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New Zealand Inc.

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because it **cares** about its people*

BIENNIAL REPORT

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1 NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Photo: Nigel Ngahiwi, President

Hei tīmatatanga kōrero mōku

Me whai korōria hōnore hareruia ki a koe Īhoa ō ngā mano tuāuriuri whaoioi e kī ana te rangi me te whenua e te nui ō tōu korōriatanga.

Me whakahōnore hoki i te mana tuku iho e tau nei ki runga i ngā pokowhiwhi o te kīngi Māori a Tuheitia, ko te tūmanako ka tūtuki ia i ngā wāwata me ngā whakaaro ō ngōna mātua tūpuna ka rere tonu nei ngā mihi aroha ki te kāhui ariki whānui tonu, tēnā kautou ki ā rātou, Pai mārie.

Ki ngā mate huhua kua rere atu ki tua o te ārai, kautou e ngaro nei mai i te tirohanga kanohi, haere atu kautou ki te kainga tūturu o tātou, nō reira haere, haere, haere.

E ngā kaiārahi e ngā kaiwhakapono ō tō tātou kaupapa tēnā rā tātou katoa. Ki ngā maunga hinau, ngā kanohi kūreherehe ka nui ake te mihi aroha ki a kautou. tae noa mai ki ngā kanohi hou e noho nei ki waenganui i a tātou. Nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai rā.

Nei rā ngōku mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa e piripiri mai nei ki raro i te taumarumaru ō tēnei tō tātou nei whare, nō reira ka nui ake rā ngā mihi ki a tātou.

Ko tēnei taku rīpoata mō ngēnei rua tau kua pāhuri nei, heoi anō ka huri au ki te reo ō Pākehā kia mārama pai ai tātou katoa ki tāku e kōrero nei. Nō reira anō, tēnā kautou tēnā kautou, tēnā tātou katoa.

I am honored to present this report, which will make mention of the highlights of this past term.

I would first like to acknowledge our hosts, Te Rōpu iti o Taranaki whom have opened their beautiful rohe to us. Ka nui ake rā ngā mihi aroha ki a kautou mō ngā manaakitanga kua hora atu nei, nō reira tēnā kautou katoa.

To our hardworking staff whom are the living example of our kaupapa we thank you and are more than appreciative of your work. To all of the many hands whom have dedicated their time to ensuring this conference is as successful as the events held previously, we acknowledge you, and thank you for your achievements. Ka nui ake rā te mihi aroha ki a kautou katoa.

To my fellow Te Kāhui Tumuaki members whom I am truly privileged to sit beside, I salute you and am humbled to have such a pool of knowledge available to make such positive contributions to our society. Nō reira ngōku rangatira ka kore te puna aroha e mimiti atu ki a kautou.

To our wonderful families whom continue to tirelessly support us, no words can ever describe your worth to us all! Mā te atua kautou e tiaki, e manaaki i ngā wā katoa.

This past term has seen more growth and changes for our society. We continue to reach more and more Maori blind and their whanau throughout the land with our kaupapa . This is and will always be a highlight for me. Having the knowledge that our kaupapa is just as relevant now as it was in the beginning, over 30 years ago, is very pleasing and I am proud to be a part of this growth.

Our continued collaboration with St John has seen many of our members complete their full first aid certificate and many more participating in the pilot, so we have even more reason to feel safe if any mishaps should arise. We have followed on from our engaging with other internal disabled person's organizations by reaching out globally, in different forums, to many indigenous disabled persons organisations which has been an incredible learning experience.

Our website is a constant work in process so once again we urge you to take a look and don't be shy to leave any comments. We are always looking to improve our services and your comments do assist.

Our last Biennial saw us celebrating the 30 year milestone as Ngāti Kapo o Aotearoa Inc.; which was such a proud moment in our history. We are now in a world where iwi identity has become a major part of everyday Maori existence. In the past it was not necessary to add your hapū or iwi affiliations where in today's world it is now a part of most forms in the country. Because of these changes we have had to adjust. After a number of hui and pānui we now move into the future under the banner of Kapo Maori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. The same wonderful society with the same wonderful services and most importantly the best membership and support in the world.

