrying out its functions in relation to the maunga, the Maunga Authority must have regard to—
- (a) the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau; and
- (b) section 41(2).
- (3) In exercising its powers and carrying out its functions in relation to the administered lands, the Maunga Authority must have regard to the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the administered lands to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.

[Emphasis added]

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[Emphasis added]



**Key**

- Tūpuna Maunga
- Local board boundaries and geographic areas

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 April 2020  
**Time:** 3.24pm  
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## **TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY**

### **HUI 53 – 28 April 2020**

### **Open Minutes**

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Dennis Kirkwood opened the hui.

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## Open Minutes

### 1. Apologies

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: T Van Tonder

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **note** there were no apologies.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: T Van Tonder

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **note** there were no declarations of interest.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: T Van Tonder

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **confirm** the minutes of Hui 52 held on Thursday, 9 April 2020, as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**



#### 4. Tūpuna Maunga Authority: Quarter 2 Report

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: Cr J Bartley

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **note** the attached 2nd Quarter Report for the 2019/20 financial year.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

#### 5 Maungawhau Tihi Redevelopment

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: Cr A Filipaina

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **approve** proceeding with the proposed redevelopment of the Maungawhau tihi area as shown in Attachments A and B.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

#### 6 Replacement Appointment of member to Resource Management Rōpū

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: Member Z Maxwell-Butler

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **appoint** Bernadette Papa to replace Malcolm Paterson as a member of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Resource Management Rōpū.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

#### 7 COVID-19 update

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: Member B Papa

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **note** the steps that Management are taking in moving into Covid-19 alert levels 4 and 3.

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

8. **Registers**

Moved: Chairperson P Majurey

Seconded: Member D Kirkwood

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a) **note** the attached Registers, which have been updated since Hui 52 (9 April 2020).

**CARRIED ON VOICES**

3.43pm

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

Dennis Kirkwood closed the hui.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING  
OF THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY  
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**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....

## Open Agenda

**1. Apologies**

No apologies had been received at the close of the agenda.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:

- a. confirm** the minutes of Hui 53 held on Tuesday, 28 April 2020, as a true and accurate record.

## COVID-19 update

Author: Nicholas Turoa, Tūpuna Maunga Manager

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| <b>Purpose</b>         | To provide an update on Management's response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) as we move into Alert Level 2                           |
| <b>Recommendations</b> | That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:<br>a. <b>notes</b> the steps that Management are taking in moving into Covid-19 alert level 2 |

### Background

1. At Hui 52 (9 April 2020) and Hui 53 (28 April 2020), Management updated the Tūpuna Maunga Authority on the proactive steps they were taking to manage the Maunga as the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) continued to spread in New Zealand.
2. At 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May, New Zealand moved to Alert Level 2. At Level 2 the government provides for many day to day activities for people to return to normal. Including the reopening of most business and the ability to travel further. From a safety perspective the government are encouraging people to "play it safe" and have offered a range of instructions to ensure good physical distancing and hygiene practices remain in place.
3. In preparation to go into alert level 2, Management reviewed the work programme to allow a staged approach to reopening facilities on the Maunga.

### Management actions at level 2

4. On Thursday 14 May the following actions were taken by management considering Alert Level 2 requirements.

#### **Vehicle Access**

5. Vehicle access has resumed with usual winter opening times between 7am and 7pm. Maungauika / North Head resumes its normal vehicle access from 6am to 8pm and pedestrian access to 10pm.
6. Visitors with limited mobility are once again able to obtain a vehicle access code for the automated gates. Lease holders, contractors and certain stakeholders such as Watercare and Ports of Auckland were also able access to the tihi.

#### **Lessees on the Maunga**

7. All Lease holders were sent a letter advising them of managements actions under alert level 2. Management are keeping close contact with all lease holders to ensure they can operate safely.

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**Events**

8. No event permits will be issued under alert level 2. As there are still restrictions on the number of people that can gather at any one time, management will not be processing or issuing permits during Alert Level 2. Management will continue to review the situation and resume processing permits once it becomes safe to do so.

**Playgrounds**

9. Management undertook a staged reopening of playgrounds. The Tūpuna Maunga Full Facilities Contractor began work to open playgrounds from 14 May. The work included ensuring that all facilities were thoroughly cleaned before reopening.

**Toilets**

10. As with playgrounds, our full facilities contractor ensured all facilities were thoroughly cleaned before reopening. Management note that Auckland Council has not reopened all toilet facilities because of the water restrictions that are currently in place. Management will continue to monitor the situation and may not open all of the maunga toilet facilities.

**Whau Cafe and Te Ipu Kōrero o Maungawhau**

11. The Whau Café reopened on Friday 15 May. Te Manu Taupua Ltd have put in a number of initiatives to comply with Alert Level 2 requirements. This includes the spacing of tables, a contact tracing register and hygiene practices. Te Ipu Kōrero o Maungawhau will remain closed under alert level 2. Management will continue to monitor and review the situation and reopen the visitor centre if it becomes safe to do so.

**Māngere War Memorial Hall**

12. The War Memorial Hall will remain closed under alert level 2. Management will continue to monitor the situation and will reopen bookings to the hall once it is safe to do so.

**Tour Operators**

13. Tour Operators have been advised that tours can resume but must be compliant with Alert Level 2 restrictions. Management note that there are very few commercial operators on the maunga at the moment due to the border restrictions that continue under alert level 2.

**Sports Fields**

14. The Sports fields renovations programme continues as normal. It is noted that the Government is still working with community sports clubs on appropriate protocols to resume sports activities. Sports fields bookings have been postponed until further advice is received from the government.

## Tūpuna Maunga Authority: Quarter 3 Report

Author: Nicholas Turoa, Manager – Tūpuna Maunga

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| <b>Purpose</b>         | To provide the Tupuna Maunga Authority with the Quarterly Report for the third quarter of the 2019/20 financial year. |
| <b>Recommendations</b> | That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority:<br>a. <b>note</b> the attached 3rd Quarter Report for the 2019/20 financial year.   |

### Latest Quarterly Report

1. Attached is the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Quarterly Report for the third quarter of the 2019/20 financial year.

### Attachments

A: Tūpuna Maunga Authority Quarter 3 Report.





## QUARTER 3 REPORT

As at 31 March 2020

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## 1. Key highlights in this quarter:

- **Draft Operational Plan:**

The Draft Tūpuna Maunga Operational Plan 20/21 was adopted by the TMA and the Governing Body for consultation in February.

