



Te Haonga Mai

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TRUST BOARD

The Seabed and Foreshore case continues to carry on and was further deliberated at the Omaka hui on 29 and 30 of August 2003.

The concentration of work over the last couple of months has been around preparation for the Genesis Appeal, Seabed and Foreshore activities, and a consultation round in relation to Te Awa Tupua Negotiations.

The Land Claims Judicial Conferences were held in Whanganui on the 7th and 8th of August. They dealt with the pending timetable, research and resource issues. A further research hui was held at the Chateau on 9 September 2003 for the Whanganui enquiry.

The Trust Board has been working hard to try and improve our communication networks. We have sent out panui asking for confirmation of Hapu Delegates to Te Runanga O Te Awa Tupua O Whanganui so that we can ensure the right people are receiving the right information.

We are also asking marae to confirm their contact details so that they too get information as it comes to hand. As often the messenger we are making a real effort to improve the information flow out to Whanau, Hapu and Iwi however the information flowing back to us is not readily available until we make a mistake. So in order to prevent that from happening we ask that Hapu and Marae please ensure that the office has current details of the correct contacts and we will do our best to get you the information.

TE WAIPOUNAMU

Te Puna O Te Matauranga, and members of the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board travelled to Otautahi on the 16th of July 2003 to visit Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Tahu.

Whanganui Hui a Iwi

On the eve of our visit to Ngāi Tahu we called a hui a Iwi for all Whanganui Whanau living in Otautahi. This hui was held at Christchurch Polytechnic. Attendance was small with about thirty of our Whanau but the quality of our hui was excellent. The Whanau were provided with an overview of the activities back at home on the

Awa and then an opportunity was given for them to ask questions.



One of the questions asked was how people living in Otautahi could have representation on the Rūnanga.

The hui a Iwi ended with a kai, further korero and the opportunity for the Whanau down there in Otautahi to get together on a more regular occasions.



Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Tahu

The primary purpose of the visit was to gain an insight in to the Ngāi Tahu Education Strategy, their MOU relationship with the Ministry of Education and in particular to look at Kotahi Mano Kaika. Kotahi Mano Kaika is a strategy to have 1000 Ngāi Tahu Reo Maori speaking families by the year 2025. Given the language loss suffered by the Ngāi Tahu Iwi this is no easy feat.

The Ngāi Tahu strategies to achieve Kotahi Mano Kaika range from;

- Providing access to quality te reo educational programmes
- Access to quality immersion and bilingual early childhood education and schools sector education
- Having an appropriate level of proficient and skilled kaiako in Te Waipounamu
- The development of a range of Ngāi Tahu te reo educational resources

- Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu reo will be incorporated in to the mainstream and immersion curriculum

Our hosts provided a two day intensive insight into Te Rūnanga O Ngāi Tahu, how representation is formed and the roles and responsibilities of the Rūnanga. This also included information on the entities that Ngāi Tahu have formed as a result of their settlement with the Crown. Ngāi Tahu has adopted a very planned approach to their development that is driven by a 25 year vision 'Ngāi Tahu 2025', everything they do and say is guided by the principles within this document. Their five yearly planning cycles are focused on achieving the 2025 Vision.

A very big thank you must go to Ngāi Tahu for the knowledge and information that they shared with us during our stay, they are a committed Iwi willing to help any who ask.



AWA TUPUA CLAIM

During the month of August and September the Awa Tupua Negotiation Committee has been undertaking a series of hui. The first series of hui entailed the committee travelling throughout the Rohe meeting with Whanau and Hapu to inform them about the progress of the claim and to seek input and feedback.

The second series of hui were coordinated by the Jurisdiction team within the Negotiation Committee. The first of these hui was held at Putiki on 9 September. This hui required Whanau to participate in workshops on five key areas;

- Whakawhanaungatanga
- Authority
- Te Pu Wao Nui
- The Awa as a Commodity
- Enhancement and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua.

In these workshops key questions were posed under these key areas and Whanau were asked to speak about how they thought.