Kī mai koe ki ahau, he aha te mea nui o te ao? Māku e kī atu, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

I would like to, at this point, especially acknowledge the resource contribution of our membership and to also acknowledge our many sponsors and external stakeholders. We are greatly appreciative of the contributions and resources you give to our Society. Ngā mihi tonu ki a koutou!

As I reflect on the past and look toward the future, it still fills my heart with excitement for our Society! The past 30 years, has

given us many lessons we can use even in today's climate, to ensure our longevity.

To those whom planted the seed, in the beginning and to those who nurture that seed so it continues to grow, then to those whom continue to support us to realise our dreams in the future, I am truly grateful.

The excitement of the future of Ngāti Kāpō has no bounds. We determine what is to happen to our Society and we have the power to achieve all we want to achieve. Ahakoa kare mātou i te kite, kei te kite!

Nō reira, e rau rangatira mā, kua mutu te pahupahu o tēnei mō tēnei wā. Tēnā kautou, tēnā kautou, tēnā tātou katoa! Kei raro.

Nigel Ngahiwi
President

2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Photo: Chrissie Cowan, Executive Officer

*Korihi te manu, takiri mai i te ata
Ka ao, ka ao, ka Awatea
Tihei mauri ora.*

Ka nui te hari me te koa kua tutaki nei tatou i tenei wa. Kua tae mai matou o Kāpō Māori Aotearoa ki te tautoko te kaupapa o whānau ora.

E hara ahau i te Tangata matatau ki te kōrero, otira, e tika ana kia mihi atu kia mihi mai. Kei te tika te kōrero i o tatou tupuna kāpō 'Ahakoa kaore matou i te kite kei to kite.'

2013 – 2015 was a time of change, new opportunities and getting on with the business for our Board and staff.

Governance

Te Kahui Tumuaki continued to work diligently during the period overseeing the strategic direction of the Society. During this term the Board completed a range of initiatives this including the change of our name to Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc., completing an organisational strategic review and developing our 2015 – 2017 strategic plan. As a result of the review Te Kahu Tumuaki also updated our vision and mission statements to reflect and define more clearly who and what is Kāpō Māori Aotearoa. Strengthening the capability of Te Kahui

Tumuaki saw Board members collectively undertake professional development in strategic planning capability planning, legal compliance and media training. One of the last tasks of Te Kahui Tumuaki was a Board performance review with the findings of this review to form the framework to improve Governance performance during 2015 – 2017.

Representations

Our role and responsibilities as the only national indigenous Māori DPO in Aotearoa New Zealand saw an increase of requests for representation from Kāpō Māori Aotearoa. Invitations ranging from participating via the DPO network in working with Government to develop and implement the Disability Action Plan 2014-2018, presenting at the Pacific Disability Forum Conference in February 2015 and attending the Indigenous Peoples with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN) “Sharing experiences to promote the rights and inclusion of indigenous persons with disabilities in Asia-Pacific workshop” and the IPWDGN planning meeting in June 2015. The re-entry of the Society into the international indigenous disabilities movement would not have been possible if not for the sponsorship and support received from the Department of Internal Affairs, International Disability Alliance and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund.

Two other significant representations during the period were the appointment of our President to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Independent Monitoring Mechanism and my appointment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Iwi appointed Independent Monitoring Mechanism.

All of these representations enable our Society to ensure that the voice of our members, whānau and Tangata whai kaha Māori (Māori disabled) and their whānau generally is heard nationally and internationally.

Operations

Operationally our staff continued to provide support to members, co-ordinate our rōpu iti, first aid and Rangatahi development programs and fulfill our responsibilities as a service provider of disability information and advice and specialist Māori cultural support services. I would like to acknowledge DSS, Ministry of Health, MPDS, Ministry of Health, Te Pou, Ministry of Health and Making a Difference, Ministry of Social Development for providing financial assistance to progress these initiatives and contracts. I also acknowledge BLENNZ for supporting our Rangatahi initiatives, the Blind Foundation for contributing to our DPO consumer advocacy and peer support activities and St John for their continued support in facilitating our first aid programs.

