



Te Haonga Mai

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TRUST BOARD

The Trust Board was Established in 1988 primarily to negotiate the Whanganui River Claim, upon the achievement of this task the the Trust Board will be disestablished. The Iwi have already decided that Te Rūnanga O Te Awa Tupua and the entities that operate beneath this will be the organisational arrangements to take us in to the future.

Over the last two years the focus of the Trust Board has been around the preparation of transition to these organisational arrangements. In this role we provide;

- Continual administrative support to the Claims Negotiation Committee
- Administration and Facilitation support to Te Rūnanga O Te Awa Tupua
- Interim Tribal authority functions

In 2005 this Transition phase will see the establishment of an Inter-organisational forum that will focus on the strategic interface of all our Iwi representative organisations. The current political environment requires the Iwi organisations to be more strategically aligned in order to meet the changing goal posts.

The political climate will continue its turbulence through until the elections, at the moment the Board has to respond to;

- The fact that Tuna are now in the Quota Management System. The Whanganui River and its Western Tributaries have a commercial exclusion zone from the tidal influence (31km) upwards. We need to monitor that no commercial activity is occurring in this zone and set Marae exclusion zones within the 31 km area.
1. Changes to the Resource Management Act will see National Interest outweigh Local Interest and other key changes. Keep an eye out on parliament.govt.nz – select committees and put in a submission on this one....
 2. Genesis are continuing with their appeal to the High Court which will see us back in Court in March or April next year.
 3. Te Puni Kokiri is doing some work on a single legal structure tailored to the governance requirements of Māori collectives. The Trust Board is currently preparing a submission on this.

This list is endless but all of these issues have a huge impact on our ability to exercise our rangatiratanga as Whānau, Hapu and Iwi. So when hui are called please have input.

TE AWA TUPUA CLAIM

The Claims Negotiation Committee are currently stocktaking their negotiation processes and strategies in order to ensure they are effective.

The need to review these processes and strategies has derived from a lack of progress. This lack of progress is predominately due to the Crowns unwillingness to meet since the Cabinet response to our Whanganui Iwi position.

The Committee met recently with the Minister and her officials and has set a date early in the New Year to workshop some of the fundamental issues driving this negotiation.

As a result of this review changes will be made to the Communication Plan to enable a broad approach that ensures the people are informed and able to provide feedback on key issues, and that information is shared with our hapu and Iwi.

“If ever this claims process has identified something it is that we must empower and consolidate ourselves as Whanau, Hapū and Iwi!”

The claim should not be the driver of our future as Hapu and Iwi. The Crown will never ever be able to do this for us and nor should they we must be in control of this process ourselves.

GENESIS

The Environment Court findings established a 10 year consent period within which time the consent holder (Genesis) shall use their best endeavours to develop and reach agreement with the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board, Ngati Rangi and Tamahaki Incorporated Society on a process that provides for a range of issues related to the Tongariro Power Development Scheme.

The Trust Board was asked by Genesis to organise a 3 day trip on the Whanganui River so that the Senior Management of Genesis may gain an opportunity to better understand some of these issues affecting Te Awa Tupua. The Genesis party included their Chairman, CEO and senior managers.

Throughout the journey the Genesis party had an opportunity to view destruction at Kākahi, Tamarunui and throughout their journey down the River. They had an opportunity to talk with whānau and experience Te Awa Tupua.

It was hoped that this trip may pave the way for discussions to commence between the parties about the way forward. In order to move forward Genesis were requested to withdraw their appeal from the High Court and then Iwi could look to establish a relationship for the future. Genesis responded that this was not a possibility as they were responsible to their shareholders to manage a company prudently.

The end result of this hīkoi was that the parties will continue to the High Court and await a verdict before any further discussions are held on any future relationship.



AWA FILMS WORKING PARTY

Update

The Awa Films Working Party was set up in August 2001 consisting of mandated representatives from hapu and Iwi *mai i Te kahui Maunga ki Tangaroa*. Its purpose was to work with Silverscreen films company (RQ) Ltd on matters of policy, protocols and process in the production of the film (River Queen). There was also a need to ensure that the intellectual property rights of Whanganui Iwi were protected and the safety of Taonga maintained. The original members were:

Di Ngarongo <i>Hinengakau</i>	Piripi Haami <i>Ngati Rangī,</i>
Boy Cribb <i>Tamahaki</i>	Martha Ponga <i>Tamahaki,</i>
Wai Wiari-Southern <i>Ngati Hau</i>	Liz Te Aho <i>Ngati Hau</i>
Barney Haami <i>Ngati Ruaka</i>	The late Pestall Pauro <i>Ngati Ruaka</i>
Tom Treanor <i>Ngati Kurawhatia</i>	Dennis McDonnell <i>Ngati Kurawhatia</i>
John Maihi <i>Tupoho</i>	

There have been changes to the membership. Dardi Metekingi Mato replaces John Maihi and Martha Ponga, Liz Te Aho and Pestall Pauro are no longer with the group.



