



# Remits 2017

National Conference  
Aotea

27 – 30 September 2017

**NOTE: Remits 2017/12 – 2017/17 were omitted from the preliminary agenda and were circulated after the closing date for amendments. Because of that amendments proposed for those six remits only will be accepted at National Conference during the remit session. However any branch wishing to propose an amendment must hand it in writing to the National Vice President by the end of Day Two, Thursday 28 September.**

## CONSTITUTION (PART III) – TE MANA O TE TAMAITI

2017/1

Flaxmere IB  
Wairarapa IB

***That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora is committed to upholding the mana of our tamariki and we state that as an Object of the League.***

### Rationale

Our objects refer to whanau, communities, Maori women and their whanau as well as rehabilitation of offenders. Our constitution is silent specifically around our tamariki.

We know our tamariki are included in the terms we use, however due to recent legislation we must be clear on our position as an organisation and it must be included in our constitution.

Through our mahi, Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora:

1. Advocate laws and policies for the rights of our tamariki to healthy, safe and loving environments that enable them to reach their potential.
2. Protect our tamariki through actions to eliminate all forms of abuse.
3. Uphold taha Maori that connects our tamariki to their culture and whakapapa and thereby uplift their uniqueness.
4. Strengthen pathways for our tamariki to access their cultural identity and connections through whanau, hapu and iwi.
5. Educate our organisation and others to uplift te mana o te tamaiti.

Our object should be written to reflect the commitment we have to our tamariki to champion the mana of our tamariki in all that we do.

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**Moved by:** Flaxmere and Wairarapa  
**Seconded by:** Te Tonga o Wairarapa

**Motion:** Carried Unanimously

### **Tasks to complete**

1. The above five objects have been added to the League Constitution

## CONSTITUTION (PART VII)

2017/2

Te Kotahitanga IB

***That in Regional Councils Part VII of the Constitution the words “Regional Councils are established within boundaries determined in accordance with the Maori Land Court Districts” be deleted***

***and***

***that the words “or within tribal boundaries as may from time to time be defined by the National Council” be inserted.***

### Rationale

*Rapua te mea ngaro!*

There are two main reasons for pursuing this proposed resolution.

Firstly: Te Kotahitanga IB seek consideration by National Council to review the existing Maori Land Court boundaries as these have not changed in sixty five (65) years since the establishment of Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora – Maori Women’s Welfare League.

The Waikato tribal boundaries have been in place for centuries.

Secondly: all members of the four (4) League branches in Te Puaha o Waikato are Waikato iwi descendants and swear allegiance to the Kingitanga movement.

1. Te Puaha o Waikato takiwa starts in Tuakau and extends out to the West Coast and comprises eight (8) Kingitanga and three (3) poukai marae.
2. The four branches are uniquely rurally marae based and serve conjointly as marae women’s committees and branches of the League.
3. Under the new district council zoning Te Puaha o Waikato comes under the Waikato District and Regional Councils. Te Puaha is no longer within the Auckland Council or Auckland Regional Council boundaries.

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**Moved by:** Te Kotahitanga

**Seconded by:** Te Herenga

**Motion:** Carried

### **Tasks to complete**

1. The process to achieve this is a review committee consisting of a regional representative be established to receive submissions and report back with the recommendation to be put forward to National Council at next year’s Conference

## SECURE RESOURCES TO COMBAT “P”

2017/10

Te Whaihanga ki Uawa IB

***That the MWWL seek the securement of resources to research, plan, deliver and evaluate services to combat the damaging effects of P.***

### Rationale

P is a scourge on all whanau Maori. No whanau appears to be untouched by the problem and it is imperative that the MWWL take action now to help us lead our whanau from addiction to wellbeing.

We believe that our Branches are well positioned across the country, for the MWWL to respond in a consolidated and effective way to the issue. In particular, whakapapa links and our Maori models of healing and support are effective tools for our members to utilise with their whanau, hapu and hapori.

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**Moved by:** Te Whaihanga ki Uawa  
**Seconded by:** Ngakau Kotahi  
**Opposed by:** Te Puna o te Ora

**Motion:** Carried

### **Tasks to complete**

1. Secure resources

## TE TURE WHENUA MAORI BILL AND REFORMS

2017/11

Te Hapara IB

*That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora dialogue with leaders of the different political parties, with the inclusion of the Minister for Maori Development, and express our views and concerns on the Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill and Reforms and*

- 1. Request the Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill is withdrawn*
- 2. Recommend the inclusion of Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora in any future developments of the Maori Land Service*

### Rationale

Te Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora opposed previous draft Bills before Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill entered into Parliament.

Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora, supported the Waitangi Tribunal Claim Wai 2478.

Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora also supported the letter to the Special Rapporteur and United Nations.

There has been no further consultation on the bill with Maori Land owners/whanau/hapu on the latest changes to the Te Ture Whenua Bill since its introduction into Parliament.

There has been no detail released to date on the structure of the Maori Land Service.

There is an investigation before the United Nations into the Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill and Reforms, and there is an undertaking for that investigation to be completed. Different Maori organisations including Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora, are still awaiting the report.

Any support given to the Bill without receiving the report from the United Nations could compromise our position.

The current Government has not acknowledged the property rights of Maori Land Owners to consent to a process that impedes on the indigenous rights of Maori whanau and hapu.

Until there has been a response from the United Nations, any dialogue with Ministers and officials should only be viewed as discussion points not consultation or consent to the Bill and Reforms.

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**Moved by:** Te Hapara  
**Seconded by:** Rimutaka  
**Opposed by:** None

**Motion:** Carried

### **Tasks to complete**

1. Write to the Ministers and request a meeting with the NP

## LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS TO OUR ORGANISATION

2017/12

Rimutaka IB

***That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora is committed to meeting the obligations of any administrative legislative changes that impact our organisation and the National Executive must inform our membership, implement and update the necessary administrative processes to ensure the integrity of the organisation is upheld.***

### Rationale

As an example, legislative changes to the Charities Act in 2014 saw new reporting standards coming in to effect on 1 April 2015. The changes have meant our organisation would have to provide consolidated accounts requiring all branches and regions to provide financial information to allow our accounts as an organisation to be audited. In previous years, our audited accounts were for National Office only.

The impact of not providing consolidated accounts would be that our organisation would lose its charitable status, in-turn losing the ability to apply for funding and contracts to service our whanau and communities.

Any legislative changes that impact our organisation must be adhered to by all branches and regions of the league to ensure the integrity of Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora is upheld and our obligations are met.

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**Moved by:** Rimutaka  
**Seconded by:** Kokiri Marae

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

### **Tasks to complete**

That the members, branches and regions of Te Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora commit to meeting the obligations of any administrative legislative changes that Ropu impact on our organisation and the National Executive must inform our membership, implement and update the necessary administrative processes to ensure the integrity of the organisation is upheld.

## MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY

2017/13

Rimutaka IB

***That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora develop and implement a membership strategy providing tools and programs to attract and engage new members/branches to ensure the retention and growth of our members and organisation.***

### Rationale

Constitution states:

#### **V League Membership**

Conditions of membership (f) Members should undertake to uphold the Objects of the league at all times and **to encourage other women to join the league.**

The branches and membership are the foundation of our organisation and builds our strength as national body. A membership strategy is to:

- Keep our membership engaged and attract new members.
- Retain members for the future of the league.
- Provide clear and consistent messages for our organisation.
- Provide leverage to push legislation and advocate for our whanau and tamariki.
- Build capability and empower our wahine.

The league exists because of our members and we must invest in our wahine to ensure the future of our organisation.

We need to provide the tools and programs through all channels (online, paper, face to face), to ensure our wahine continue to develop their skills and capabilities, empower them as Maori women and in-turn being able to empower our whanau, tamariki and communities.

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**Moved by:** Rimutaka  
**Seconded by:** Ruamahanga

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

#### **Tasks to complete**

*That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora develop and implement a membership strategy providing tools and programs to attract and engage new members/branches to ensure the retention and growth of our members and organisation.*

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

2017/14

Ōtautahi IB

***That Te Ropu Wahine Māori Toko i te Ora National Conference is held from Thursday to Sunday annually.***

### Rationale

- To increase participation of employed members at conference.
- The majority of the Leagues membership is voluntary and conference being held primarily during the week limit the opportunities for employed members to attend.
- There is an inequality of cost as members residing in Te Waipounamu bear 6 times the higher cost to attend Conference as only once every 7 years is conference regionally held in Te Waipounamu.
- Attendance for working members is often reliant on their using their annual leave entitlement and with the need for travel to remote locations, requires at least four days of their leave entitlement being used to attend national conference.
- Our lives are busier with members maintaining multiple roles within our whānau, community and marae, and members need to be able to utilize their leave entitlement for personal rejuvenation.