- **Love Your Maunga**

Love Your Maunga was held at Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain on Saturday 29 February.

- **Maungauika Tunnel Strengthening.** Work completed on Historic Tunnel Strengthening project, re-enforcement beams placed in tunnels in the Northern, Southern and summit gun emplacements.

- **Third party applications**

Resource consent applications were monitored and submissions were lodged on behalf of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in relation to a number of consent applications.

## 2. Tūpuna Maunga key activities and maunga-specific work programmes

This section of the Performance Report lists each of the Tūpuna Maunga and the key activities undertaken this quarter:

|                              |   |
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| Matukutūruru / Wiri          | Corrections programme continues with participants undertaking rubbish clean up and weed removal.<br>Removal of gorse and other weeds from the maunga continues<br>Pest and weed control focus for possums and ecological weeds.<br>Continued rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.<br>Restoration planting management and reporting undertaken. |
| Maungakiekie / One Tree Hill | Ongoing monitoring of tihi planting.<br>Continued rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.<br>Pest and weed control focus for rats, possums and ecological weeds continues.<br>Progressing track designs.  |
| Maungarei / Mt Wellington    | Pest and weed control focus for rats, possums and ecological weeds.<br>Continued rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.<br>Restoration planting management and reporting undertaken.   |
| Maungauika/North Head        | Pest and weed control focus for rats and ecological weeds continues.<br>Volunteers undertook the January rat pulse following the ANJA (August, November, January, April) model. Volunteers continued their rat trapping schedule during February<br>Cliff stabilisation works on the Coastal track continues.   |
| Maungawhau / Mt Eden         | Pest and weed control focus for rats and ecological weeds continues.<br>Continued rabbit control for rabbit eradication programme with night shooting in the Tahaki Reserve.<br>Completed the installation of the foundation for the boardwalk.   |
| Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson         | Continued rabbit control for rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.  |

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|--|---|
|  | Pest and weed control focus on rats, possums and ecological weeds.  |
| Ōhūiarangi/Pigeon Mountain                         | Pest and weed control focus for rats, possums and ecological weeds.<br>Restoration planting management and reporting undertaken.  |
| Ōtāhuhu / Mt Richmond                              | Continued rabbit control for rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.<br>Pest and weed control focus on rats, possums and ecological weeds<br>Vegetation restoration work progressed.  |
| Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-Ka-Rakataura /Mt Albert          | Pest and weed control focus was on possums and ecological weeds.<br>Restoration planting management and reporting undertaken.<br>Volunteers undertook the November rat pulse following the ANJA (August, November, January, April) model.   |
| Pukewīwī / Puketāpapa / Mt Roskill                 | Pest and weed control focus on rats, possums and ecological weeds<br>Vegetation restoration work progressed.<br>Community day held on Maunga for weeding and rubbish clean up.  |
| Takarunga / Mt Victoria                            | Pest and weed control focus on rats, possums and ecological weeds<br>Volunteers undertook the November rat pulse following the ANJA (August, November, January, April) model.<br>Takarunga community restoration day held in partnership with Pest Free Devonport   |
| Te Kōpuke / Titikopuke / Mt St John                | Pest and weed control focus on ecological weeds, rats and possum trapping.<br>Plans for track upgrade progressed.<br>Design progressed for track upgrade  |
| Te Pane-o-Mataaho/ Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain | Pest and weed control focus on ecological weeds and rats.<br>Restoration planting management and reporting undertaken.<br>Continued rabbit control for rabbit eradication programme with night shooting.<br>Track upgrade concepts progressed<br>Included consultation on Mangere mountain whanau atea (playspace) at Love Your Maunga day. |

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| Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta / Big King | <p>Pest and weed control focus on ecological weeds, rats and possums trapping</p> <p>Volunteers undertook the January rat pulse following the ANJA (August, November, January, April) model and will continue to do sessions controlling weeds on the boundaries and adjacent Housing NZ properties.</p> <p>Design progressed for track upgrade</p> |
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## 3.0 FINANCIALS

### 3.1 Operating revenue and costs

#### TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY

Operating Revenue and Expenditure for Quarter 3 as at 31 March 2020

|                             | Actual<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'000 | Actual<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>YTD<br>\$'000 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating Revenue           | -54                       | -57                       | -3                          | -165                    | -171                    | -7                        |
| Operating Expenditure       | 860                       | 1,134                     | 275                         | 2,769                   | 2,871                   | 102                       |
| Governance Costs            | 21                        | 35                        | 14                          | 77                      | 104                     | 26                        |
| <b>Net Operating Result</b> | <b>827</b>                | <b>1,112</b>              | <b>285</b>                  | <b>2,682</b>            | <b>2,803</b>            | <b>122</b>                |

#### TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY

Operating Revenue and Expenditure for Quarter 3 as at 31 March 2020

|  | Actual<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'001 | Variance<br>Qtr 3<br>\$'000 | Actual<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>YTD<br>\$'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fees and user charges revenue              | -6                        | -2                        | 4                           | -8                      | -6                      | 2                         |
| Property rental revenue                    | -48                       | -55                       | -7                          | -157                    | -166                    | -9                        |
| <b>Operating Revenue</b>                   | <b>-54</b>                | <b>-57</b>                | <b>-3</b>                   | <b>-165</b>             | <b>-171</b>             | <b>-7</b>                 |
| Repairs and maintenance & Outsourced works | 462                       | 571                       | 110                         | 1,616                   | 1,548                   | -67                       |
| Professional services                      | 157                       | 245                       | 88                          | 324                     | 407                     | 83                        |
| Other expenditure on activities            | 241                       | 318                       | 77                          | 829                     | 916                     | 87                        |
| <b>Operating Expenditure</b>               | <b>860</b>                | <b>1,134</b>              | <b>275</b>                  | <b>2,769</b>            | <b>2,871</b>            | <b>102</b>                |
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#### Financial Commentary:

**Operating Revenue** Tracking to meet revenue target.

**Operating Expenditure** for quarter ending 31 March 2020 shows some variance in Repairs and Maintenance, Outsourced Works and Professional Services. These variances relate to unanticipated response works and timing of budget phasing.