Some of the cast members of the 'River Queen'

Undoubtedly some positives and negative experiences have been gained from the involvement in the production of 'River Queen'. These have highlighted advantages and shortfalls and also underpinned the need to improve our overall knowledge and processes to better prepare us for future productions (visual, audio and written) undertaken within our rohe.

Reflection over the past year reveals highs and lows during the actual filming. Some of the highs were those of us who secured roles, work in the picture; our old people visiting the film set and being treated extremely well by the cast, crew and support staff. The lows included late payment of wages especially for those who counted on this income; the four weeks hold up of filming while the main actress recovered from illness and other hiccups due to misunderstandings

All in all, however, it is important to note that some positive things came out of the filming on our beautiful Awa Tupua. The faces of our people and the roles they played in the film will be everlasting. The experience and skills gained by some in several areas, set, art, props, transport, filming and recruitment provide a favorable base for employment consideration in future undertakings.

A poroporoaki for Silverscreen Films was held on 1st December at Putiki Marae. It was hoped to also include the formal handing-over of the waka and other Taonga. This is now deferred to a later date.

PAKAITORE

The Negotiations at times for the Courthouse have been rather arduous however we are at last ready to get the final documentation completed and sent out to our hapu/Iwi collectives by the 6th December, the ratification document just needs some dates of when our hapu and Iwi collectives meet.

Please read this proposed draft document and if there are any matters or issues within this document please contact Ken Mair or John Maihi.

IMPORTANT NOTICE for all Whanganui Hapu/Iwi

WHANGANUI COURTHOUSE

At last the light at the end of the tunnel is near, which means the documents for the transfer of the Whanganui Courthouse have been finalised.

It is extremely important that Hapu read, understand and accept these documents in order to progress to sign off with the Crown.

It is important to note that the settlement for the Whanganui Courthouse is an *On Account Settlement* which means that the \$2 million dollar value of the Whanganui Courthouse is deducted from the overall Land Claim settlement amount/redress at final settlement.

If you support this settlement for the Whanganui Courthouse, the governance entity to hold and manage the Whanganui Courthouse will be a Whenua Topu Trust called the Pakaitore Trust, this trust will own the Whanganui Courthouse building which will be rented to the government for approximately \$181,844 + Gst, per annum, this rental putea will be used for the Health and Wellbeing of the Whanganui River and the Iwi of Whanganui.

The following names have been endorsed to the Pakaitore Trustees from various Tupuna rohe of Whanganui Iwi. They will also need to be confirmed by the Maori Land Court.

Hemi Takarangi	Pae Matua
Dardi Metekingi-Mato	Tupoho
Boy Cribb	Tamahaki
Merania Karauria	Tamaupoko
Richard Pirere	Ngati Rangī
Geoff Mariu	Hinengakau

We would strongly encourage all whanau and hapu of Whanganui Iwi to participate by attending your various hapu, Tupuna rohe and Runanga Hui (Dates to be confirmed) or speak directly to your representatives. If you have any concerns or need to clarify any aspect of the future ownership of the Whanganui Courthouse by the Pakaitore Trust, please contact your representatives, if you don't know who your representatives are contact the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board on (06)3458160.

It is expected that if the Tupuna rohe and Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua Whanganui and Pae Matua agree to the ratification of the Deed of Settlement, then it will be signed with the Crown, in Whanganui. (the date is yet to be confirmed)

Recommendations:

1. The Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui agree that the Whanganui Courthouse will be an On Account Settlement.
2. That Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui, agree to the Whanganui Courthouse be transferred to the Pakaitore Trust.
3. That Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui, agrees and supports the Deed of Settlement for the Whanganui Courthouse.
4. That Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui agree that the Deed of Settlement will be signed in Whanganui (Date to be confirmed).
5. That Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui have authorised Kaumatua to sign on behalf of Whanganui Iwi.

Dates for Hui

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| ▪ Pae Matua | To be confirmed |
| ▪ Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui | To be confirmed |
| ▪ Tupoho | To be confirmed |
| ▪ Hinengakau | 2 December 2004 |
| ▪ Tamaupoko | To be confirmed |
| ▪ Tamahaki | To be confirmed |
| ▪ Ngati Rangī | To be confirmed |

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MAORI IDOL UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS to Ngaputiputi from Ngati Rangī for coming second in the Maori Idol competition which is currently screening on Maori Television, on Saturday evenings.