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**Moved by:** Ōtautahi

**Seconded by:** Whakatu

**Opposed by:** Flaxmere and Te Rongopai

**Motion:** Carried

### **Tasks to complete**

That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora National Conference is held from Thursday to Sunday annually

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE BOOKS

2017/15

Ōtautahi IB

***That Te Rōpū Wahine Māori Toko i te Ora provide hard copies of the Conference books for all paid and registered attendees, Delegates and Observers at least two weeks prior to the start of the National Conference.***

### Rationale

1. Observers pay the same registration fee as Delegates to attend National Conference, however observers do not currently receive the conference books
2. Our branch has relied on scanning each page of the Conference books and printing a copy for our observers, which is both time-consuming and costly to our members and difficult to do when the books are not distributed until the start of Conference
3. It is difficult to follow the proceedings of National Conference when you have neither an agenda nor programme of events

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**Moved by:** Ōtautahi  
**Seconded by:** Rimutaka

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

### **Tasks to complete**

That Te Rōpū Wahine Māori Toko i te Ora provide hard copies of the Conference books for all paid and registered attendees, Delegates and Observers at least two weeks prior to the start of the National Conference.

## REGISTER OF REMIT STATUS

2017/16

Ōtautahi IB

*Te Rōpū Wahine Māori Toku i te Ora establish a register of all remits passed at every National Conference and that they be added to the MWWL website.*

- (a) *The register is available for viewing online within one month of the conference completion so that all members are able to view its progress status as desired.*
- (b) *The General Manager, Māori Women's Welfare League is responsible for ensuring the status of each remit is updated promptly as progress determines.*

### Rationale

Once a Remit is carried by the National Council it then becomes National policy and should be accessible to all branches as we would like to ensure consistent business practices across the organisation and its branches.

Over recent years we have seen a steady decline in the Ministerial Replies to remit requests put to Ministers through our National President's prosecutions. Ōtautahi Branch are keen to strengthen the action more swiftly so as to assist our President's representations of same and not wait until the next conference to come about.

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**Moved by:** Ōtautahi  
**Seconded by:** Whakatu Wahine

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

### **Tasks to complete**

- a) The register is available for viewing online within one month of the conference completion so that all members are able to view its progress status as desired.
- b) The General Manager, Maori Women's Welfare League is responsible for ensuring the status of each resolution is updated promptly as progress determines.

## WELL CHILD TAMARIKI ORA

2017/17

Ōtautahi IB

***That Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i te Ora urgently request the Ministers of Health, Children, Education, Social Development and Finance to review and increase the priority status of the Well Child Tamariki Ora programme and increase the budget allocation to kaupapa Māori Service Providers.***

### Rationale

Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) provide a valuable service to whānau and kaupapa Māori Providers who are contracted to deliver WCTO. Service Providers report an exponential increase in demand as more whānau seek help from these services because mainstream agencies fail to deliver. There is not enough capacity in the system to provide a Well Child Tamariki Ora service to all the whānau who are eligible and tamariki are missing out.

For example the kaupapa Māori service provider, Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust, is contracted by the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) to deliver the Well Child Tamariki Ora service to 350 new pēpi and their whānau each year. This equates to an average of 30 referrals per month. Referral numbers are consistently higher than this contracted volume each year and has been for the past three years. In addition Te Puawaitanga enrolls each year, 65- 70 tamariki over the age of one year who are not connected to a Well Child Tamariki Ora provider.

This is an urgent matter because it is not sustainable for the provider to absorb the cost associated with providing a Well Child Tamariki Ora service to eligible whanau, which means vulnerable Māori tamariki are missing out.

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**Moved by:** Ōtautahi  
**Seconded by:** Whakatu Wahine

**Motion:** Carried unanimously

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### **Tasks to complete**

That Te Ropu Wahine Maori Toko i te Ora urgently request the Ministers of Health, Children, Education, Social Development, and Finance to review and increase the priority status of the Well Child Tamariki Ora programme and increase the budget allocation to kaupapa Māori Service Providers.