Some of the themes that emerged from this day were;

- That the enhancement and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua was primary
- That our relationships with each other are very important and that we must work hard to keep these strong
- That Hapu need to be included in any processes developed for the Iwi
- That there is a need for clear guidelines and responsibilities to be defined in relation to Te Awa Tupua

These are just a few of the themes that emerged. A summary of this hui and the others that followed will be available from the Trust Board office at the end of September.

Another key challenge for us as a people that came out of these hui is that we need to be proactive in forming guidelines, policies and other management requirements in relation to Te Awa Tupua and us as Whanau, Hapu and Iwi. This should not be driven by negotiations by the crown instead it should be an ongoing process.

In order to keep up to date with the hui happening around the rohe listen in to Awa FM for confirmation of dates, times and venues. Don't forget their frequencies are;

91.2 Ohakune, Raetihi and the National Park.
93.5 Taumarunui
100 Whanganui City

GENESIS

On the 30th of August 2001 the Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council granted a 24 resource consents relating to the Tongariro Power Development scheme for another 35 years. To realise the extent of these resource consents they are listed as follows;

- **Water permit** – to dam the Whakapapa River, divert and take water up to a max. of 40 cubic metres per second
- **Water permit** – to dam the Okupata Stream, diver and take water up to a max. of 2 cubic metres per second
- **Water permit** – to dam the Taurewa Stream, divert and take water up to a max. of 2 cubic metres per second
- **Water permit** – to dam the Tawhitikuri Stream, divert and take water up to a max. of 2 cubic metres per second
- **Water permit** – to dam the Mangatepopo Stream, divert and take water up to a max. of 5 cubic metres per second
- **Discharge permit** – discharge all the water mentioned above into Lake Whaiau at a max. rate up to 51 cubic metres per second
- **Water permit** – to dam the Whanganui River, divert and take water up to a max. of 14 cubic metres per second. **Discharge permit** for this in to Te Whaiau Stream.

- **Water permit** – to dam Te Whaiau Stream by means of Te Whaiau Dam which forms Lake Te Whaiau.
- **Water permit** – to divert and take water up to a max of up to 74 cubic metres per second from Lake Te Whaiau. **Discharge permit** for this in to Lake Otamangakau.
- **Water permit** – to dam Otamangakau Stream by means of the Otamangakau Dam structure which forms Lake Otamangakau
- **Discharge permit** – to discharge water up to a max. rate of up to 3 cubic metres per second into the Otamangakau Stream downstream of the Otamangakau Dam.
- **Water permit** – to divert and take water up to a max. of up to 55 cubic metres per second from Lake Otamangakau.
- **Combined land use consent, water permit and discharge permit** in relation to the Tongariro Power Development structures, the bed or a river or lake and the water.
- **Discharge permit** – to discharge materials onto or into land associated with the removal of sediment, weed debris or other material
- **Discharge permit** - to discharge materials into the air, onto land and into water from abrasive blasting activities associated with maintenance of TPD structures
- **Land use consent** – to use structures within the TPD for the purposes of damming, diverting, taking and conveying water etc.
- **Land use consents** – to erect, place, alter, extend, maintain, remove or demolish structures within the TPD for the purposes of measuring flows and water quality and any other monitoring
- **Land use consent** – to place structures in streams, rivers and lakes upstream of TPD structures for safety reasons or to prevent material entering the structures

When analysing this list of consents you can start to see where water is being taken from, where it's mixed with other water, and then taken again to another part of the system and so on.