During her time with Maori Idol Ngaputiputi met a whole new crowd of friends, gained new singing skills and says she can even dance better. Her future aspiration is to travel the world and continue dancing.

Ngaputiputi, we wish you all best for your future.

TE AWA TUPUA EXHIBITION - TE PAPA

It is one year since the exhibition opened at Te Papa.

It is a year marked with:

- 1 Opportunities for our people to perform at Te Papa**
 - kapa groups from several of our colleges and other cultural performers
 - a dancing troupe of our young people
 - our people being involved in the *Matariki* programme
- 2 Our working closely with District and Regional Council, Te Puni Kokiri and Te Papa in promoting the exhibition and our community**
 - Two groups formed involving representatives of these Bodies
 - > *Te Roopu Whakatutuki* of Iwi and Te Papa representation in accord with a signed agreement. Meet four times a year to discuss progress, tikanga and consider activities and direction put up by WIECOC.
 - > *WIECOC (Whanganui Iwi Exhibition Commercial Opportunities Committee)* of representation from the five stakeholders. Meet every six weeks to discuss commercial opportunities to promote the exhibition and the community as a whole in terms of tourism, retail and events organisation at Te Papa
- 3 Events such as Whanganui Artists Showcase both in Wanganui and at Te Papa**
 - The Wanganui event held at Arts Centre Taupo Quay very successful with high visitation
 - The Te Papa event shared by 21 artists with 48 works/exhibits. 21 items sold for \$4492

In terms of visitation at Te Papa statistics as at the end of October reflect a high number of people passing through Te Awa Tupua

- 33.55% of Te Papa total visitation
- 99% being satisfied – none dissatisfied
- most visitors from overseas (66%); most female (56%) and aged between 25 and 39 years (34%); most 'Intellectual Challengers' (45%)
- of NZ visitors most pakeha (60%), NZ Maori (18%), Asian (13%). From Auckland (26.21%), Christchurch/Canterbury (10.8%), Manawatu (8.8%) Dunedin/Otago (7.6%), Wanganui (1.3%)

WIECOC met on 6 December and the *Retail* group is working on hosting and other activities for early in the New Year. *Tourism* is focussing on the TRENZ and *Matiriki* programmes for 2005. Revival of the *Mountain to the Sea (Maunga ki te Moana)* has been approved by Iwi and work will commence on a Plan that can be taken back to Iwi. *Events* is to organise (try to) groups to perform on high visitation dates set by Te Papa. A further attempt will be made with UCOL to present a fashion parade at Te Papa which will include works by Maori designers.

Te Roopu Whakatutuki will meet at Te Papa on 15 December to assess events and activities to date and consider activities proposed by WIECOC

TAMAUPOKO NEWS

Te Runanga o Tamaupoko had its last meeting of the year on 24 November at Matahiwi.

Amongst the things discussed were:

- the report from *Opus* on the present road conditions and proposed improvements over the summer months
- activities relating to our health provider Te Oranganui
- the stalled negotiations on our Iwi River claim
- Conservation issues including the proposed visit by the Minister to Pipiriki, the Conservation Board meeting at Raetihi on 12 November and the plans for the Whanganui National Park Management Review
- Our meeting with the *Link* committee which included two new Council members
- The upcoming Trust Board elections when two Tamaupoko nominations (for Tiwha and Barney) were completed.

Barney Haami was elected Chairperson of Te Runanga o Tamaupoko with Te Aroha McDonnell acting as interim scribe.

Tiwha Puketapu will continue to provide advice and other assistance to the Runanga.

NGA PUTIPUTI



These shots were provided care of these lovely putiputi profiling some of the Korowai worn at the Te Awa Tupua Exhibition opening last year.

TE PUNA MATAURANGA O WHANGANUI

INTRODUCTION:

Ngā Kai o Te Puku Tūpuna is the Whanganui Iwi Education Plan and Strategy. Endorsed by Te Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua in 2000, it sets out Whanganui Iwi education aspirations and goals as being:

Whanganui Iwi education aspirations are to;

- Improve access for tribal members to tribal knowledge and skills.
- Facilitate education options for Māori people
- Advance Māori educational achievement and retention rates.