## 3.2 Capital projects

### TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY

Capital Projects Expenditure for Quarter 3 as at 31 March 2020

|                        | Actual<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Budget<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | Variance<br>YTD<br>\$'000 | FY Budget<br>(incl c/fwd)<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Capital Projects | 2,894                   | 5,338                   | 2,444                     | 8,606                               |

#### Financial Commentary:

**Capital Expenditure** underspend is due to project delays.

## Registers

Authors: Nick Turoa; Mike George, Tūpuna Maunga Authority

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| <b>Purpose</b>         | To provide the Tūpuna Maunga Authority with updated registers for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Health &amp; Safety (Attachment A)</li><li>b. Events (Attachment B)</li><li>c. Media coverage (Attachment C)</li></ul> |
| <b>Recommendations</b> | That the Tūpuna Maunga Authority <b>note</b> the attached Registers, which have been updated since Hui 53 (28 April 2020).   |

## Registers

1. Attachment A - Health & Safety Register.
2. Attachment B - Events Register.
3. Attachment C - Media Register.

Attachment A: Health and Safety Register

| Hui reported to | Maunga                                       | Summary of incident   | Number of any near misses | Outcome of investigations into any incidents and near misses  | Health and Safety management matters arising                        | Actions Taken  |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| Hui 54          | Maungawhau/ Mt Eden                          | Large party held on the tihi of the maunga on the night of Friday 15 May 2020. Excessive smashed glassed discovered in the morning over the tihi summit carpark   |                           |   |   | Incident reported to the police (incident number: OR-52891N)<br>Glass Cleaned up and extra patrols organised for Saturday Night.   |
| Hui 54          | Ōwairaka/ Te Ahi-Kā-a-Rakataura / Mt Albert  | 2 Wasp nest discovered by biosecurity contractors. One near Archery Club, one near the summit road  |                           |   |   | Wasps nest treated with insecticide..  |
| Hui 53          | Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura / Mt Albert | Reports received from members of the public that the protest group were undertaking surveillance of the campsite in breach of the COVID 19 level 4 lockdown rules. Further reports were received that there were people congregating in and around the campsite in breach of the lockdown rules. Reports received from public and confirmed by contractors that tents from the camp had been moved around and new protest signs erected at the camp in breach of the COVID 19 lockdown rules. |                           |   |   | Officers removed the tents, marquees and the several truckloads of other camping equipment in accordance with the Reserves Act.<br>They will be returned to the owners when the COVID 19 alert levels allow.   |
| Hui 53          | Maungarei                                    | A grass fire was caused by fireworks. Incident number: F2983259. At approximately 1830 FENZ received reports that there were people letting off fireworks on and around the maunga. An appliance was sent to site but no fire was spotted. At 1923 the fire was reported and further appliances dispatched. an area of 60m by 30m was damaged as a result of the fire.  |                           | FENZ have provided reports that the cause of the fire was fireworks – the initial call identified people with fireworks on the Maunga and the Incident Controller on the site at the time was of the opinion that fireworks were the cause.   |   | A Tūpuna Maunga Officer was dispatched to site to provide information and support to FENZ.<br>Tūpuna Maunga Authority issued a media release which called for the ban for the sales of Fireworks.  |
| Hui 52          | Maungakiekie                                 | Staff member witnessed a car break-in while running on the Maunga. Car drove off at a high speed from western crater car park   |                           |   |   | Emergency services notified, and they have requested some footage from security cameras that they believe will apprehend the offender.   |
| Hui 52          | Maungakiekie                                 | Contractor found a body in the toilets at Maungakiekie while about to use the toilet.   |                           |   |   | Emergency services notified.<br>Area cordoned off, TMA was notified who then contacted mana whenua.<br>Karakia conducted later that day but toilets remained closed for a deep clean before being reopened.<br>Monitoring of contractors well-being over the last week, TMA sent gift to contractor as thank you, awaiting details of deceased to pass on condolences. |
| Hui 51          | Maungawhau                                   | 16 January<br>A bicyclist advised us that they almost hit the barrier chain while biking down the Clive Road Exit at Maungawhau.  | 1                         | We are currently in the process of installing a new automated exit gate on the Clive Road exit. Some of the planter boxes that held the chain had to be moved and as a consequence the chain hung lower than it used to. The reflective chain cover has been significantly worn so was not visible. |   | We have tightened the chain so it hangs higher and replaced the reflective tape.<br>The installation of the gate will be complete late February  |
| Hui 51          | Ōtāhuhu                                      | Fire above the Bert Henham carpark 11th of January  |                           |   | PO40136392 investigation event number, awaiting update from Police. | Archaeologist engaged to review damage<br>Arborist to inspect trees.<br>We have been working with the contractor   |

| Hui reported to | Maunga                          | Summary of incident   | Number of any near misses  | Outcome of investigations into any incidents and near misses                              | Health and Safety management matters arising  | Actions Taken   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
|                 |                                 |   |  |   |   | to ensure that firebreak schedule is strictly adhered to and are currently auditing all maunga to ensure we are meeting the FENZ recommendations  |
| Hui 51          | Te Pane o Mataoho/ Te Ara Pueru | Fire within the secondary crater to the tihi 11th of December   |  | Firebreaks had been mown around the Maunga, no impact on the fire as it was in the crater | PO40535640 investigation event number, awaiting update from Police.                                       | Extra firebreak mown in between craters as a precaution<br>Arborist engaged to inspect fire damaged trees, advised to monitor for signs of major die-off otherwise considered burning was superficial<br>Letters have been sent to all residents surrounding each of the maunga advising of the fire risks and precautions required |
| Hui 51          | Ōwairaka                        | 11 November<br>A protest group have been on the maunga barricading the gate with their vehicles. This has caused multiple disruptions to operations and raised a number of health and safety issues<br>Including;<br>Not allowing contractors access to assist with emptying toilet holding tank<br>Locking the gates with their own locks<br>Intimidating members of the public unless they sign their petition<br>Blocking the gate at night while police, Fire Emergency New Zealand and Watercare staff may require access.<br>Bringing wooden pallets on to the maunga that were lit on fire in the middle of the night. | 1 – the fire was reported to FENZ by security officers who also tried to assist with putting the fire out. |   | We have reported our concerns to the police about the illegal behaviour associated with the protest group | All staff and contractors have been advised to work on the maunga in pairs. A public hui was held on the maunga on 28 November to explain the project and listen to concerns.<br>We have worked closely with the police on matters to try and find a resolution   |
| Hui 51          | Maungarei                       | Fire on the tihi of the Maunga Guy Fawkes night   |  |   |   | Extra static security guard put on for the weekend following Guy Fawkes and over Christmas and New Year period.<br>Letters have been sent to all residents surrounding each of the maunga advising of the fire risks and precautions required   |
| Hui 51          | Maungawhau                      | Fire within the crater of the Maunga Guy Fawkes night   |  |   |   | Extra static security guard put on for the weekend following Guy Fawkes and over Christmas and New Year period.<br>Letters have been sent to all residents surrounding each of the maunga advising of the fire risks and precautions required   |
| Hui 50          | Pukewīwī                        | Contractor slipped on tree branch while clearing tree debris off the tihi access road. He fell and fractured a rib  |  |   | He was concerned cars were swerving around the debris and wanted to clear it quickly and was in a rush.   | The contractor has been reminded that they should not rush, ensure they complete their work safely and ask for assistance if required.  |
| Hui 49          | Maungauika                      | Rockfall on coastal path, blocked path to southern coastal track  |  |   | Potential injury to public<br>Track blocked, forcing people to walk on the foreshore to get around        | The area has been cordoned off. Council Geotech engineers are investigating to see if there are any further fall risks and to look at options to remove rocks safely.   |