So on 27th September 2001 the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board along with other Hapu/Iwi appealed against the Manawatu Whanganui Regional Council's decision to grant the resource consents;

These appeals are due to be heard by the Environment Court. Eight weeks have been set aside for the hearings. The dates, times and venues for these are as follows;

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| 29 September 2003 | Commence at 11.00am at the Regency 1 Room, Copthorne Resort Manuels, 243 Lake Terrace Taupo. Opening submissions & site visits |
| 6 October | Genesis Evidence at Taupo Copthorne Manuels |
| 20 October | Powderhorn Chateau Ohakune rest of Genesis Evidence |
| 28 th | Tamahaki evidence – venue to be determined |

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| 29 th | Mighty River Power – Powerhorn Ohakune |
| 30 | Cross examination by Genesis of the Crown Powderhorn Ohakune |
| 30/31 | Regional Council |
| 3 November | Ngati Rangi evidence at Tiorangi Marae this will continue throughout the week until all their evidence has been heard. |
| 10 November 2003 | Commence the Whanganui evidence with a Powhiri at Ngapuwaiwaha at 10.00am and then on to the Town Hall for the hearing of evidence. |
| 8 th December | Closing submissions of all parties with be held in Wellington at the Environment Court |

WHARE KOHATU

Sustainable Housing Construction

In May 2002 a group from Pungarehu Marae traveled to Waiheke Island to look at the development of indigenous housing solutions which meet both sustainability and affordability requirements. The organisation visited was Aranui Development Trust owned by Claude Lewzin.

What is a Kohatu Brick?

A kohatu brick is a self made brick utilizing natural resources and conventional cement

How is the brick manufactured?

The products are hand mixed in a concrete mixer, poured into a mould and leveled off being left to settle for a short period of time prior to the moulds being removed. The bricks are generally twice the size of conventional bricks.

Where is the brick being developed and who is developing it?

The brick is currently being developed at Pungarehu Marae approximately 26 kilometers up the Whanganui River road.

When will the brick be ready for mass production?

It is envisaged that a brick will be ready for production by September 2003 and building will start by January 2004.

Feasibility Study

Heeni Investment Co have identified the following areas to complete a feasibility study, the areas are:

- **Sustainability**

Sustainable Housing that looks at construction methods and use of construction materials which provide housing solutions for more than one generation.

- **Affordability**

Through the use of natural materials and the high proportion of labour or sweat equity involved in the construction method substantial cost saving can be achieved.

- **Construction Method**

The construction technique used is a self build concrete brick process which utilizes a mix of low cost locally sourced materials and cement.

- **Additional Resources**

The incorporation of a wide range of additional resources can be included in the building, which can include natural timbers, recycled building materials which can be stock piled and built into design features of the home prior to construction. (Marble, glass, doors, windows and frames).

- **Flooring**

There are number of options for floors, such as:

- Prefabricated stone tiles using the same materials found in the walls;
- Concrete floors or slabs;

- Timber floors

- **Exterior Finishing**



The exterior of the building is finished using a clay concrete plaster mix specifically designed to eradicate moisture and seepage.

- **Roofing**

To look at a roofing material that is consistent with the exterior finish, however variations will be considered, from conventional long run iron to clay tiles.

For further information please contact Ben Potaka on (06) 342 5758 or email: heeni.investments@xtra.co.nz



Ngati Pamoana (Tokotoko) hosted the recent bimonthly hui at Otukopiri/Koriniti marae on 17th August 2003, where Hapu representatives gave brief reports on their Hapu developments.

Reports received by nominated representatives were:

- **Seabed and Foreshore** – impact on Whanganui River Claims, Crown presentation 18th August 2003. Public announcement – Nga Hapu o Tupoho will maintain the position presented by Whanganui Iwi at Hauraki hui in Paeroa on 12 July 2003. Nelson Bay Iwi hui 30th August 2003.
- **Te Papa** – Kaumatua and Kuia position – 2½ year Whanganui Iwi Exhibition. Pae Matua hui on 22nd and 23rd August 2003 at Putiki marae. Tupoho Hapu seek change of Kaumatua/Kuia position and Te Papa officials met on 23rd August 2003 with Paematua.
- **Genesis** November Hui in Taumarunui – Presenters were same as before. Questions asked by representatives were how many times do we have to say the same thing- “NO”. Jim Takarangi, M Potaka, D Metekingi and others. Travel will be arranged.
- **PHO** supported by Hapu on 20th August 2003, signing between Taumata Hauora Trust (MDO) and Whanganui PHO. Consultation between Whanau, Hapu and Iwi must continue. Pathway is still not clear but working together should eliminate the barriers and time will tell. Kia Kaha.
- **Land Claims** conservation Jurisdiction Hui looking at redress their constitution – compensation and their hui by Whanganui on 9th September 2003 at Putiki. Land Claims await response from Crown Forestry Rental Trust to find research projects. Not looking good.
- **Negotiating Team** Whanganui River Claims looking toward attending Hui in Nga Tupuna Rohe to consult on a wider scale including Morikau/Atihau and other similar organisations over a period of 4-6 weeks.
- **Strengthening** Nga Hapu o Tupoho Hui will be called for 3 September 2003 at Rangahaua at 5.30pm. Hapu support – Tupoho service providers – new initiatives etc – Administration base/structure all Tupoho Trustees representatives, Uri are urged to participate. Major decisions are required everyday and building with claims and Crown positions. Real decisions have to be made and supported.

