



Te Haonga Mai

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TRUST BOARD UPDATE

It is only March e te whānau and already the year is hectic.

Ministry for the Environment

On 1 February a small number of Iwi gathered at Pūtiki Marae to hear the Ministry for the Environment discuss their proposal on Freshwater Management called: **Freshwater for a sustainable future issues and options**. In essence freshwater resources are under pressure and in some places there is no longer sufficient water to meet all of the needs so the Government wants to look at ways to manage freshwater.

Copies of the minutes of the hui are available at the Board for any interested parties.

If you want to know more about the Ministries proposal check out www.mfe.govt.nz.

Partington Collection

The Trust Board and the Museum recently undertook interviews to select the Iwi researcher for the Partington Collection.

Gerrard Albert has been appointed to this position and over the next few months he will be working to research the collection and form connections with their whānau.

Gerrard can be contacted at the Whanganui Regional Museum 06 349 1110.

Nga Mihi

Congratulations to Michael Thompson. Michael has begun a year long programme at the Mahurangi Technical Institute in Warkworth studying a Diploma in Marine Technology.

Michael had just completed a year on the Fishing Programme run by Tupoho Whanau Trust.

Changes to the Resource Management and Electricity Acts

The Trust Board presented a submission to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee this month.

An abstract from the summary of the submission reports:

The Bill fails to provide sufficiently for the rights of Te Atihaunui a Paparangi (Whanganui Iwi) as Tangata Whenua.

The attempts in the Bill to provide for consultation of Iwi Maori on National Policy Statements and Environment Standards and Local Government Plans do not go far enough to recognise our responsibilities and rights as Tangata Whenua. Te Atihaunui a Paparangi (Whanganui Iwi) is responsible for the preservation of our tribal estate and all Taonga within it, this Bill only provides that we be consulted, consultation is not good enough.

Although the submission process very rarely provides change the main purpose of participating in this process is to ensure that the position of our people in relation to Te Awa Tupua is enforced in writing and forms the historical account of our people.

Trust Board 2005 Work Streams

- **River Claim**, See the update later in this edition
- **Transition** to the new governance model, inter-organisational forums will be held this year to improve strategic alignment between our organizations.
- **Succession Planning**, Work is being done to develop a planned approach to the nurturing and development of our Rangatahi for the future.
- **Supporting Te Runanga O Te Awa Tupua**. Analysis is being carried out on the proposed deeds and constitutions reports on this work will be provided at the rūnanga hui.
- **Development Projects** over the next 3 months. The Board will be working on a number of projects. Marae and whānau will be invited to participate in these exciting projects, please take the opportunities when they arise to come and



participate.

WHANGANUITANGA OUR 2020 VISION

In 1994 hui were held and declaration of Whanganuitanga was developed. It is timely that we remind ourselves of this work and strive to achieve and uphold this.

‘Taea te tangata ki te waewae tātahi wai I runga I te marama o te takotoranga toka’

1. That the Mana and the Tino Rangatiratanga of the Whanganui Iwi nation was, and is, the supreme absolute authority which incorporated and incorporates our inherent right to utilise and exercise full and total control of our river, all mountains, lands and other tāonga (tangible and intangible) within our tribal nation.
2. That the Mana and the Tino Rangatiratanga of the Whanganui Iwi nation incorporated and incorporates full and total decision-making authority of all structures, institutions and processes that involves our river, all mountains, lands and other tāonga (tangible and intangible) within our tribal nation.
3. That the Mana and the Tino Rangatiratanga of the Whanganui Iwi nation incorporated and incorporates our inherent right to fully participate in benefits from, and make all decisions about, the use and application of existing and future industrial, commercial and technological advances, as they affect and relate to our river, all mountains, lands and other tāonga (tangible and intangible) for the collective wellbeing of our people of our tribal nation.
4. That the Mana and the Tino Rangatiratanga of the Whanganui Iwi nation incorporated and incorporates our inherent right to protect, enhance and fully control the transmission of the spiritual, cultural, historical, political, educational, social, economic, linguistic, knowledge's in te tikanga of the Whanganui Iwi through:

**Rarangi Matua
Whare Wananga
Runanga-A-Iwi**

5. That the Mana the Tino Rangatiratanga of the Whanganui Iwi nation incorporated and incorporates our inherent right to all physical, emotional and intellectual development for the collective wellbeing of our people of our tribal nation by:

**Rarangi Matua
Whare Wananga**

Runanga-A-Iwi

WHANGANUI IWI EDUCATION SUMMIT 2005

Hui Taumata Mātauranga o Whanganui

On the 18th and 19th of February 2005 at Parikino Marae a Whanganui Iwi Education Summit was held. The Hui provided an opportunity to report on education achievements; as well as seek direction on current Iwi education activities. Briefly, these were:

Parikino Pāh – education achievements

Te Kura o Parikino, and the Virtual Awa ITC – an innovative computer-based learning programme and resource.

Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui

An overview of the organisation with a presentation and discussion of current projects:

- Whanganui Iwi Cultural Standards in schools project
- Te Reo Māori (CBLI) strategy
- Awa schools
- Tertiary landscape and education provision for Whanganui Iwi
- Adult literacy and employment research project
- Progressing the Whanganui Iwi partnership with Ministry of Education

Whanganui Uri – achievement in education

Students from Te Kura o Kokohuia and Whanganui City College, as well Brett Te Kene, Senior Tutor of Uhi Tā Rākau Whakairo (Hinengākau) and Moana Bell, Department of Conservation Forestry Ranger (Ngāti Ruaka), spoke about their many learning and education pathways, and future aspirations.

Whanganui Iwi vision for 2020

Archie Te Atawhai Taiaroa, in his keynote speech, reaffirmed the Whanganui Iwi vision for 2020 – to strengthen Whanganuitanga in its full richness and vitality.

Ministry of Education

Presentation about the Iwi partnership initiative between Whanganui Iwi (through Te Puna Mātauranga o Whanganui) and Ministry of Education.

Awa schools – feedback and direction from Whanganui Iwi

Living on the River could look like in the near future; some possible and positive options.

Ngā mihi ki ngā whānau o Parikino Pāh i kaha manaaki mai i te piringa nei – he manaaki tāngata, he tohu rangatira

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NGATI RANGI DOC SCHOLARSHIP

Ngāti Rangi—Department of Conservation scholarship

The Nelson-Malborough Institute of Technology runs a 1-year Trainee Ranger course, beginning in June each year. Students gain the training and skills needed to apply for a Department of Conservation Trainee Ranger position.

A scholarship is available for a Ngāti Rangi or Whanganui Iwi descendant to attend the course. The successful applicant will share a vision for tāngata whenua to manage and look after *ngā taonga o Te Wāonui-ā-Tāne* within our ancestral homelands.



Moana Bell, the first recipient of the Ngāti Rangi DoC Trainee Ranger Scholarship

Moana Bell (of Ngāti Ruaka) was the first scholarship recipient. She successfully completed the course in 2004, and is one of only two Māori women currently working in the field as DoC Trainee Rangers.

It is hoped that following wide field experience, recipients will aspire to management positions.

Applications close end of March each year.

For scholarship info, phone Keith Wood (Ngāti Rangi) on (06) 385-8928 or 027-444-9818; or Colin Richards (Ngāti Rangi) on (06) 385-8769.

For course info, phone 0800-422-733 or visit the NMIT website.

TAONGA RETURNS HOME

A Taonga found over 60 years ago was returned to its rightful place of Te Atihaunui-a-Paparangi on Tuesday 7 March 2005.

The Taonga muka paopao a hand tool for pounding harakeke fibre, was handed down through a Whanganui family and then given to Juliet Batten. She then decided that she had to return it to its rightful place in Whanganui so contacted the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board Chairman, Archie Taiaroa who arranged the whakahokingamai te Taonga – the return home of the treasure.

We would like to thank Juliet for returning our very special Taonga back to Whanganui Iwi

TE AWA TUPUA UPDATE

Te Awa Tupua Claims committee have scheduled their meeting dates for 2005 and are experiencing difficulty establishing an ongoing relationship with the Minister of Treaty Negotiations to progress our claim. As you may be aware Margaret Wilson is now Speaker of the House and the new Minister for Treaty Negotiations is Mark Burton. We are planning to meet with him towards the end of April.

The Committee is currently studying the present legislative changes that impact on Te Awa Tupua, to present to the new Minister that will engage Iwi discussion in relation to how we move forward in terms of real practises to ensure the care and protection of Te Awa Tupua is upheld.