| Hui reported to | Maunga              | Summary of incident   | Number of any near misses | Outcome of investigations into any incidents and near misses         | Health and Safety management matters arising   | Actions Taken   |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| Hui 49          | Te Tātua a Riukiuta | An off leash dog raced out of a pit and the mower operator was not made aware of the dog until the last minute. Mower operator had to swerve to miss the dog. | 1                         | Upon review, contractor will use 'in progress' signs while operating | Potential injury to contractor<br>Damage to Maunga if machinery falls down the slope<br>Potential injury to public | Contractors use 'in progress' signs to encourage people to control dogs and to watch children while near machinery<br>Incident reported to Auckland Council<br>Animal Control |

**Attachment B: Events Register**

| Hui reported to | Maunga                      | Applicant                                   | Event Description          | Event date    | Status    | Revenue |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Hui 54          | No Events                   |   |                            |               |           |         |
| Hui 53          | Takarunga                   | The Combined Churches of Devonport          | Community                  | 10/04/2020    | Cancelled | -       |
| Hui 53          | Mangere Mountain            | The Mangere Catholic Parishes               | Community                  | 10/4/2020     | Cancelled | -       |
| Hui 53          | Puketāpapa/ Pukewiwi        | Filipino Catholic Community                 | Community                  | 10/4/2020     | Cancelled | -       |
| Hui 52          | Maungawhau / Tahaki reserve | Auckland Down Syndrome Association          | Community                  | 21/3/2020     | Cancelled | -       |
| Hui 52          | Maungauika                  | Atarau – Social Ritual                      | Community                  | 21-22/03/2020 |           | -       |
| Hui 52          | Maungauika                  | ABC Films                                   | Commercial                 | 20-21/02/2020 | Cancelled | \$600   |
| Hui 52          | Maungakiekie                | Geraldine Bravo – Latin Women's Association | Community                  | 07/03/2020    | Approved  | -       |
| Hui 52          | Maungakiekie                | Sophia Mahon – 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday     | Community                  | 07/03/2020    | Approved  | -       |
| Hui 52          | Maungawhau                  | Salvation Army                              | Private/Commercial Filming | 4/3/2020      | Approved  | \$450   |
| Hui 52          | Takarunga                   | Air New Zealand                             | Private/Commercial filming | 9/2/2020      | Approved  | \$450   |
| Hui 51          | Maungauika                  | Egida Wedding                               | Private/Commercial         | 25/1/2020     | Approved  | \$450   |



| Hui reported to | Maunga                      | Applicant                                      | Event Description      | Event date  | Status    | Revenue   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| Hui 51          | Maungauika                  | Forslund Wedding                               | Private/<br>Commercial | 3/1/2020  | Approved  | \$450     |
| Hui 51          | Maungauika                  | Hartley Wedding                                | Private/<br>Commercial | 18/12/2019  | Approved  | \$450     |
| Hui 51          | Maungauika                  | Sky TV (49erFX NACRA 17 World Championships)   | Commercial             | 1 <sup>st</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2019 | Approved  | \$7600    |
| Hui 51          | Maungawhau (Tahaki Reserve) | Islamic Ahlulbayt Foundation                   | Community              | 24/11/2019  | Approved  | \$380     |
| Hui 51          | Maungakiekie                | Orienteering Club                              | Community              | 25/10/2019  | Approved  | \$380     |
| Hui 50          | Maungakiekie                | Hikoia Te Kōrero                               | Community              | 14/09/2019  | Approved  | No charge |
| Hui 50          | Maungauika                  | North Shore Marathon                           | Commercial             | 08/09/2019  | Approved  | \$900     |
| Hui 50          | Maungawhau                  | Tourism New Zealand                            | Commercial             | 23/08/2019  | Cancelled | \$600     |
| Hui 50          | Tahaki Reserve              | Ficino Schools Cross Country                   | Community              | 16/8/2019   | Approved  | No charge |
| Hui 50          | Maungarei                   | Cycling New Zealand Schools Northern Tour 2019 | Community              | 7/9/2019  | Approved  | \$580     |
| Hui 49          | Maungarei                   | Stonefields School – Cross Country             | Community              | 28/06/2019  | Cancelled | No charge |
| Hui 49          | Maungawhau                  | PARS Art Exhibition (Kiosk)                    | Community              | 04/07/2019  | Approved  | No        |

| Hui reported to | Maunga                      | Applicant                               | Event Description | Event date | Status   | Revenue   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
|                 |                             |   |                   |            |          | charge    |
| Hui 49          | Maungawhau                  | Epsom Girls Grammar – Matariki Karakia  | Community         | 05/07/2019 | Approved | No charge |
| Hui 49          | Te Pane a Mataaoho/ Mangere | Te Kopu Incorporated hikoi              | Community         | 09/07/2019 | Approved | No charge |
| Hui 49          | Pukewīwī/ Puketāpapa        | Puketāpapa Manu Aute Kite Day           | Community         | 29/06/2019 | Approved | No Charge |
| Hui 49          | Maungawhau                  | Hope Channel NZ – Made New Morning Show | Community         | 25/06/2019 | Approved | \$400     |

**Tūpuna Maunga Authority Media Register**  
**April - May 2020**

Media releases for this period are attached to the back of the register

## **Ōwairaka protest vandalism**

**29 April – STUFF**

**‘Ōwairaka / Mt Albert tree removal: Another graffiti attack on toilets, car park’**

### **Ōwairaka/Mt Albert tree removal: Another graffiti attack on toilets, car park**

Kendall Hutt · 19:00, Apr 29 2020



Graffiti spray painted on the public toilet doors and car park on the summit of Ōwairaka/Mt Albert.