Maintaining the ground roots activities is not without its challenges however we are as an organization very fortunate to have a team of committed and passionate staff and volunteers whom are led by Mere Courtis. Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kaimahi o Kāpō Māori Aotearoa, your contribution to the kaupapa is appreciated.

Increasing operational capacity saw staff and management complete training in planning, media, communication, capability development and renewal of first aid certification. My thanks to Taipak Ltd, Kahui Tautoko Ltd, Naomi Manu, Native Voice and St John for sharing your expertise to strengthen our capabilities.

Relationships

Externally during the last two years we have made new friendships, continued to enrich established relationships, working collaboratively with individuals and organisations through out Aotearoa and globally to progress the work of the indigenous disabilities and disabilities generally movements.

In closing I convey my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those persons for whom this organization exists, our members and whānau. It goes without saying that our work has only been possible because of the trust that you the member and whānau have in Kāpō Māori Aotearoa. I hope that you will continue to share your stories and support our kaupapa.

Ngā mihi nui koutou. Ka nui tenei. Nō reira tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna tatou katoa.

Chrissie Cowan
Executive Officer

3 VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is:

“Illuminating the darkness with hope, self-determination, independence, individual and whānau well-being”

(Ref. Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. 2015 to 2017 Strategic Plan.)

4 MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is to:

- Work with members and whānau in accordance with kaupapa Māori best practice standards to remove barriers that restrict their ability to be contributing citizens in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Support members and whānau to attain individual and whānau self-determination in accordance with whānau ora health and well-being outcomes.
- Invest in innovations and research that strengthen member, whānau and organizational capability and capacity.
- Influence societal change through contributing forward thinking, solution focused, consumer perspective advice and guidance to members, whānau, disabled Māori, the disability community, other indigenous disability organisations, local Government, Iwi, the Crown and the general public.
- Deliver specialist Māori cultural support services to members, whānau and the disability community generally.

(Ref. Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. 2015 to 2017 Strategic Plan.)

5 2015-2017 STRATEGIC GOALS

The following five goals are the drivers of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa work as outlined in the Society's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. They are expressed in terms of an ideal world for Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members in general and for Kāpō Māori Aotearoa itself as it seeks to fulfill its role both internally and in its external environment.

All of the goals over this time period are consistent with '*Te Kahukura – Future View 2030*'.

- Goal 1: Wealth generation and financial stability.
- Goal 2: Increase organisational capability and systems integrity.
- Goal 3: Create and maintain innovative 'member centered' programs and service solutions.
- Goal 4: Build robust long-term sustainable relationships.
- Goal 5: Expand the profile and reputation of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa.

6 CORE BUSINESS

The core business of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is to advocate for, design and implement service solutions that support Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members to attain whānau ora, thus realising their potential as individuals, as whānau and as contributing citizens in Aotearoa New Zealand society.

From an operational level Kāpō Māori Aotearoa undertakes the following functions:

Workforce development:

- Strengthen Kāpō Māori Aotearoa internal workforce capability.
- Initiate and/or contribute in the development of innovations that generate employment opportunities for Kāpō Māori members specifically and the Tangata whai kaha (disability community) generally.

Research:

- Initiate and/or participate in research that will contribute to improving health, economic, education and social outcomes of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members, Tangata whai kaha, Te Ao Māori and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Advocacy:

- Strategic advocacy: Work independently and/or collaboratively with other 'like-minded' organisations to influence Government policy and decisions.
- Operational advocacy: When requested advocate on behalf of and/or along with the member.

Policy Advice:

- Provide expertise and advice to Government and Non-Government agencies developing policies that will directly affect Kāpō Māori members specifically and Tangata whai kaha generally.

Public Awareness:

- Educate Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members about their rights in accordance with:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNRCPPD);
- New Zealand Bill of Rights;
- Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer Rights.
- Broaden the profile and reputation of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa through publishing and contributing to 'positive stories' that highlight the work of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa and its members.