We are also analysing Cabinets response against the changes to the RMA in order to get a sense of what things support our statement of Intent and what works against it.

It was also mentioned at our last hui that we must continue to engage with our Regional and Local councils to maintain a relationship with them and to keep them informed with major developments.

Please see below our meeting schedule for 2005.

Date	Venue	Time
17.03.05	Whanganui River Maori Trust Board	10.30am
21.04.05	Whanganui River Maori Trust Board	10.30am
19.05.05	Whanganui River Maori Trust Board	10.30am
16.06.05	Hinengakau Office	10.30am
21.07.05	Hinengakau Office	10.30am
18.08.05	Hinengakau Office	10.30am

15.09.05	Tamahaki Office	10.30am	17.11.05	Tamahaki Office	10.30am
20.10.05	Tamahaki Office	10.30am	15.12.05	Whanganui River Maori Trust Board	10.30am

PAKAITORE 10 YEARS ON

On Saturday 26 March at 5.00am the people gathered on the edge of Te Awa Tupua to bless the beginnings of the three day commemoration of 10 years since the reclamation of Pakaitore.

People came from near and far throughout the weekend to participate in the festivities. Performances were provided by our Aboriginal, American Indian and Bolivian whānau. What a wonderful sight it was on Monday when our Kura and Kōhanga Reo came in large numbers to celebrate amongst their Kuia and Koroheke? Some of these tamariki lived as babies on Pakaitore throughout the reclamation.

Nights were filled with laughter as video's of 1995 were replayed in the big tent, images of the buildings and many tents that were erected during that time. Footage of the kaimahi working in the kitchen or on security, shots of the tamariki many of whom are now teenagers some even parents themselves sent laughter and joy roaring through the tent. The footage also reminded us of the many Pahake, Kuia and Koroheke that are no longer with us and how at that time they supported the kaupapa with immense passion and courage.

In this year 2005 we can celebrate that on March 28 1995 this Iwi took a stance to enlighten Whanganui and the Nation on issues pertaining to Rangatiratanga and Mana Whenua through the reclamation of PAKAITORE.



TOUCH NATIONALS 2005 OTAUTAHU

During the 1st - 5th March the Community Trust Touch Nationals for 2005 were held in the Christchurch at QEII for the first time in almost 12 years. Fifty two teams contested the Open and Under 21s grades with an abundance of talent on display.

Whanganui was well represented this year and definitely upheld the Mana of the Whanganui Iwi. The people that gained NZ honors were.

Wayne Hansen	NZ Open Mixed	Ngairi Tamati	NZ Women's 35's
Karyn Ngatai	NZ Open Mixed	Frannie Kahukura	NZ Women's 35's
Keitaria Haira	NZ Open Mixed	Jan Dixon	NZ Women's 35's
Tabitha Hapi	NZ Open Women's	Cherokee Martin	NZ U21's Men's
Raymond-Lee Mason	NZ 30's Men's	Pieter Vis	NZ U21's Mixed
Adrienne Whanarere	NZ 30's Mixed	Jerome Nahona	NZ 35's Men's

DATES TO REMEMBER

Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua, Whanganui

DATE	VENUE	TIME	TUPUNA ROHE
16/04/05	TBC	10am	Ngati Rangī
28/05/05	TBC	10am	Hinengakau
02/07/05	TBC	10am	Tamaupoko
13/08/05	Te Ao Hou Marae	10am	Tupoho
24/09/05	TBC	10am	Tamahaki
05/11/05	TBC	10am	Ngati Rangī
17/12/05	TBC	10am	Hinengakau

Wanganui District Council and Tupoho Working Party

DATE	VENUE	TIME
30/03/05	Tupoho / wrmtb	10am
11/05/05	Wanganui District Council	10am
15/06/05	Tupoho / wrmtb	10am
03/08/05	Wanganui District Council	10am
14/09/05	Tupoho / wrmtb	10am
26/10/05	Putiki Marae	10am AGM
07/12/05	Wanganui District Council	10am

Te Runanga o Tupoho

DATE	VENUE	TIME	HAPU
10/04/05	Koroniti Marae	10am	Ngati Pamoana
19/06/05	Otoko Marae	10am	Te Awa Iti
21/08/05	Kaiwhaiki Marae	10am	Nga Paerangi
16/10/05	Putiki Marae	10am	Putikiwharanui