More graffiti has appeared on Ōwairaka/Mt Albert, just two weeks after words hitting out at the chair of Auckland's Tūpuna Maunga Authority appeared.

Days after a [protest camp was removed](#), the words "Majurey lies", referencing TMA chair Paul Majurey, were [spray painted on the maunga's toilet block](#).

The group of tents was set up by protest group [Honour the Maunga](#), who have been occupying the maunga since November in opposition to plans to cut down 345 non-native trees on the mountain.

Now, a large Star of David symbol with a dollar sign has appeared in the car park in front of the toilet block, the phrase "WAI", another dollar sign and "5G" appearing on the block itself.

At the time of the first attack, Honour the Maunga's Anna Radford denied it was responsible for the graffiti and said it was "abhorrent".

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA), which co-governs Ōwairaka/Mt Albert with Auckland Council, plans to replace the trees with about 13,000 native trees and plants.

Majurey said the repeated anti-Semitic and "supremacist use" of the Star of David and other symbols showed the protest group had lost control of its campaign and it had taken a dangerous turn - regardless of whether it was directly responsible for the graffiti.

He said "WAI" is a common prefix on records for Treaty of Waitangi settlements and the circle encased in a triangle is similar to the Eye of Providence, often used by conspiracy theorists to represent the all-seeing eye of God.

The use of "5G" could be linked to [an online hoax](#) linking 5G phone networks [coronavirus](#), many of which have seen [cell phone tower's vandalised](#).

Honour the Maunga once again denied responsibility for the "nonsensical" graffiti.

"It looks like a bizarre and ham-fisted way to make us look bad. Why would we be so stupid to paint something like that, right by our base?," Radford said.

"Does someone think we'd be silly enough to do that?"

She described the graffiti as "ridiculous" and said it had "all the feel of someone trying to set us up here".

"There is no more proof someone sympathetic to our cause or that somebody sympathetic to the authority did it to make us look bad."

Councillor Alf Filipaina, deputy chair of the authority, also condemned the latest attack.

"Hate speech has no place in our society, yet we have seen this increase as the protest group continues to provoke their following with misinformation and messaging that undermines the Treaty of Waitangi settlement that returned the Maunga to the iwi of Marutūāhu, Ngāti Whātua and Waiohū," he said.

"The '5G' reference in the graffiti is one example of the bizarre conspiracy theories that are being fuelled. They claim the authority is planning on placing 5G towers on the Maunga as a way to make money."

Radford had three words in response to Filipaina's claims: "For God's sake."

29 April – Spinoff

‘Accusations fly after new anti-Semitic vandalism appears at Ōwairaka’

## Accusations fly after new anti-Semitic vandalism appears at Ōwairaka

Leonie Hayden | Ōlea Editor



GRAFFITI ON THE PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK AT MT ALBERT/OWAIRAKA, DISCOVERED ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 29.

**For the second time since New Zealand went into lockdown, the public toilet block and carpark at Ōwairaka has been defaced with racist images.**

The dispute over the native restoration programme for the maunga of Ōwairaka took a nasty new turn last week when the words “Majurey lies” were spray painted in orange across the public toilet block at the base of the mountain, accompanied by two stars of David. Paul Majurey is the chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA), the Auckland mana whenua collective who have ownership and kaitiakitanga of Auckland’s 14 volcanic cones.

The TMA has been embroiled in an ongoing battle with protesters who oppose the native restoration programme for the maunga, which includes plans to cut down a number of exotic trees. Protesters believe that cutting down the trees will have a negative impact on native flora and fauna.

By yesterday morning the words “wai” and “5G?” were painted on stall doors in the same orange paint, and a large star of David with a dollar sign in its centre – an unmistakable anti-Semitic trope – was

painted in white across the carpark. According to a local spoken to by The Spinoff, a group of walkers discovered the vandalism around 5am. As far as he was concerned, it was “just some random idiot who’s picking up on several different messages and is totally confused”.

Whatever the motivations of the vandal, the action risks reigniting the conflict between the maunga authority and the protesters who occupied the land. Accusations have flown on social media, with fingers pointed in all directions.

Anna Radford, spokesperson for the protest group Honour the Maunga, emphatically rejects any link between the vandalism and the group. “We have absolutely no idea who this person is,” she told The Spinoff.

Radford yesterday had an op-ed [in the NZ Herald](#) rejecting other accusations that there was a racist thread to the protesters’ actions. “The Honour the Maunga tree protection group routinely experiences accusations of racism based on nothing more than our daring to challenge the authority’s plans to fell hundreds of trees during a climate emergency,” she wrote.

Speaking to The Spinoff yesterday, Radford said she disavowed a string of actions that claimed association with the group. Those include a “curse” placed by protestor Suala Wilson on supporters of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, outspoken local personality Lisa Prager’s bizarre claims to being [mana whenua](#), and the Don Brash-led group Hobson’s Pledge, which distributed literature calling the TMA’s authority under the Treaty of Waitangi into question.

“If a comment wasn’t made by me, then it’s not a reflection of the beliefs of Honour the Maunga. It’s not a race issue, we don’t think this has anything to do with the Treaty,” she said.

“The maunga is held in trust by the iwi for the common benefit of mana whenua and the other people of Auckland. The TMA has six Auckland council members on its board to represent ‘the other people’ and our issue is with them more than anyone, they’re meant to be representing the ratepayers of Auckland. We are ratepayers, many Māori are rate payers, and this is just part of the democratic process, holding them to account.”

She added: “When I saw Don Brash at one of our events here, I walked over and I asked him to leave.”

The dispute has boiled over in recent days on Facebook following TMA workers’ removal of an abandoned encampment of tents left by protestors when New Zealand went into Covid-19 lockdown.



Protestors claimed TMA had broken the rules of alert level four by moving the tents to a room attached to the toilet block, saying they had evaded detection by doing it under cover of night.

Photos of the people moving the tents, along with what appears to be a truck belonging to Recreation Services, the company contracted by the TMA to maintain the maunga across Auckland, were posted to the public Honour the Maunga Facebook page. Radford said the photos were taken by a member of the group who was out exercising early in the day.

Underneath the images, supporters of the group allege, without any evidence, that the Tūpuna Maunga Authority themselves might be responsible for last week's act of vandalism. One commenter theorised, again without any evidence, that TMA had committed the act and then fed the photo to journalist Russell Brown, who published a photo of the graffiti on his Twitter feed. Brown called the conspiracy theory "hilarious" and said the photo he posted had been taken from a Mt Albert Community Facebook page, although he later visited the site and took some photos himself.