Training

- Design, invest in and deliver member-centered program and service solutions that realise members' potential.
- Contribute in the development of innovations and on-going development of training initiatives that will improve educational outcomes for Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members specifically, Tangata whai kaha and Te Ao Māori generally.

Information

- Assist members to navigate, identify, access or provide information in accordance with their information requirements.
- Produce internal Kāpō Māori Aotearoa information in accessible formats.

Peer Support

- Enable opportunities for members to come together.
- Assist members to establish, co-ordinate, expand and sustain local community peer support networks.

Self-Advocacy

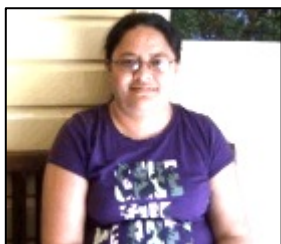
- Support members to achieve the '3S' to becoming self-advocates: Self-confidence, self-belief and self-determination.

7 GOVERNANCE - TE KAHUI TUMUAKI 2013 to 2015



Nigel Ngahiwi, President

Of Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Pare-te-kawa and Ngāti Ngutu descent, Nigel has been a member of Te Kahui Tumuaki since 2001. Nigel has a Bachelor of Literary Performing Arts, Diplomas in Te Reo Māori and Māori and Management and is currently studying for a Masters in Matāuranga Māori. Music, Māori performing arts, education and tinkering with electronic gadgets are among Nigel's other interests.



Gaylene Te Rauna, Vice President

Of Tuhoe descent, Gaylene was appointed to Te Kahui Tumuaki in June 2008, Gaylene is actively involved with Te Upoko o te Ika Roopu and currently holds the position of Secretary. Gaylene comes to NKOAI from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori office in her position as PA to the CEO. Gaylene has taken up a newly appointed challenge with Whanau Care Services, Wellington Hospital.



Stevie Stevens, Executive Member

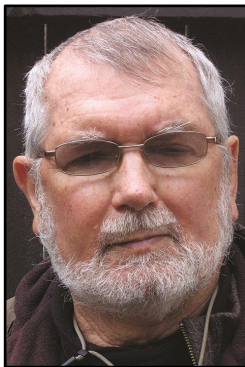
Of Nga Puhi descent, Stevie was appointed to Te Kahui Tumuaki as Treasurer at Hui a Tau 2005. Stevie

is a member of Ngāti Kāpo ki Otautahi roopu having held the positions of Treasurer and Vice Chairperson. Stevie is a keen sports enthusiast with particular interests in rugby, cricket and golf.



Victor (Vic) West, Executive Member

Of Kai Tahu and Ngāti Mamoe descent, Vic was appointed onto Te Kahui Tumuaki in November 2011. Vic is an active member of Te ora o wai hopai rōpū iti as well as a number of other kāpō consumer and general disability advocacy organisations.



Lance Girling-Butcher, Executive Member

Of New Zealand descent Lance was appointed to Te Kahui Tumuaki in September 2013. Lance, a former newspaper editor and District Council member lives in New Plymouth with his wife Ali and guide dog, Yogi. Lance is an active member of Te Irirangi Kapo Tangata ropu iti and a number of other kāpō, disability and able-bodied local community committees.

8 GOVERNANCE: EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIONS

During 2013-2015 members of Te Kahui Tumuaki or their delegates represented the Society on the following councils, committees, consortiums and trusts:

- ACC Serious Injury Advisory Group
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Independent Monitoring Mechanism Committee (UNDRIP)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Convention Coalition (UNCRPD CC)
- Workbridge Council
- DSS Ministry of Health Consumer Consortium
- Disabled Persons Organisations Network (DPO)
- Blind Foundation Education Sector Forum
- Pacific Disability Forum
- Braille Authority of New Zealand Aotearoa Trust (BANZAT)
- BLENNZ Education Forum
- Disability Action Plan 2014 – 2015 working groups:
 - Increase employment and economic opportunities
 - Ensure personal safety
 - Transform the disability support system
 - Promote access in the community

Te Kahui Tumuaki also convey their thanks to Mr Mark Rangi, Tangata Whenua representative BLENNZ Board of Trustees for his contribution into improving the education outcomes of kāpō tamariki and rangatahi in Aotearoa.

