



Issue

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Te Haonga Mai

QUICK UPDATE

The negotiation process is about to speed up with some key decisions required over the next 2 months make sure you stay informed, get along to a Rūnanga Hui dates and other important information will be on the website.

Stay connected via our website www.wrmtb.co.nz.

CHANGES IN THE TRUST BOARD

After nine and a half years of service to the Trust Board Nancy Tuaine leaves on the 15th of June to take up a new role as CEO of Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority.

The Board will not be employing another Manager. It has instead decided to reapportion responsibilities amongst current staff in order to maintain continuity in the Board's operations. Roles have been reorganised as follows:

Sheena Maru	Trust Board Secretary and River Claim administration
Gerrard Albert	River Claim Technical work and Resource Consents
Ben Potaka	Whanganui Iwi Fisheries Implementation Plan
Cassy Titter	Trust Board Administration & Whanganui Iwi Register
Hannah Rainforth	Land and Water Forum

The team at the Trust Board will continue to be guided by the Board of Trustees with Chairman Brendon Puketapu at the helm.

All general enquiries should be directed to Sheena Maru in the first instance.

NEW TIMEFRAME FOR SETTLEMENT

Work on the River claim is progressing at an increased pace with the Prime Minister requesting that some key decisions be placed before Cabinet in **August** of this year. This will mean all hands on deck, the wider negotiation team will be required to participate at critical points to provide input and specialists will be required to develop key components over the next couple of months. **The wider negotiation team meets again at 10.30am on Monday 18 June at the WRMTB office, Taupo Quay, Whanganui.** All hapu reps are urged to attend.

Rūnanga O Te Awa Tupua are key forums and progress will be shared and feedback sought at these hui. So please try and get to these if you can. **The next Runanga O Te Awa Tupua is 10am on Sunday 9 July at Raetihi Marae.** It is often difficult to publish any of this information as it is part of an ongoing negotiation process where things can change so the preferred method is kanohi ki kanohi so that the information can be seen in full context. Keep an eye on the website for information.

Remember to ensure that you and your whānau are on the Whanganui Iwi Tribal Register. If you are on the register and over the age of 18 you will vote on whether or not to receive the Draft Deed of Settlement when it comes out for ratification. So be prepared get on the register now, forms online or available by ringing 06 345 8160.