TMA chair Paul Majurey called the claim "bizarre". "We've got enough on our plate, and that perhaps speaks to the values of anyone who thinks that's a possibility," he said.

A media release from TMA in response to last week's vandalism attributed it to "protesters", although it didn't name Honour the Maunga. Radford still took the accusations made in the release as directed at her group, and disputed TMA's claim they had removed protestors' tents with police support, saying that police officials told her they had no knowledge of the enforcement.

Majurey countered that there had been regular reports to police about incidents that had been observed at the site, that the police were informed the enforcement action was going to take place, and they were there in attendance when it was carried out by a warranted officer for the TMA and an essential service worker for Recreation Services.

"If that's not 'support' and there's a more appropriate word, that's not really the point. The police were involved and in attendance." He said they continued to suspect that the vandal, whether or not they were an official member of the Honour the Maunga group, supported its cause. "How does she know it's not one of their members?" he said.

The first act appeared to have been prompted by the removal of the camping equipment, he said. "Clearly it was a reaction to that, with the reference to my name. The statement we had made presumably was behind the reference to 'Majurey lies'."

And what of the reference to 5G? "I don't do social media so this is what has been passed on to me, but apparently there are conspiracy theories doing the rounds that our native restoration programme is a Trojan horse for putting in 5G sites. The wai reference we think is shorthand for either the Waitangi Treaty Settlement land that the maunga is part of, which has been returned to the tribes of the Tāmaki collective, or similarly the WAI prefix that is used for Treaty legislation and deeds of settlement," he said. No threats to his safety have been made directly.

The Spinoff has sought to reach the Mt Albert community constable for comment, so far without success.

**30 April – Radio Waatea**

**'Owairaka protest triggers hate speech graffiti'**

## **Owairaka protest triggers hate speech graffiti**

30 Apr 2020 13:00 PM

Auckland Tupuna Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey says the ratcheting up of tension by the Honour the Maunga protest group has contributed to a spate of racist and anti-Semitic graffiti attacks on Ōwairaka-Mount Albert.

In the latest attack, a large Star of David with dollar signs inside was sprayed on the ground in front of a toilet block, and the block itself was painted with the words WAI, 5G, and a range of white supremacist symbols.

Group spokesperson Anna Radford denied any connection to an earlier attack the day after the authority cleared the group's tents from the site, and yesterday published an opinion piece claiming allegations of racism were being used to shut down legitimate debate about the authority's plans to remove some trees from the mountain.

But Mr Majurey says there is a direct link to the protest.

"Now whether it's actual members of the group themselves or followers and the like, we simply don't know. We don't know who they are. The most important thing for us is they are defacing the tupuna maunga, these sacred places, and it's not been helpful that the protest group has over time been ramping up the temperature on this place and causing some of the tone and issue we are seeing here really sadly," he says.

Mr Majurey says the 5G seems to reference a conspiracy theory shared on social media that the Tupuna Maunga Authority's plans to replant the volcanic cones with native species is a cover for putting cell towers on them all.

## Ōwairaka protest

29 April – NZ Herald

‘Anna Radford: Playing the 'racist' card to stifle debate’

# Anna Radford: Playing the 'racist' card to stifle debate

29 Apr, 2020 5:00am



A protest banner at Owairaka/Mt Albert bears a simple message about Tupuna Maunga Authority's restoration

### COMMENT

The prospect of being labelled racist elicits deep discomfort among most Pakeha – me included.

Though there is no question about the need to eliminate racist behaviours, attitudes and rhetoric, awareness of this discomfort is increasingly being used as a cynical weapon for suppressing important questions and debate.

This was evident during a recent Auckland Council Governing Body meeting, which discussed Tūpuna Maunga Authority's 2020/21 Draft Operational Plan and budget.

But first, some background. The authority was established to administer 14 volcanic cones (maunga) following a 2014 Treaty settlement which vested ownership in a collective of 13 iwi/hapu but placed the land in trust for the common benefit of that collective - and the other people of Auckland.

The "other people" includes Māori excluded from that settlement, and people from other ethnicities. The lands were designated reserves, thus guaranteeing public access.

To reflect this Treaty partnership, the authority equally comprises iwi and Auckland Council members. Any questions about its processes are therefore directed at its Auckland Council representatives as much anybody.

Every year, Auckland Council ratifies the authority's ratepayer-funded budget, and operational plan. This year's meeting was held against a backdrop of significant public disquiet about the authority's programme to fell nearly 2000 exotic trees from Auckland's maunga.

Yet, as was the case last year, the vague wording in this year's plan gave no hint of the intended massive, single-phase tree felling.

Auckland councillor Christine Fletcher highlighted this when she noted last year's plan had not made it clear so many trees would be felled. She asked how, in approving a similarly worded plan and budget for this year, could the council be sure it didn't contain any other fish-hooks.

During the ensuing debate, several councillors implied it was racist to question the authority. The council subsequently voted in favour of the plan with only one dissenting vote – councillor Fletcher's.

Likewise, the Honour the Maunga tree protection group routinely experiences accusations of racism based on nothing more than our daring to challenge the authority's plans to fell hundreds of trees during a climate emergency.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority directly receives many millions from Auckland Council every year. It utilises many council resources, so ratepayers' real financial contribution to its operations will be far higher than the authority's budgets suggest.

The Human Rights Commission describes racism as negative statements or actions about any racial, ethnic or religious group of people.

Criticising a people is never okay. However, criticising a publicly-funded organisation's deeply flawed processes and calling out questionable behaviour is a sign of a democratic and open society.

A healthy society encourages healthy debate. It requires being unafraid to question all publicly-funded bodies, including Treaty co-governance organisations even though an important part of their mandate quite rightly involves addressing very deep injustices to Māori.

Yet societal norms have shifted so now there is an unhealthy expectation of unquestioning acceptance of anything done by publicly-funded entities administering Treaty settlement land.

Labelling as racist those who raise valid, process-related concerns provides a convenient distraction from the issues.

There is no question of the need to embrace the cultural redress intended by Treaty settlements but we, as a society, need to have the courage to learn how to walk that difficult and sometimes uncomfortable line between racism and unquestioning acceptance of inappropriate behaviours and practices.

We also need to learn how to acknowledge the many wrongs done to Māori in a constructive manner that sees Māori and non-Māori developing a workable partnership that benefits all.

