

Complaint: OMSA 16/019
Complainant: T. Terekia
Media: Maori Television
Publication: Website, “Te Haaro o te Kaahu Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua 2016- Te Wharekura o Arowhenua”.
Publication date: Wednesday 27 July 2016
Ruling Date: 22 August 2016
Outcome: Settled

The Complainant, T. Terekia, said, in part: “False material. There is an instance of false information where it is said along the lines of the schools first time performing at the nationals when I can account for at least 5 nationals including this years. Also, the name of the kura is incorrect. Te Wharekura o Arowhenua is the name of the school as well as the group, not Kura Kaupapa o Arowhenua.”

The Chairman was satisfied that the relevant provision of the OMSA Code of Standards was Part A Standard 1 Accuracy.

Preliminary comment from the Publisher, Maori Television, said, in part: “I have been advised that the information posted was received from the team itself. Māori Television’s news and current affairs team have updated the story here:

<https://www.maoritelevision.com/news/national/te-haaro-o-te-kaahu-kapa-haka-kura-tuarua-2016-te-wharekura-o-arowhenua>”

The Chairman noted the concerns of the Complainant that the content was inaccurate.

The Chairman noted the Publisher said it had relied on the information provided to it and had updated the story on receipt of the complaint.

Noting the self-regulatory actions of the Publisher to amend the content, the Chairman considered it would serve no further purpose to place the matter before the OMSA Committee Members for consideration and ruled the matter was settled.

Chairman’s Ruling: Settled

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Te Wharekura o Arowhenua was established in 1998 as part of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Arowhenua.

The group describe their mission statement with the whakatauki 'Tū pakari, tū rangatira, hei raukura mō tō iwi - Stand Strong, Stand Proud as a plume for your Tribe.'

Arowhenua aim to be high achievers and exemplify the hopes and aspirations of their people.

This is the first year half of the group have stood on the national stage.
Te Wharekura o Arowhenua is led by kaitātaki tane Ihaia Te Wiki and kaitātaki wahine Renae Wanahi.

This clip features the group's whakaeke, 'Mā Wai e Hua Nei' composed by Thomas Aerepo-Morgan.