



E RERE KAU MAI  
TE AWANUI  
MAI I TE KAHUI  
MAUNGA KI  
TANGAROA  
KO AU TE AWA  
KO TE AWA KO AU

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Constitutional Arrangements
- Te Papa Update
- Whanganui River: By-Laws
- Awa Hoop Camp
- Genesis
- How to assist someone on 'P'
- Tourism
- Rangatahi Summit
- Whanganui Community foundation

# Te Haonga Mai

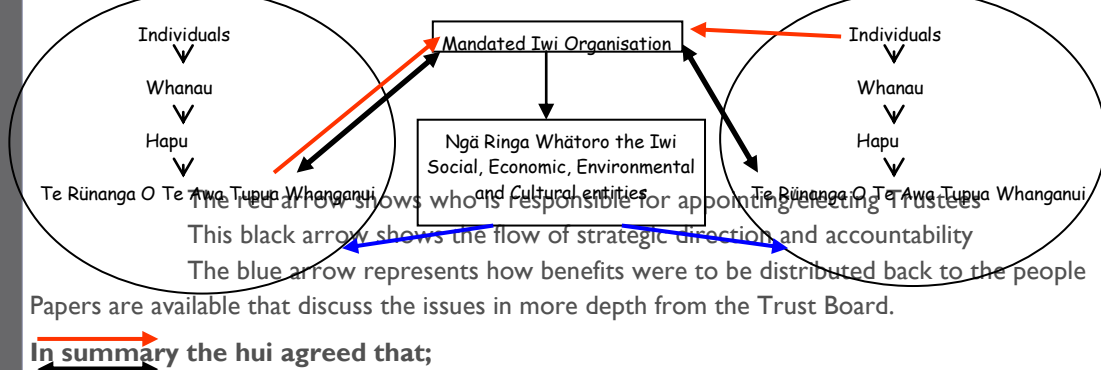
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## ESTABLISHING A MANDATED IWI ORGANISATION

Discussions have been held for sometime over the legal and Iwi decision making arrangements required to move our Iwi forward in to the future. On the 19 of November 2005 Te Rūnanga O Te Awa Tupua Whanganui Hui a Iwi was held at the Memorial Hall in Taumarunui to hear what progress had been made to date, and discuss the issues surrounding the completion of the necessary arrangements.

The hui was informed that the structure mandated in 2003 for further investigation and development had proved too complex to achieve. One of the issues highlighted was that legislation required the registration of beneficiaries and that these beneficiaries must have an opportunity to elect the Trustees of any Mandated Iwi Organisation. This contradicted the process that had been agreed to by the people in 2003 which was that whanau through their Hapū would appoint representatives on to Te Rūnanga O Te Awa Tupua Whanganui and that the Rūnanga would establish a appointments process that appointed any trustees on to the Mandated Iwi Organisation; the difference is reflected by this diagram;



Papers are available that discuss the issues in more depth from the Trust Board.

#### In summary the hui agreed that;

- Everyone present was committed to moving forward together
- There was a need to define our Iwi and ensure that this was an inclusive not exclusive process
- The communication process with individuals, whanau, hapū and iwi must improve to ensure that as many people as possible are informed and be involved if they wish

#### Action:

An options paper is to be prepared and presented back to the people before the next Hui a Iwi which will be held in February 2006.

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## TOURISM MAJOR REGIONAL INITIATIVE

Since launching the MRI Tourism initiative on the 4th of August the Boards focus has been on employing the Executive Director, the person responsible for leading the implementation of this project. Greg Howe was appointed as the new Executive Director in October and will begin his mahi within the region early in the new year..

The key functions of the Executive director include developing and implementing a three year product and business development strategy and annual tactical plans throughout the region as well as developing a touring route, three year marketing strategy and a compelling brand.