However, it is simplistic to assume the answer lies in simply putting the boot on the other foot. The satisfactions this may bring some in the short-term, are unsustainable and ultimately self-defeating.

A more constructive approach is needed for there to be empowerment rather than power, which carries with it an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

Robust debate should therefore be a part of building mutually respectful and culturally sustainable practices and protocols together. It requires all parties to be held equally accountable within the co-governance partnerships.

Failure to have the courage and integrity to call out baseless accusations and poor practice - no matter who it is done by - enables wrongdoing and emboldens the perpetrators.

Consider what happens in societies that are controlled by self-censorship and fear and where a blind eye is turned away from where light needs to be shone. Is that really what we want for New Zealand?

• **Anna Radford is the spokesperson for Honour the Maunga, which had, until the Covid-19 lockdown, occupied Ōwairaka/Mt Albert for five months to save 345 trees.**



Anna Radford.



4 May – NZ Herald

‘Ngarimu Blair: What Tūpuna Maunga Authority can learn from Bastion Pt’

# Ngarimu Blair: What Tūpuna Maunga Authority can learn from Bastion Pt

4 May, 2020 5:00am



Protests have prevented the Tūpuna Maunga Authority from carrying out tree removal and reforestation plans on Ōwairaka/Mt Albert.

## COMMENT

Last week Tāmaki Makaurau, and Aotearoa, reduced the level of severity for one of the most significant changes to our personal freedoms and our way of life that most of us will have experienced and hopefully will ever need to experience again.

It has been a process that we have all, to different degrees and enduring different levels of loss, uncertainty and fear, entered willingly. We as a nation have come together to act as one, sacrificing hopefully short-term financial loss to save lives and to provide better certainty for the long-term health of not only our people, but our economy.

There has been immense compromise and sacrifice by many. Our essential workers have worked tirelessly to keep key operations and services functioning, when many more have been required to stay at home.

At Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, our people and our team have worked tirelessly, as have many iwi and Maori providers to do what they can to ease the fear and uncertainty, and to provide much-needed support across our peoples.

Our tūpuna experienced immense loss of resources and freedoms; the complete dislocation of their way of life. It is at the heart of the concern and reaction across Māori communities, the desperate efforts to help our own, despite no longer having the massive resources and connection we once commanded.

Checkpoints, which have been widespread across the motu, are a demonstration of this desire to protect the ones we love. It is a simple but immensely powerful demonstration of an effort to block foreign invaders to our lands. It is not hard to understand the origins of this reaction from Māori.

These weeks of solitude, of uncertainty, of not knowing when the rāhui will end, and what we as a community and a nation will face when we start to move to the new normal, has been a chance to reflect. It has been for myself and many others, a chance to lose some of the fear of the change and different ways of doing things, which seemed impossible just a few weeks ago.

In our isolation, we have allowed our environment to take some deep breaths, we have been allowed to see a city without almost constant congestion, of waterways where fish stocks have had no chance to replenish, and constant maritime movements that push their shrinking habitats to the margins or completely out of our harbours.

We have been better able to appreciate the simple pleasures of walking with our whanau, of taking in the beauty we have to enjoy across Tāmaki Makaurau and our many communities, to savour the remaining green spaces and the role they have in cleansing and nurturing our wairua, the air we breathe.

In adversity, it is natural to seek the familiarity and wisdom of the past and our whakapapa to help guide us forward.

It is time for the dispute, which has seen protestors block access to Ōwairaka, and which has led to repellent graffiti on buildings on the maunga, to come to an end.

The way forward is, in the same ways as we all have done in recent weeks, compromise. Compromise to find a solution that benefits us all.

For the past 20 years, Ngāti Whātua has worked tirelessly to re-populate Takaparawhau with close to one million native and fruit trees, which have slowed erosion, improved soil structure, provided habitat for native birds and insects, and created jobs with mana all while cleaning our air.

"Winter is coming and, with it, the planting season," Radford said.

"It is our sincere hope that a solution will be found that sees Honour the Maunga and local communities being actively involved in a regeneration programme that is a cause for unity and celebration."

TMA chair Paul Majurey said he organisation had not publicly commented on the tree removal to date as the matter was before the High Court.

"Authority representatives met with protest group representatives in January this year to ascertain if there was any common ground but nothing came of it," he said today.

"It is understood that similar efforts by the Mayor were also unsuccessful.

"The protest group say they will oppose the removal of any exotic trees, including the many pest species, until all the new native plantings mature in 20 or 30 years.

"We are happy to sit with them again if the protest group were to drop the judicial review action. But, with that case shortly to be heard, it makes sense to await that outcome."

The Mayor weighed in this afternoon.

"I have communicated to both parties that a process of engagement and a readiness to compromise is necessary to resolve the dispute over tree removals on Aucklands' maunga," he said.

"However, with the legal action taken by the protest group, discussions have been put on hold.

"The chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority has indicated a readiness to consider some compromise and I would urge the protest group, as I did in my correspondence to them several months ago, to enter into a direct discussion with the TMA and iwi owners in good faith to find a way through the current impasse.

"I strongly condemn the racism and vandalism, reflected by the graffiti on Ōwairaka, that we have seen lately. This shows what can happen in the absence of a calm and measured search for a constructive outcome."

Goff said that ownership of the maunga was vested in local iwi by the then Government in 2014 which gives the owners the right to take action within the law to restore the maunga to showcase their historical importance and the natural environment.

"I do understand the desire of the protest group to preserve some of the exotic trees," he said.



**6 May – Radio Waatea**

**‘Orakei example for Owairaka resolution’**

## Orakei example for Owairaka resolution

06 May 2020 17:09 PM

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is calling for compromise on both sides to end the standoff over Ōwairaka-Mount Albert.

Environmental spokesperson Ngarimu Blair says an opinion piece he penned should not be seen as an endorsement of the Honour the Maunga protest group but as an affirmation of Ngāti Whātua’s position as the ahi ka iwi.

He says the way Ōrākei has managed the reforestation of Takaparawhau-Bastion Point can serve as an example, where some exotic trees were left in place because removing them before replacement plantings had grown up would expose the soil to erosion.

Honour the Maunga’s position that none of the 345 exotic trees on Ōwairaka should be cut is unreasonable.

“Everyone's got to compromise in this. The focus should be on the long-term objective which is to bring back as many native trees and shrubs as we can in our generation so our mokopuna can look up at those places again and see kereru. Heaps of kereru, maybe catch a few and make a korowai or have a boil up with them,” he says.

