

Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust Newsletter

Papaki nga ngaru ki Waitangi tai
Kau mai te pa a Tangaroa
Rere mai te Toroa ki uta
Pupuhi te hau moana o te ha o Tawhiri
Tera te motukohu
Wharekauri e!



From The Chair

Well, it's been quite a year. Firstly though, many thanks to Alan Harvey for the valuable contributions he made during his time as a Trustee on the Iwi Trust. Congratulations to Paula Page who after a year has been re-elected. And equal congratulations to Jack Daymond who was also re-elected back to the Iwi Trust. In other comings and goings, Trudee Thomas resigned her position as Chair at the September 22 ordinary hui, and I was elected on as Chair at the same meeting.

I also welcome back Ward Kamo as Trust Secretary. We've got him full time until at least February. And already the difference is just great. We've had a shot of energy into the organization. You'll see the Iwi Trust is rolling out a programme of cultural enhancement called the 'ruia kakano' programme. From January 16 to 20, our marae at Whakamaharatanga will be reverberating to the sound of pukana and haka as our Tane are taken through their paces at our Mau Rakau wananga. Eraia Keil from Rotorua (a number of you will have been trained by him at Mokoia) will act as tutor for the week. A number of our Wharekauri whānau are working furiously behind the scenes to ensure our hui runs smoothly.

We've been in close discussion with Te Reo o Taranaki to begin a reo revival programme on the island as well. A series of weekend wananga will be run over 2012 as a component of a broader programme for those who participate. Now, we are also negotiating to have 5 positions made available to our whānau in Te Upoko o te Ika. The Te Reo o Taranaki programme also runs on the Kapiti coast and over at Waiwhetu. We'll keep you posted.

Well, the long running saga that is the liquidation of the old Ngati Mutunga entities appears to be nearing an end. What I'm thrilled to report is that at the last hearing on December 5, the Iwi Trust was officially declared the organisation of succession to the old entities assets. The positive implications

of Justice Kos' ruling cannot be overstated. So well done to management and Trustees who have worked tirelessly with our legal counsel to conclude this matter.

Lastly, for those of you in Aotearoa, I can't begin to describe the impact the construction of our Iwi whare are having on the island here. There's some photo's in this newsletter that give a better picture. We've put together a Ngati Mutunga committee headed by Paula Page and Hariroa Daymond who will work with our Island whānau work closely with the Asset Holding Company as this project progresses. Keep your eye out for Panui in February. For the whānau in Te Upoko o te Ika, enjoy your Chatham Island picnic. And most importantly, Meri Kirihimete tatou katoa

Debbie Goomes.

Office Hours

Our Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust office is open weekdays from 1pm to 5pm. Also, messages can be left on the answer phone and Judy will get back to the caller.

Over Christmas the office will be closed from 22nd December and open again on 9th January 2012.

Te One Housing Development

The housing development at Te One is finally underway. Construction of the 3 x 3 bedroom houses and 2 x 1 bedroom kaumatua units commenced on the 23rd November with significant progress having been made through the first month of the project thanks to a focused and hard working building crew and favourable weather conditions. A completion date of late April still remains the current target.

The NMOW Iwi Trust has established a Housing Committee to work alongside the NMOW Asset Holding Company to provide input, advice and oversight of the housing development and to lead the tenant selection process. The committee members are:

Paula Page (Chair), Eileen Cameron, Hariroa Daymond, Lois Croon, Eddie Fraser

The NMOW Iwi Trust is extremely grateful to have such committed members coming together to assist with this important initiative for NMOW and the wider Wharekauri community.

Applications for tenancy of the houses and units will be called for early in the new year. Notices will be published in the Chatham Islander newspaper, on community notice boards, the Iwi Trust office and NMOW website. For those who have an interest in applying, please keep an eye out for these notices.

We will continue to provide progress reports of the development in future NMOW newsletters and panui.

Here are some pics to give you an idea of the progress to date.....



Taken 22 November 2011



Taken 12 December 2011

Hui Mau Rakau

A fortunate few of our tane will be learning some taiaha skills in the Mau Rakau Wananga being held from the 16th to the 20th January at the Whakamaharatanga Marae in the new year. We are very fortunate to have Eraia Keil come from Rotorua to tutor them.

There has been a flurry of enthusiastic fellas keen to get their names down to be part of this wananga. *If there are any Grandads, Uncles, Cousins, Nephews, Sons etc interested in participating, please ring the office (3050500) and leave a message or talk to me and I will put your name down too.*

We are lucky to have some dedicated supporters of this wananga come forward to organize the catering, accommodation, travel etc. If there are any other people eager to lend a hand and help make this wananga a huge success, please ring the office (3050500) and leave a message or talk to Judy and she will ensure you get in contact with the right people.

Reo Wananga

At the 2010 and 2011 AGMs Iwi members stated their desire to see the Iwi Trust develop and support the cultural growth of our people. Initiatives such as reo, waiata, and tikanga hui were vigorously called for. Well, the Iwi Trust is excited to announce that we are about to conclude a contract with Te Reo o Taranaki to deliver a full reo development programme for our Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi for 2012. We're looking to have some 20 learning slots funded on Wharekauri. And we are looking to fund an additional 5 slots in Whanganui-a-Tara for 2012.

A 'ruia kakano' committee has been set up on Wharekauri.

The members are...George Day, Selena Murphy, Raiha Goomes-Kahukore, Abby Biltcliff, Joe Tapara

If you are interested in either the Wharekauri or Whanganui-a-Tara openings, just give Judy Kamo a call at the Iwi Trust on 0800MUTUNGA (or 03-3050500).

In the meantime, look out for your Pānui in Feb – we'll have more details then.

Chatham Wellington Gathering

The Chatham Island Wellington Committee are having a gathering on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 10 am – 4pm at Avalon Pavilion, Taita, Lower Hutt. There will be a "Chatham Islander's Got Talent" where people can share and show off their talents eg: music, art, dance. Please bring any old photos to reminisce over.

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Please contact Stephanie MacDonald for any further information 027.20.STEPH

Next Pānui

Our panui are as much about you as it is Iwi Trust business. Frankly, our Iwi is more than just asset holding company updates, Iwi Trust financials, and issues around our Trust Deed. So on that note, we welcome, indeed sincerely want, contributions from you the whānau. It can be anything you want to let our whānau know about e.g. hui, births, nga mate, birthdays, the lot. What we really want though, is images of your Christmas day. We want to publish a collage of images from that time. Please send them to me on:

iwitrust@nmow.co.nz

Judy Kamo (Office Administrator)