9 MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Executive Officer	Chrissie Cowan.
Operations Manager	Mere Courtis.
National Field Consultants	Hannah Pascoe and Guide Dog Cora. Adelaide Hollis. Horiana MacGregor.
Executive Assistant	Adele Vukula.
Finance Support	Rosalie Adlam.

9.1 Executive Officer Representations

- Disabled Peoples Organisation Network (DPO).
- Iwi Chairs Monitoring Mechanism – Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- CYFS Disabled Children’s’ Project working group.
- Blind Sector Forum.
- Blind Foundation Fundraising Advisory Committee.
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Independent Monitoring Mechanism Committee.
- Blind Education Sector.

9.2 Professional Advisors:

- Lawyers: Bannister and von Dadelszen
- Accountant: Moore Stephens Markhams
- Financial Auditors: Staples Rodway Ltd
- Finance System Support: Rosalie Adlam

9.3 Compliances:

- Charities Commission No.: CC492600
- Certificate of Incorporation No.: 492600
- Certificate of Quality Management Systems
- Health and Disability Service Standards: NZS 8134.2008

10 KĀPO MĀORI AOTEAROA RŌPU

As at the 30 June 2015 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa rōpu included:

- Te Waka o ngā Tangata Hau Rōpu Iti (Rangatahi, BLENNZ, Manurewa, Auckland).
- Irirangai Kāpō Tangata Rōpu Iti (New Plymouth).
- Otautahi Rōpu iti (Christchurch)
- Te Ora O Waihopai Rōpu Iti (Invercargill).

11 MEMBERSHIP

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa serves the Māori community, Māori Kāpō and their whānau specifically and Tangata whai kaha Māori (Māori disabled) and their whānau generally.

As at 30 June 2015 a total of 1144 individuals were registered with Society. Of the total number of registrants:

11.1 Kāpō Membership

- 84% of registrants identified themselves as 'Kāpō'.
- 16% of registrants identified themselves as Whānau and or Supporters.

11.2 Membership By Ethnicity

- 77% of registrants identified themselves as 'Māori'.
- 3% of registrants identified themselves as Non-Maori e.g. Pakeha, Pacific Island.

12 2012-2015 STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

12.1 Goal 1: Wealth generation and financial stability

For the period July 2013 to June 2014 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa generated the total income of \$662,778

This income was generated from three primary sources:

12.1.1 Crown Contracts and Grants

Crown contracts and grants of \$473,569 accounted for 71% of the Society's total income and comprised of health and disability service agreements and consumer and workforce development grants from:

- Disability Support Services Disability, Information and Advice Services (DIAS).
- Disability Support Services Specialist Māori cultural support services.
- Māori Provider Development Scheme Development Grant (MPDS).
- Te Pou, Consumer Leadership Grant.
- Te Pou, Workforce Development Grant.
- Making a Difference, Ministry of Social Development.
- Te Puni Kokiri BC2013 Grant.

12.1.2 Blind Foundation (BF)

BF funding of \$105,826 accounted for 23% of the Society's total income and comprised of:

- Annual Consumer Group Grant.
- Sub contract Access and Engagement.

12.1.3 Other Sources:

The remaining source of income of \$38,383 accounted for 6% of the Society's total income and comprised of:

- Bank interest received.
- Koha received.
- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa 'Tangata' Membership fees.
- BC2013 registration fees.
- Consultancy and expense recoveries.
- Sundry income.

12.2 Goal 2: Increase organisational capability and systems integrity

12.2.1 Governance: Te Kahui Tumuaki

Outcomes for the period included:

Strategic Review

Completion and confirmation of:

- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa vision statement.
- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa mission statement.
- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa 2015-2017 Strategic Plan.