There have been two meetings held between Wanganui District Council and Tupoho. The following issues were discussed:

- By laws – Iwi clarification – legal opinion (safety issues)
- Waitangi Funding – support by Tupoho and Wanganui District Council for Te Oranganui Iwi Health Trust proposal for a Waitangi

Community Celebration on 6th February 2003. Tupoho has requested that Karakia begin at the River and Pakaitore.

- AGM – Otoko Marae, 29th October 2003 at 10am has been confirmed. Agenda items are required. Please ring 027 281 0813.
 - Review relationship Agreement
 - Maori Ward – establishment
 - Waka Ama slipway
 - Transit – Roadworks

Te Runanga O Tupoho next Hui will be on 19th October 2003 at Te Awaiti, Otoko Marae at 10am. Agm will be held on 29th October 2003 at Otoko Marae and on 3rd September 2003 there will be a special meeting at 5.30 (to be confirmed).

Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua o Whanganui hui will be held on 27 September 2003, Tiorangi Marae at 10am.

Wanganui District Council and Tupoho working party hui will be held at the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board on 17th September 2003 at 10am. National Judges Hui will be held on 3rd, 4th and 5th October 2003 at Otukopiri/Koriniti marae.

Note: meeting in town/city evening 2nd October 2003.

HINENGAKAU

Hemp Harvest March 2003

Despite extreme weather conditions, lack of funding and man power, Tairaroa Whanau & friends gathered at Tawata on March 21, 2003 and harvested 100kgs of Hemp seed by hand.

Assisted by Hemp expert Steve Burnett 2 hectares of seed was sown, again by hand on December 21st, 2002

THC levels averaged Less than 0.01% making this crop successful in its extremely low THC content.

Hemp is a high demand crop that can be processed into any thing from clothing, to medicine, you can even use it as a building product.

For more information please contact Piki @ Hinengakau Development Trust Office: 07 895 8778



This beautiful korowai made by Julie Ranginui was presented to Ngai Tahu at the commencement of our visit. It now proudly warms the Ngai Tahu pounamu that commemorates the Settlement of the Ngai Tahu claim with the Crown.

HAERE RA

Haere ra Kataraina (Honey)

Kua mihi ki a koe I nga mema mo te Poari Maori mo te Awa o Whanganui. I tenei wa e mihi ana hoki o hoa mahi e mahi tonu ana mo to tatou Poari.

Noho ora mai ra e te Kotiro, ma to Kaihanga koe e awhi, hei manaaki I nga wa katoa.



It is with sadness that we farewellled Kataraina (Honey) Potaka this month.

Honey has been with the Trust Board since 1998. Over this period she has greeted many a face, processed many accounts, and attended many hui in support of our Awa Tupua.

Without the commitment of people such as Honey making sure that the administration is done and processes are accountable the Trust Board would be at a loss.

At her recent Poroporoaki members of the Board expressed their sadness in Honey's leaving particularly as one of her strongest attributes is Manaaki Tangata, of our pahake and kaumatua.





The Trust Board wish you well in your future endeavours Honey and thank you for the work you have done for Whanganui Iwi over the past few years.