Ōrākei has two members on the Tupuna Maunga Authority.



### Ngarimu Blair: Orakei example for Owairaka resolution

Ngati Whatua Orakei is calling for compromise on both sides to end the stand off over Owairaka-Mount Albert.

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6 May – Radio Waatea

‘Orakei compromise not suitable for Owairaka conditions’

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Thanks, but no thanks.

That’s the response of Tupuna Maunga Authority chair Paul Majurey to a suggestion the stand-off over Ōwairaka-Mt Albert could be resolved by following what Ngāti Whātua-Ōrakei has done with the ecological restoration of Takaparawhau-Bastion point.

Ōrakei deputy chair Ngarimu Blair says his iwi left in place some of the exotic trees that were holding up steep cliffs, a suggestion that had been embraced by Honour the Maunga protesters, who are blocking the removal of 345 pest trees.

Mr Majurey says every maunga has unique challenges.

"In this case through a deluge of expert ecological input the approach the authority is taking pursuant to the integrated management plan and the strategies backed by Forest & Bird, The Tree Council and Auckland Council in terms of its defence of the action by the protest group is that this is the appropriate restoration strategy for Ōwairaka- Te Ahi Ka o Rakataura- Mount Albert," he says.

Mr Majurey says the authority tried to find common ground with the protesters, but the only compromise Honour the Maunga would accept seems to be for the trees to be cut in 30 years’ time when other plantings have grown up.



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**8 May – Devonport Flagstaff**  
**Editor Comment**

## **The Flagstaff Notes**



**By Rob  
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While the sea and air quality improved during alert level four, the high numbers of walkers and bikers has had an impact, especially on Takarunga and Maungauika.

A walk to the summit of Takarunga last week revealed noticeable wear and tear on several of the tracks from walkers and mountain bikers. The trail had been worn down to scoria and parts were crumbling away.

A similar situation was occurring on the more-used paths on Maungauika. It's a salutary lesson that while our mountains are solid they need protecting and careful management.

While the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is an expensive and, at times, dictatorial body, it is vital: the mountains require special attention. Plans are under development to mitigate the America's Cup crowds expected on Maungauika in 2021. They will be needed.

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## **Protesters repeat racist attacks on Tūpuna Maunga**

Protesters have struck again at Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura / Mt Albert, with a repeat of hate speech graffiti.

On 17 April, public toilets on the Maunga were defaced with hate speech, including Star of David symbols.

In today's attack, a large Star of David symbol with a dollar sign in the centre was painted on the carpark surface. The public toilets have been vandalised with paint and symbols of triangles with circles in the centre, alongside 'WAI', another dollar sign and '5G?' in spray paint.

Both acts of vandalism follow the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's enforcement action on 15 April that removed the unlawful protestor encampment after the group repeatedly breached Covid-19 alert level 4 restrictions.

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The protest group had unlawfully occupied Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura / Mt Albert since November last year in protest of the Authority's plans to restore the native ecology of the Maunga by replacing 345 exotic trees (the majority being pest species), with over 13,000 native species.

Paul Majurey, Chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority says there are some disturbed individuals in the protest group such that the group needs to urgently take steps to de-escalate matters in case these provocations on Treaty settlement land draw a direct response.

"The repeated anti-Semitic and supremacist use of the Star of David and other symbols shows the protest group has lost control of their campaign and it has taken a dangerous turn."

"The Authority has received many messages of support and indications that Mana Whenua and local residents will not tolerate this again. The protest group needs to take action now to end these attacks," says Majurey.

"The group ironically calling themselves 'Honour the Maunga' are trying to distance themselves from these attacks by claiming it is not the work of their members. Whether or not the direct work of their membership, the protest group needs to take responsibility for the fact that their campaign has incited people to act with appalling racism and hate speech."

"The protest leader began the campaign with a Facebook post claiming the Authority's plans to restore native vegetation on the Maunga was retribution for colonisation. A member of their group laid a curse on all Mana Whenua who supported the Authority's plans at a public gathering. And, they've been joined by members of the radical right group Hobsons Pledge who delivered their 'One Treaty One Nation' flier to Mt Albert residents' letterboxes, together with a flier referring to the Treaty of Waitangi settlement over the Maunga a 'fraud'. Tūpuna Maunga Authority members, especially ward councillors, have also been personally insulted."

Majurey adds, "It is ironic timing that on the same day the protest group leader published a letter in the New Zealand Herald arguing the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is playing the racist card, and that the Treaty settlement over the

Maunga is somehow flawed, that there is another racist attack by a protester which incorporates racist symbolism.”

It is not clear what the spray-painted letters ‘WAI’ refer to, though that is a common prefix on records for Treaty of Waitangi settlements.

It is also not clear what the circle encased in a triangle is meant to suggest, though the symbol is similar to the Eye of Providence often used by conspiracy theorists to represent the all-seeing eye of God.

“In the Herald editorial today the protest group leader talks about recognising the line between racism and acceptance of inappropriate behaviours and practices. The protest group should treat that sentiment seriously and take responsibility for the hatred that has been incited, and end their campaign before attacks become more serious,” says Majurey.

Auckland Councillor Alf Filipaina, Deputy Chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, condemns the latest attack.

“Hate speech has no place in our society, yet we have seen this increase as the protest group continues to provoke their following with misinformation and messaging that undermines the Treaty of Waitangi settlement that returned the Maunga to the iwi of Marutūāhu, Ngāti Whātua and Waiohū.”

“The ‘5G’ reference in the graffiti is one example of the bizarre conspiracy theories that are being fuelled. They claim the Authority is planning on placing 5G towers on the Maunga as a way to make money. When it comes to infrastructure, the focus of the Authority is restoring the wairua and mauri of the Maunga, for example by removing unnecessary / inappropriate infrastructure across the Maunga network.”

“It is important for people to understand that Auckland Council is in full support of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and has huge admiration for the Authority’s innovation and thought leadership in caring for Auckland’s most iconic landscapes”, says Filipaina.

Anyone with information about the vandalism is encouraged to contact the Police.

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### **Notes for editors:**

Visit [www.maunga.nz](http://www.maunga.nz) for more information about the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

In 2014 a Treaty of Waitangi settlement was passed, transferring ownership of fourteen Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) to the Mana Whenua tribes of Auckland and enabling the establishment of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

The Authority is a co-governance body with six iwi representatives, six Auckland Council representatives and one non-voting Crown representative. The Authority is independent of the Council and has decision-making powers and functions.