

PANUI Jun 2017

Kia ora koutou

Apologies for the lack of panui for the last few months, but hopefully all of the correspondence and AGM Booklet have provided all of the updates and news. We hope you will find it useful and we welcome your feedback at:

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AGM

We felt the AGM was a great event and we are so proud of everyone for taking on the challenge of the day – as it was quite a busy and different meeting from most other AGM. Thank you whanau.

The documents presented at the AGM were the culmination of 10 months of work we have done together – something we can all be proud of.

The 3 main documents were passed. These documents, together with the other AGM resolutions and the election results have now been submitted to the Maori Land Court for ratification. Hard copies and E-Copies of this booklet are still available and it includes all 3 primary documents.

Congratulations to Mereana Hepi and Marlon Hepi for their election to the Trust, they will join the current members:

- Blandina Diamond (Chair)
- Veronica Hunapo (Deputy)
- Huitao (Treasurer)
- Moerangi Rakaupai (Deputy Treasurer)
- Jimmy Hill
- Mandie Brown
- Cherie Ngata-Gray

Taipiria Hepi has submitted his resignation from the Whanganui Bay Maori Reservation Trust. We thank Taipiria for his years of contribution and commitment to the Trust and wish him all the best for his future. A copy of the AGM minutes will be available once we have received ratification.

We did promise to commence a review of 3 specific areas of the occupancy policy, but going forward we will commence the implementation of this policy.

I would again like to thank our Trust members and Cherie, our secretary for all of the hard work put into the AGM and the document creations.

Trust Key Dates:

- **Ordinary Trust Hui – Sat 1 Jul** @ Netcor from 10am.
 - Focus on Security, incident management, legal and housing/occupancy policy execution.
- **Tuwharetoa Deed of Settlement Signing – Sat 8 Jul @ Waitetoko** with powhiri from 11:30am
- **Working Bee - Friday 14 Jul – Sunday 16 Jul** at Whanganui Bay.
 - Skip Bins will be made available so that whanau can clear their areas of rubbish and recycling. Trust will be have a working bee at the Trust Bach to prepare it for further repairs.
- **2C AGM Saturday 15 Jul in Taumarunui.**
- **Trust Wananga – Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August** @ Whanganui Bay.
 - Saturday – Go over the OPUS report and establish the various build and activity areas.
 - Sunday – Meet with Alpine Club to discuss the future of climbing.

Legal Counsel

We have recently taken on new legal counsel from McCaw Lewis which is a legal firm based in Hamilton who have members that specialise in Maori Land Law.

Housing

Much of the focus for our hui 1-2 Jul will be used to complete the various administration in preparation for the implementation of the new Occupancy Policy. Veronica and Moerangi lead this portfolio. Together with other members they have prepared a folder for every current dwelling. We will also be finalising occupancy fee invoices, application form, Licence to Build Certificate and Licence to Occupy Certificate.

Key Steps: Please refer to a copy of the new policy:

- Invoices for occupancy fees are due to be issued in Jul for payment by 1 Mar 2018.
- For current dwelling owners: Updating of occupancy files commence 1 Aug. Also for this group we will commence individual written plans to enable you to bring your building up

to the required standards for the new 'Conditions of Occupancy'.

- For new applications Gate 1; Proof of Eligibility opens 1 Aug and closes 31 Aug.
- Those who no-longer meet the eligibility criteria but have already placed a building on the Reservation – you are required to contact the Trust to arrange a meeting prior to 1 Oct.

The key eligibility criteria for occupancy is that the owner and Licence Holder must be a blood descendent of Ngati Te Maunga.

PROJECT OTINGA – Marae Completion

Project Otinga meet again Friday 23 Jun. The full costings and scope of work is near completion. However **we have also placed our first application for Funding in the last week.** Essentially, what remains for the completion of the marae have been allocated to specific work-streams and include:

- Kitchen fit out, as well as carpet installation
- Remaining Construction Work (OPUS report for Certificate of Acceptance)
- Carvings completion and installation
- Tukutuku panels completion and installation
- Kowhaiwhai panels completion and installation
- Road Works to the Access Road

In November 2016 key stakeholders of the main organisation associated to the completion of the marae came together to form a Project team and created Project OTINGA. This action was recognition that only through cooperation and specific governance could the key stakeholders help bring the completion of the marae and opening of the marae to fruition. A Project Charter and a 7 Stage project plan was created which is now in the completion of Stage 3. Stage 3 has produced a 'Current State Summary' including consents and certificates, a 'Future Scope of Work' for completion and an estimate of costs for completion.

The next stage, Stage 4 of the project has now commenced which includes securing funding sources and establishing formal contracts for the completion of the various work-streams. Stage 5 is a significant stage and includes executing the various work, while Stages 6 and 7 are certification and hand-over of the complex. It is anticipated that the various work-streams can be completed within 12 months given the appropriate funding.

The Project Manager (Blandina) together with Topia Rameka are responsible for securing the funding for the completion of the marae. The funding sources to be approached are from multiple area including government, various associated Trust and marae.

How can you help: There are two specific ways whanau can help with the completion of the marae:

- Attend wananga to complete the Tukutuku panels.
- Fund-raise or make koha.

FROM HAPU FORUM to TE KOTAHITANGA O NGATI TUWHARETOA

Ngati Tuwharetoa including Ngati Te Maunga voted yes to accept the settlement offer made by the crown and secondly also voted yes to the body that will represent the iwi after the claims process was complete.

The signing of the Deed will take place Saturday 8 July at Waitetoko Mare. The Ariki has extended an invitation to all members of Ngati Tuwharetoa to attend the signing. **Please contact me if you intend to attend** the signing as we can coordinate our Hapu attendance.

Waitetoko Marae are also looking for people to help with all of the marae preparation which will occur the entire week leading up to the day. **Please contact me also if you can help.**

After the signing it will take about 18 months before the commencement of the return of land and compensation. It is this 18 months that must be used to set up the new Iwi Body.

The new iwi body is Te Kotahitanga o Tuwharetoa. Te Kotahitanga is a group of representatives from each Hapu – a delegate and an alternate. Uncle Oram Hepi is the delegate and Blandina Diamond is the alternate. Te Kotahitanga together with the kaimahi team will need to work quickly and diligently to prepare the structure, people and policies for the return of land and compensation, but also to complete operational level negotiations and agreements. The new operational level organisation that will work with Te Kotahitanga is named – Te Poari Mahi. Te Poari Mahi will consist of a maximum of 4 hapu delegates who will be responsible for implementing decisions made by Te Kotahitanga o Ngati Tuwharetoa.

Ngā mihi, Blandina Diamond