Iwi, Hapū and Whanau need to be positioning themselves to take advantage of the opportunities that this Regional Initiative is posed to generate. If successful it will increase the visitors numbers to our rohe. The market within our rohe has a high percentage of visitors from Europe with over 50% entering our rohe on Campervans. The Australian market within New Zealand is really high also, these people are coming mainly to visit friends and relatives. Many of these people are looking for a cultural, interactive experience, so if you or your whanau or hapū have an idea that you would like to explore, have a go. Phone Mere Whanarere at the Trust Board if you would like to explore a business idea or alternatively if your business is operating contact Niko Tangaroa, wmrto@ihug.co.nz.

## WHANGANUI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Whanganui Community Foundation is a successor of the Trustee Bank restructuring that occurred in 1988. The Foundation makes distributions, principally to the local community, for charitable, philanthropic, cultural, recreational, and other purposes.

This piece aims to inform our people of the Trust in order to increase our awareness of the Foundation and increase access to this funding opportunity. The Foundation has two common categories of donations which are:

**General - for requests for less than \$10,000**      **Special - for requests of \$10,000 or more**

The criteria that are considered under both of these categories are; the number of people who will benefit, the length of time the community will benefit, the ability of the organisation to raise funds from other sources, and the degree to which those who will benefit are a disadvantaged group.

Priorities are:

1. Provision of professional development and capacity building activities for the community sector
2. Welfare based projects that aim to promote intergenerational change rather than band aid solutions. Youth and Family are seen as an important emphasis
3. Existing well managed projects and programmes will be preferred over new initiatives
4. Respecting diversity in communities by ensuring that any allocations over and above 1, 2 and 3 are spread across all sectors.
5. Projects of a capital nature will not be funded unless there is widespread and significant benefit to the community

So if you have a project that you think might fit into one of these categories have a go, you never know what sort of response you will get until you have a go. For further information and the application forms you can contact the foundation at:

**Whanganui Community Foundation, PO Box 365, Whanganui. Phone: (06) 348 8300 Fax: (06) 348 8245**

**Email: [whanganuifoundation@xtra.co.nz](mailto:whanganuifoundation@xtra.co.nz)**

## METHAMPHETAMINES ‘P’

Pure also known as ‘P’ is causing some Issues within our communities. Because of its purity the drug has more pronounced effects on the central nervous system and is highly addictive. The Methamphetamine is odorless so it can be smoked anywhere even in public without detection. Some short term effects caused by low dosages are, dry mouth, hyperactive, wired, talkative and euphoria. Some of the Long term effects caused by high dosages are, muscle spasms, Fits and or convulsions, heavy breathing and paranoia. If you think that someone has overdosed on methamphetamine seek medical attention, get the person into a quiet space if possible, stay with the person and offer sips of water to treat dehydration, be calm, reassuring and convince them that everything is under control and if you can give as much information as you can to the medical staff present. Rangi Maniapoto and Gordon Rongonui of the NZ Police are also available to do education workshops on Methamphetamines within your hapū and marae or community, you can contact them at NZ Police.

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## GENESIS

On the 25 and 26 July the Iwi sat before the High Court in Wellington as Genesis appealed the environment court decision. **The High Court in Wellington has yet to release their findings from that hearing.**

In summary Russell McVeagh (Genesis Legal Representation) did great work at spinning the Environment Courts decision to make the decision appear to be a unprincipled sop to Māori. Russell McVeagh made sure to pick out certain parts of the Environment Court case and paint a simplistic portray in isolation from the wider decision.

Jamie Fergusson, our legal representative attempted to remind the Court that this appeal was limited to points of law and that the Environment Court decision is reasonable and must be considered as a whole instead of what Russell McVeagh had done, that is, dissected it parts and reformed a picture for the High Court Judge.

The High Court is yet to release their findings on this case, however it appeared that the judges decision would greatly depend on how much of the Environment Court Case the Judge wanted to review.