Governance Training

Completion of:

- St John First Aid certification – Tailored and Level 1.
- Strategic planning.
- Media training.
- Capability development planning.
- Legal compliance.

Governance Infrastructure Strengthening

Completion and confirmation of:

- 2015 Te Kahu Tumuaki Board performance review.
- Te Kahui Tumuaki 2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015 training plans.
- Te Kahui Tumuaki 2013 – 2014 and 2014 – 2015 work plans.

12.2.2 Operations

Outcomes for the period included:

Management and Staff Training

Completion of:

- St John First Aid certification –Level 1.
- Media training.
- Capability development planning.
- Communication training.

Member Information Systems Review and Rebuild:

- Update of member template forms.
- Update of customer satisfaction survey questionnaires.
- Upgrade of audio recording and production system.
- Update of Filemaker Pro member database system.
- Introduction of Survey Monkey on-line program.

Specialist Māori Cultural Support Services

In 2013 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa commenced its service agreement with the DSS, Ministry of Health to support kāpō Māori and their whānau to access and engage with the Blind Foundation to receive specialist vision services as well as other Ministry of Health, health and disability community service providers. As at 30th June 2015 we had supported 189 kāpō through the provision of specialist Māori cultural support services.

Note: The figure of 189 does not include or reflect the number of whānau that were also supported during the period or health and disability community service providers that kāpō and their whānau were referred to.

Disability Information and Advice (DIAS) Requests

For the period July 2013 to June 2015 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa responded to 18,519 requests for information and advice.

These requests were received via the following communication channels:

- Email and faxes: 9,356.
- Facebook and website: 495.
- Telephone (0800, mobile and text messaging): 8,247.
- Face to face: 421.

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa Regional Hui

For the period July 2013 to June 2015 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa facilitated the total of 752 regional hui throughout the country.

12.3 Goal 3: Create and maintain innovative ‘member centered’ programs and service solutions.

Outcomes for the period included:

a) Kāpō, Ka Ao, Ka Awatea Rōpu Iti Community Groups

This program focuses upon assisting members, whānau and supporters to establish local community peer support groups. The program model developed in 2009 offers members, whānau and supporters to come together and collaborate on a collective project or common goal.

Since piloting the program in 2010 we have assisted in co-ordinating the set up of fifteen rōpu iti throughout Aotearoa.

Examples of initiatives rōpu iti have completed range from establishing a communal garden from scratch, designing their own brand name and having it printed onto clothing to setting up and maintaining a Facebook page.

Our intent during this report period was to strengthen and sustain established rōpu iti versus building the number of rōpu iti nationally. Our success in achieving this outcome has been mixed with half of the rōpu iti established from 2010 to 2013 disestablished.

Through evaluation of the program we identified that the average life span of a rōpu iti was 1 to 3 years and that environmental factors that rōpu iti members are challenged with on a daily basis strongly influenced the sustainability of a rōpu iti. In addition since 2013 this program has not been funded restricting the ability of operational staff to maintain consistency. We concluded that sustaining a rōpu iti beyond 3 years will be a continual challenge, however, the popularity of rōpu iti remains

of key interest within the membership, evidence of this being the number of rōpu iti established since 2013.

As a result of the evaluation two directives will be initiated:

- i. The rōpu iti strategy for 2015 to 2017 will move from sustaining to growing new rōpu iti; and
- ii. Securing sponsorship to resource the program.

b) St John First Aid Courses

This is an established program that we in partnership with St John have offered since 2008 to our members. Since 2008 we have refined the program and resource content with the outcome being that the course is delivered non visually and St John resources a produced on audio daisy CD.

The course offers two programs the Tailored and Level One first aid courses. Since 2008 157 members have successfully completed either one or both courses.

We would like to acknowledge the 'Making a Difference', Ministry of Social Development campaign for supporting 32 members to complete the courses during the 2014 to 2015 period.

d) Attaining Tino Rangatiratanga: Self Determination through Communication

This program was rolled out in 2015 with a total of 20 rangatahi aged 16 to 25 years completing the course. The program is designed to assist rangatahi to strengthen their communication capabilities and to learn about their cultural identity and how they can utilize both in their day- to-day lives.

