

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.1 Ashley George McHugh, Presiding Officer

Appendix 9

#### MEMBERS OF THE NGAI TAHU TRIBUNAL

##### 9.1 Ashley George McHugh, Presiding Officer

Ashley McHugh is acting chief judge of the Maori Land Court and has served as deputy chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal. Born in Wellington in 1927 and educated at St Patricks College, Wellington, he later served in the RNZAF towards the end of World War II and then completed his law studies at Victoria University. For the next 25 years he practised law in Gisborne, specialising in tribunal work, and during that time he developed a knowledge of Maori issues and law.

In 1980 Judge McHugh was appointed to the bench of the Maori Land Court at Whangarei. He later sat at Wanganui and in 1987 was appointed deputy chief judge of the Maori Land Court.

For many years Judge McHugh has been involved in a number of charitable, sporting and commercial organisations. In particular he played a major role in trustee banking administration.

He was awarded MBE in 1980 for community services and for his contribution to the banking industry.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.2 Bishop Manuhuia Tutewehiwehi Augustus Bennett

#### 9.2 Bishop Manuhuia Tutewehiwehi Augustus Bennett

Bishop Bennett of Te Arawa was born in 1916 at Ohinemutu, Rotorua. He attended theological college at Te Aute and was ordained into the Anglican ministry in 1940. From 1944-45 he served in the RNZ Chaplains' Department of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Middle East and Italy, attached to 28th NZ (Maori) Battalion. On his return to New Zealand he served in a number of parishes before being consecrated as Bishop of Aotearoa in 1986. During his parish ministry he completed a BSc from the University of Hawaii and also holds a Doctorate of Divinity.

Bishop Bennett retired as Bishop of Aotearoa in 1981 and was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in 1986. Throughout his life he has been involved in a wide range of community and church affairs, and particularly with Maori and bicultural projects.

He continues to be actively involved in community organisations and was awarded the Order of Companion of St Michael and St George (C.M.G) in 1981 and the Special Order of New Zealand (O.N.Z) in 1989.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.3 Monita Eru Delamere

#### 9.3 Monita Eru Delamere

Sir Monita was born at Omaio, Te Kaha in 1921 and is a member of Te Whanau a Apanui, Whakatohea, Ngai Tahu and Ngati Mamoe. He served in the Maori Battalion during World War II, was a Maori All Black 1946-49, and farmed for a number of years at Opotiki. In 1954 Sir Monita established a small dry cleaning business at Kawerau which he ran for the next 25 years. He has been involved in community activities for many years, becoming a rotarian, a justice of the peace and councillor on the Kawerau Borough Council. He established the first of the Kawerau region's three credit unions and continues to play an active role in organising or advising other North Island credit unions. The creation of credit unions has been an important aspect of Sir Monita's work, as he regards them a practical application of Maori concepts of community co-operation, support and self sufficiency.

In 1979 Sir Monita retired from business and returned to Opotiki where he was secretary of the Whakatohea Trust Board. He was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in 1986 and has served on the hearings of the Orakei, Taipa and Muriwhenua claims. He has been a member of the New Zealand Maori Council since 1962. A Ringatu spiritual leader and minister since the early 1950s, Sir Monita is a recognised authority in Maori law, custom, history and religion.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.4 Georgina Manunui Te Heuheu

#### 9.4 Georgina Manunui Te Heuheu

Georgina Te Heuheu is Ngati Tuwharetoa with kinship links to Te Arawa and Tuhoe. Born and raised at Taurewa, beneath Mount Tongariro, she is married and has two sons. She attended Turakina Maori Girls College and Auckland Girls Grammar School and after completing her BA and LLB degrees at Victoria University practised law in Wellington and Rotorua.

In 1974 Mrs Te Heuheu served on the Commission of Inquiry into Maori Reserved Land.

Currently involved in iwi development with the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Mrs Te Heuheu is also a director of the Maori Development Corporation and serves on the board of the Poutama Trust.

She is also involved in the area of legal services and law reform as a member of the Courts Consultation Committee and an advisor to the Evidence Reference Committee of the Law Commission.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.5 Ian Hugh Kawharu

#### 9.5 Ian Hugh Kawharu

Professor Sir Hugh Kawharu belongs to Ngati Whatua and is head of the anthropology department at Auckland University. He holds a BSc (New Zealand) MA (Cambridge) and D.Phil (Oxford) as well as being an authority on traditional and contemporary Maori land law. From 1953 to 1965 he worked for Maori Affairs in housing, welfare and trust administration. He held a personal chair in social anthropology and Maori studies at Massey University from 1970 before taking up his Auckland appointment. He has been a member of the Royal Commission on the Courts, the Council of the Auckland Institute and Museum, and chairperson of the Ngati Whatua of Orakei Maori Trust Board. Recently he has set up Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua, a unifying body for all his tribe.

He has acted as a consultant for UNESCO, FAO, the NZMC and NZCER and has written or edited a number of books on Maori issues and race relations; most recently he has edited *Waitangi: Maori and Pakeha Perspectives on the Treaty of Waitangi* (Oxford University Press, 1989)

Sir Hugh received his knighthood in 1989.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.6 Gordon Stewart Orr

#### 9.6 Gordon Stewart Orr

Gordon Orr has had a three-cornered career in the practice, administration and teaching of law. Born in 1926, Professor Orr grew up in Masterton and completed BA and LL.M degrees at Victoria University. Later he gave up a successful law partnership in Wellington and moved to the Crown Law Office where for several years he was senior Crown counsel. He then became deputy chairperson of the State Services Commission and later Secretary for Justice. In 1978 he was appointed professor of constitutional law at Victoria University teaching principally New Zealand constitutional law and legal history, including 19th century Maori land issues.

His publications include a book on administrative justice in New Zealand, written while he was a Harkness Fellow at the Harvard University Law School.

He was appointed emeritus professor in 1987 on retiring from Victoria University. Since joining the tribunal he has been one of its two full-time members, principally engaged in the Orakei and Ngai Tahu claims.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*

# Ngai Tahu Land Report

## Appendix 09 Members of the Ngai Tahu Tribunal

### 9.7 Desmond John Sullivan

#### 9.7 Desmond John Sullivan

Sir Desmond was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal in 1987, following a distinguished career as a lawyer and judge. He was born in 1920 at Waimate and was educated at Timaru Boys High School. After service in the New Zealand Army and Navy for the duration of World War II he graduated LLB from Canterbury University. He practised law in Westport for some years and later in Palmerston North. In 1966 he was appointed a stipendiary magistrate in Wellington and in 1979 was made chief judge of the District Court. In this capacity he implemented the wide ranging reforms recommended by the Royal Commission on the Courts.

Sir Desmond has been chairperson of the New Zealand Council for Recreation and Sport and Film Industry Board, and was executive director of the World Rugby Cup in 1987. He is active in the Catholic Church. Since retirement he has conducted several inquiries, including those on lotto, casinos, gambling and excise revenue.

Sir Desmond was knighted in 1984. He resigned from the Waitangi Tribunal on 1 July 1989 but remains a member for this Ngai Tahu claim.

---

*Waitangi Tribunal, Department of Justice, Wellington.*