Retihia Cribb and Ripeka Green take a moment



Jason Haitana, Harold Haitana and Richard Pirere

## TE PAPA UPDATE

Te Papa has definitely kept Morvin and Kura busy over the past few months with Te Papa hosting the 2005 Auahi Kore conference and the South Projects indigenous artists from around the world in October. On the 18th of November Te Papa hosted a Whanganui River Tourism Showcase, an opportunity for Whanganui River tourism operators to promote their products and services to the Tourism Industry in Wellington. It was an excellent day made even more special by the awesome talents of Aunty Martha Tairora. Aunty Martha ensured the spirit of the Awa flowed strong throughout the day with her ensemble of weaved garments helped by her models of the day, Mere Whanarere, Josephine Haworth and Dinah Ngarongo and the wonderful floral arrangements and whakairo of Hinengakau that adorned the room.

### HARAKEKE

Designer:

Martha Tairora

Raranga:

Mary

Tehuia

Model:

Mere Whanarere



Don't forget you can catch Morvin & Kura each Thursday morning at 10.30 in the weekly update on AWA FM of what's happening in and around Te Papa from Monday to Sunday with Tairora Allan.

## WHANGANUI RIVER BY-LAWS UPDATE

In the past there have been efforts to manage the surface of the water activities on the Whanganui River By-Laws (1991) and voluntary codes of practice. These tools have largely been ineffective due to lack of a clear statutory controlling authority and inadequate resources to enforce them. Of late the issues on the River has become more acute and varied as increased tourism, our Treaty of Waitangi River Claims and major water quality enhancement projects increase the nature, use and control of recreational, cultural and sporting activities on the river. In 1996 Niko Tangaroa (snr) drafted a set of Whanganui Iwi River By-Laws which have been acknowledged by outside parties. Albeit there needs to be some changes to this set of By-Laws, they are a very good start to enable us to move forward as there is an urgent requirement to ensure the safety of users on the Whanganui River. The Whanganui District Council have called together interested parties which met in August and it was decided that a letter be sent to the Local Regional Council to get action on the Whanganui River By-Laws. As well, on a without prejudice basis we as Whanganui Iwi will urgently need to have discussions with the Regional Council as we believe that we must have a critical role of these By-Laws. Pānui will be circulated when a hui date has been confirmed to discuss this matter.

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## AWA HOOP SPORTS CAMP 2005



July was an eventful time for all the tamariki who participated in the "Awa Hoop" Sports Camp. The camp ran over 3 days and over 60 tamariki turned up each day to learn some new skills from the basketball Game. The tamariki ranged from ages 6 to 14 years of age both boys and girls.

Leroy Matthews and KJ Allen coordinated this event under the mantle of Te Oranganui Trust and AWA Sport Trust.

Hē mihi nui ki ngā Kaumatua, Paheke me Rangatahi kua tae mae i te awhi me tautoko .



## WHAKATUPURANGA KI MUA

### RANGATAHI SUMMIT 2005

On the 4th and 5th of October over 250 Rangatahi from throughout the Awa emerged on the Whanganui Memorial Hall for 'Whakatupuranga ki mua'. Whakatupuranga Ki Mua has been some work that the Trust Board has been doing focused on the development of a Whanganui Iwi Succession Strategy. For the purposes of this project succession was defined as:

*a support system for Whanganui Rangatahi aimed at assisting them to develop and grow their individual strengths towards achieving their life goals whilst being exposed to Whanganui Iwi environments and opportunities.*

A summit was seen as one way to engage Rangatahi in order to develop a Succession Strategy and even more importantly provide a way to strengthen the relationship between Whanganui Rangatahi and their Iwitanga. The themes of the summit focused on finding out about the things that are impacting and influencing our Rangatahi in 2005. It provided an understanding to the Rangatahi of the collective power and relationships that Rangatahi have, in particular a sense of Iwitanga and discussed what other people or decisions they will be confronted with whilst finding their way forward in the world.

Different prospectives of achievement were provided by Archie Taiaroa, Tariana Tūria, Tammy Davis, Tama Pōtaka, Kirikowhai Mikaere and Stayz Raukawa-Goff. Night time entertainment was kicked off by the New Zealand Idol stars, Rongo and Frank and our Rangatahi stole the show with their renditions in the Rangatahi Idol. The summit has allowed us to begin the development of the succession strategy and ensured that we are committed to another in 2006.



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