The program structure comprises of two groups of ten rangatahi completing the four-day course, which is split into two, two-day wananga. The rangatahi live together, which is similar

to a noho marae environment, the difference being that the 2015 accommodation and hui venue were at BLENNZ, Homai Campus, Auckland. However, as demonstrated in the pilot during 2013 and 2014, the program can also be facilitated in a marae or hotel environment. In addition this program is run separately from BLENNZ activities.

We take this opportunity to thank BLENNZ for allowing us to utilise their facilities. We also acknowledge Te Pou, Ministry of Health for sponsoring the program.

12.4 Goal 4: Build robust long-term sustainable relationships.

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa values the relationships and networks it has established over the years in the blind community, disabled community, with crown agencies, parliamentary representatives, Māori and Non Māori.

Through these relationships Kāpō Māori Aotearoa has been able to represent and advocate on behalf of its membership, kāpō Māori and their whānau specifically and Tangata whai kaha (disabled persons) and their whānau generally on common issues of concern to the blind and disabled communities but also Māori specific issues e.g. improving Māori health, social, economic, employment and education outcomes.

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa management and Te Kahui Tumuaki members continued to represent and or attend hui on behalf of the organization with the Crown and non Government agencies.

Outcomes during the period included:

- Sign off of Memorandum of Agreement with BLENNZ.

Assisted in the development and implementation of:

- BLENNZ Māori student outcomes plans review 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- BLENNZ Māori Student Outcomes 2014 and 2015 plans.
- BLENNZ Māori Achievement Strategy review.
- UNCRPD Monitoring Convention Coalition 2014 report.
- Disability Action Plan 2014-2018 development and implementation.
- Appointment of BLENNZ Board of Trustees Tangata Whenua representative.
- Review of Children with Disabilities subject to care under the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989 Project (Sections 141 and 142).
- MPDS National Providers review 2013, 2014.
- IPWDGN 2015 to 2016 Action plan 2015.

Attending events and meetings:

- Blind Foundation business plan seminars, 2013 and 2014.
- Blind Citizens of New Zealand AGM 2013.
- Blind Foundation strategic review 2014-2015.
- Whāia Te Ao Mārama consultation hui 2014 – Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Dunedin.
- DPO Network meetings, 2014 and 2015.
- Crown Chief Executives Group on Disability Issues meetings, 2014 and 2015.
- PVI Conference 2014.
- NZ View Conference 2014.
- Blind Foundation AGM 2014.
- United Nations Examination workshop 2014
- MAD, Ministry of Social Development workshop 2014
- Helen Kellar Communication Day 2014.
- Blind Foundation Direct Client Services collegial meetings 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- NZSL Action Awards 2015.
- Pacific Disability Forum 2015.
- IPWDGN Asia Pacific workshop 2015.

- IPWDGN Steering Group planning meeting 2015.

12.5 Goal 5: Expand the profile and reputation of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa

Outcomes during the period included:

Raising the Kāpō Māori Aotearoa profile

For the period July 2013 to June 2015 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa distributed:

- 6,722 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa pamphlets.
- 5,508 Kāpō Māori Aotearoa 'He Purongo' newsletters.

Upgrade of Kāpō Māori Website

In 2014 Te Kahui Tumuaki confirmed the Kāpō Māori Aotearoa Brand Project, the purpose of the project to introduce the Society's new name to members and stakeholders. A key action task was to review all of the organisation's marketing collateral.

An outcome of the review was to give priority to upgrading our website which since its launch in 2007 had had minimal changes to layout, format etc.

Xplore.net whom built our first website was engaged to develop and upgrade the website. Through discussions with Xplore the new and improved Kāpō Māori Aotearoa website will be IT responsive, accessibility upgraded, have a broader information base for members and the general public.

This project is forecasted to be completed by December 2015.