Whanganui Iwi education goals are to;

- Increase Māori involvement in education at all levels.
- Increase the number and the proficiency of Māori language speakers.
- Strengthen whānau and hapū leadership on and beyond the marae.
- Improve the quality of delivery to Māori at all levels of education.
- Offer tribal education opportunities at all levels.

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui is the newly established Whanganui Iwi Education Authority, responsible for implementing the plan. The governance board comprises representatives from the 5 Tūpuna rohe; Tamaupoko, Hinengakau, Tupoho, Ngāti Rangi, and Tamahaki, and two representatives from Te Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui.

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui was incorporated as a Charitable Trust in March of this year, and Aaron Te Aramakutu was appointed as Manager of the operational arm in June. Since his appointment, Aaron has been actively involved in implementing the 2004-2005 business plan to develop a Whanganui Iwi Seamless Education Framework.

TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O WHANGANUI – BUSINESS APPROACH.

Te Puna will not be an education provider. Te Puna will focus on maintaining a strategic position by working closely with agencies and providers to improve Iwi/Māori education outcomes.

Te Puna will monitor and measure the effectiveness of initiatives that support Iwi/Māori education achievement.

In order to achieve this, Te Puna will apply three approaches to its business;

Strategic Dialogue approach:

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui will maintain a strategic relationship with the Crown, as approved by Whanganui Iwi in the signing of the MOU in 2002.

Te Puna will develop new relationships to enhance strategic dialogue with other government agencies to ensure the goals as

expressed in Ngā Kai O Te Puku Tupuna are met.

Relationship Management approach:

Strong and supportive relationships with all education sectors, agencies and representatives are essential to improving education outcomes.

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui will build relationships with education providers and education representatives who are responsible for improving education outcomes for Iwi/Māori such as, Iwi development Officers, Resource Teachers of Māori, and Pouwhakataki. Te Puna will be keen to measure the effectiveness of such initiatives, and rely on the agencies responsible to report to Te Puna.

Development approach:

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui will be working closely with the Ministry of Education, other agencies and education providers to develop effective resources that will improve education outcomes for Māori. The Cultural Standards project is one example.

PROJECTS TO DATE:

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui are focusing on three major projects.

Literacy Research Project:

Recent international and national research has looked at raising literacy skills to provide better economic outcomes for communities. In line with this a local literacy research project has begun.

This is the first major project of its kind where Whanganui Iwi (represented by Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui), wider Whanganui District communities and Massey University are working together to research adult literacy and employment issues.

While Te Puna is involved in the Whanganui communities–Massey research project, we are also developing our own research project which is responsive to Iwi, hapū and whānau adult literacy needs and aspirations. Further updates will be given as these progress.

For more information on this project, contact Āneta Rāwiri – Researcher.

Tertiary Education Provision Project:

This project, “relevant training for future development” is looking at identifying the tertiary landscape and developing a set of options to achieve the goal of establishing a Whanganui Iwi tertiary institute (Wānanga).

The project is developing a 5 – 10 year plan for tertiary provision for Whanganui Iwi.

For more information on this project contact Katarina Hina – Tertiary Portfolio Leader.

Whanganui Iwi Cultural Standards Project.

This project has been approved by the Board and endorsed by Te Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua. The cultural standards project will develop resources and effective monitoring

mechanisms to integrate Whanganui Iwi cultural standards in schools.

The intent is to involve Iwi representatives and education practitioners to develop monitoring mechanisms, performance measures and resources to integrate the cultural standards in schools.

For more information on this project, contact Aaron Te Aramakutu - Manager

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Te Puna is currently developing other projects to support the goals and objectives of Ngā Kai O Te Puku Tūpuna 2000-2005.

Early Childhood Strategy:

Te Puna will be working with the Ministry of Education to consider an effective Early Childhood project to increase Māori participation in early childhood and develop an early childhood strategy for improving qualification attainment of early childhood teachers by 2012.

Te Reo Māori Strategy:

Te Puna will be working with the Ministry of Education to consider an effective Te Reo Māori strategy 2005 – 2010, that will measure current Te Reo Māori proficiency, monitor Te Reo Māori initiatives, and develop new Te Reo Māori initiatives to increase Te Reo Māori proficiency.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Te Puna are supporting and working closely with other sectors of the education community to improve education outcomes for Iwi/Māori such as, Hinengākau Development Trust, Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarunui, Whanganui Primary Teachers Association, UCOL, Te Wānanga o Raukawa, the Resource Teacher of Māori Management committee and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

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Nō reira, ko tau rourou, ko taku rourou, ka ora ai te Iwi.

For more information about Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui, please contact Aaron Te Aramakutu (06) 3489110 or (021) 766204.



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