

# Te Tūkaiaia

*te karanga o te iwi*

## Ngātiwai Trust Board e-Newsletter

Edition 1



Tēnā Koutou Katoa te Whānau e.

Welcome to our e-newsletter which will be a regular feature of the Ngātiwai Trust Board keeping beneficiaries informed on matters, activities, and progress of our iwi. We hope to continue to improve this newsletter with items and stories of relevance to Ngātiwai.

For more information please go to our website at: <http://www.ngatiwai.iwi.nz/>

The following matters have recently been considered by the Trustees and may be of interest to you:

### **Election of Executive Positions**

At the first Board meeting following the 2011 AGM, Laly Haddon was elected unopposed as Chairman and Haydn Edmonds as his Deputy. Sadly, Laly who has been Ngātiwai's Chairman for close to two decades, announced that this may be his last term.

The Finance and Audit Committee was reconfirmed as Laly Haddon, Hadyn Edmonds, Kris MacDonald and Erica Wellington from the Trustees and Acting CEO Jim Smillie, who meet on a monthly basis with Accountant Bryce Moffat and Lawyer Wayne Peters.

### **Treaty Claims**

A Kuia and Kaumātua Group has been meeting under the Chairmanship of Tokowhāti "Hori" Martin to advise the Board on the Treaty Claims process. A Hui-a-Iwi is planned for early in the New Year to progress this with a view to finalising claims by mid 2012 and commencing the mandating process.

Research into the claims from three clusters set up to investigate breaches is largely complete and is currently being collated to identify cross claims and any gaps in research and redress. The Board

plans to meet to critique this document before wider consultation.

### **Trust Deed**

The draft of the new Trust Deed has been lodged with TOKM for approval. It is unlikely that this approval will be received before Christmas given their present workload. The Deed will then require to be adopted at a general meeting of beneficiaries. A marked-up version of the Trust Deed is available on the Ngātiwai web-site.

### **Aquaculture**

Ngātiwai Resource Management staff are participating in an Aquaculture Working Group led by Enterprise Northland and NIWA to determine the optimum utilisation of the Region's aquaculture resource. The first meeting of the Group was held in mid December 2011.

### **Ngātiwai Education Scan and Strategy**

Those who attended the AGM in September will have seen the power point presentation by Erica Wellington on the Education Scan recently completed for the rohe. The scan was funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE) who also funded the preparation of a Summary Booklet of findings which will shortly be distributed to beneficiaries. The MOE was impressed by the high standard of

the Scan and have recently agreed to fund further work to develop and implement a strategy to improve educational achievement throughout the Iwi. Erica Wellington has been contracted to carry out this work which will be completed by mid 2012.

We would like to encourage all of Ngātiwai to attend the series of hui planned next year to give your views on what you would like to see in the Strategy and the aspirations of our tamariki, rangatahi in the future. We will keep you posted on the hui dates.

### **Honey**

The Board has applied to the Department of Conservation (DOC) for concessions at several DOC estates throughout the rohe specifically for the production of manuka honey. The concessions will be effective in the 2012 year. Various options for involvement in the honey industry are currently being evaluated.

### **Trade Training**

The Board is working with Tikipunga High School to provide an opportunity for pupils to receive basic trade training. One house was completed and sold earlier this year with the second house due for completion in the first quarter of next year.

### **Whangaruru / Whakatūria**

Following the ruling by the Maori Land Court in January 2011 and the dismissal of appeals in November 2011 the Marae land and camp ground at Whangaruru are now under the control of the Board. Stage 1 of the new Marae development is now complete and stage 2 will commence shortly now that funding has been confirmed.

### **Motu Kauri Island**

Following the closing of submissions at the end of October, a Management Plan for the Island is now being prepared. This should be lodged with DOC for approval early in the New Year.

### **Social Housing Unit**

The Social Housing Unit of the Department of Building and Housing has recently called for

applications for a contestable fund of \$23.5 million to provide for low cost housing. The Board is in the process of preparing an application for funds to provide low cost housing to Ngātiwai beneficiaries. Applications close at the end of January and a decision is expected by late February 2012.

### **Office Building**

An Agreement has been reached for the sale of the Lower Dent Street office building (we do not own the land) to Whangārei District Council. Settlement is due in July 2012. The building was in need of significant renovation and such expenditure could not be economically justified, hence the decision to sell and relocate. The Board laboured over this decision taking into account the years this building has served Ngātiwai and the sentimental value it has for past trustees, staff and whānau. However, we must provide a healthy modern and functional space for our staff and people. No decision been made on an alternative location yet.

### **Wireless Network**

A base station has now been established at Parikiore in Whangārei which will allow those within line of sight to connect to the network. Marketing literature will shortly be distributed to beneficiaries in the Kamo, Otangarei and Tikipunga areas explaining the application procedure and outlining the costs of the various options.

### **Marae Based Learning Centres**

Georgina Davis has recently been recruited to replace Mini Kiwikipi as Facilitator at Ngaioitonga and Kellie Cleave to replace Hope Munroe as Facilitator at Motairehe. Rowena Walters continues as Facilitator at Whananāki.

### **Website Updates**

With a more functional base website in place now the Board will continue to make improvements on our website. This will include better content, marae, staff and trustee profiles, information, photos, upcoming events and organisation. We hope that you will see the benefits of this in the next few months.

### Items for this e-Newsletter

Any news, photos and items you would like included in our newsletter please send them to Jim Smillie by e-mail to [Jim@ngatiwai.iwi.nz](mailto:Jim@ngatiwai.iwi.nz)

### Iron Māori

Congratulations to Catherine Waetford of Whananāki and Matapōuri for finishing the Iron Māori Challenge in Napier this month. A 2km swim, 90k cycle and 21.1k run with a focus on health and active lifestyles. Ka mau te wehi Catherine!!



It was evident that other iwi from around the motu took on this challenge individually or in teams and perhaps Ngātiwai should consider entering. For more information or to register see: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/clubsite>.

### Office Closure for Christmas

The Ngātiwai Trust Board Office will be closed for the Christmas & New Year Break from Friday 23 December 2011 2pm and re-opened in the New Year on Monday 16th January 2012 at 8.30am.

On behalf of our staff Clive, Whiria, Moana, Kuini and Khan and your trustees, we wish you all a safe and merry Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Ngā mihi nui

Jim Smillie Acting, CEO.

