



Kōrero o te Tiamana

Tēnā koutou ngā uri o Ngāti Rangitihi

It has been a busy start to 2017 for Te Mana with a lot of our mahi continuing through the summer. This will be a big year for Te Mana and Ngāti Rangitihi, and we are excited by what is coming up; our batteries are re-charged and we are ready to go!

In January, we met with officials from the Office of Treaty Settlements, the Department of Conservation (DOC), and local councils to discuss our negotiations. We are on track to sign an Agreement in Principle in June, which will put us in a good place to continue our journey with the new Government following the elections in September. This mahi is keeping us very busy but we have a strong group of people helping us. We look forward to providing another update in our next newsletter.

The Board is encouraged by the turnout of whānau for our Whakapapa Wānanga, Te Reo classes, and Hui-a-Iwi. The recent Whakapapa Wānanga packed our wharenuī, with a number of new faces and whānau returning to the marae. Ka rawe ke! I want to thank Anthony Olsen, Donna Semmens, Alana Hunter and the kaimahi at the marae for all your mahi. If you haven't been to a Whakapapa Wānanga yet, I'd encourage you to try to get along to the next one. The Board is focused on investing in areas that will provide real benefits to our whānau at home in Matatā, across Aotearoa and wherever they live around the world. The Whakapapa Wānanga are an example of this, where we are holding these wānanga at home on our marae, but also filming them and uploading the footage to YouTube and our website.

We have also recently invested \$150,000 into setting up Wi-Fi in Matatā. This will benefit our tamariki in the first instance, as they'll be able to connect to the resources from their kura. We believe this is a good investment and will help our whānau with their education. We are also looking at what other options there might be for Wi-Fi in Matatā. The equipment is on its way and it will need to be tested before it is made available to whānau; however, it is an exciting project. Watch this space!

Thank you to those whānau who attended our recent Hui-a-Iwi and to our negotiators Tipene, Delwyn, Peri and observers who were there also. We are looking to hold another Hui-a-Iwi soon to discuss matters across our iwi.

Ngā mihi,
Leith Comer
Chairman



Hui-a-Iwi summary

Recently we held a Hui-a-Iwi at the marae so negotiators could outline the progress we are making on our Treaty Settlement. A group of whānau attended, who raised some great ideas and questions.

Our negotiators spoke about a proposal for a Cultural Centre or Whare Taonga at Matatā, as well as Te Mana taking a leading role in the Tarawera Awa restoration.

The Chair, along with advisor Anthony Olsen talked about the whenua Te Mana is seeking to have returned.

Leith described the purpose of the land negotiations as trying to return to the Iwi, "strategic pieces of whenua that re-connect us" and "re-establish our mana at Matatā and Tarawera".

Observer's report

In each newsletter, one of our Observers gives an update on the Treaty negotiation process to ensure we are keeping you all informed.

This quarter, Christopher Clarke has provided his input:

“Having been asked to attend the negotiating meetings as an observer, I was a bit reluctant at first, but found myself adapting to this position quite easily. Initially I was unclear of what to expect, but found the proceedings very professional and robust.

“Through the proceedings, I realised that the negotiators play a pivotal role in settlement of Ngāti Rangitahi with the Office of Treaty Settlements. The relationships forged between the negotiators, Office of Treaty Settlements, other regulatory bodies and neighbouring iwi has been seen as one of mutual understanding and transparency.

“With such a professional research team from Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi, our claims are looking strong. It has been a privilege to ‘observe’ how professional our team is.

“Do it once, do it right. Nō reira, haere whakamua Ngāti Rangitahi mō te uri e heke mai nei. Kōkiri!”

Office of Treaty Settlements meeting summary

In January, our negotiators and advisors met with officials from the Office of Treaty Settlements including the Deputy Director and Negotiations Manager. On hand were our Treaty Observers and representatives from the Department of Conservation and Regional Council.

It was a very valuable hui for our team. We had an opportunity to discuss our whenua and why it is important to us, options for redress that might make up our Settlement, and the timeline that the Crown is working to at their end.

We also discussed the potential for a Cultural Centre (Whare Taonga) at Matatā, and the Great Walk on and around our maunga at Tarawera. The Crown team were very responsive to our ideas and Te Mana is going to continue looking into these opportunities.

We hope to meet with the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Christopher Finlayson, in the coming months.



Whakapapa Wānanga

We recently held the third of our four Whakapapa Wānanga. The day started with our whānau introducing themselves and reciting their pepeha and connections to the hapū of Ngāti Rangitahi. This was a great way to kick things off, especially as we had whānau who were joining us for the first time.

Following a kapu ti, the wānanga broke into groups and our facilitators Anthony Olsen, Kerry Tawhio and Donna Semmens used their knowledge to connect whānau to their whakapapa. For some of those whānau it was

an eye-opening experience. One of our kuia spent the morning with her niece but it wasn't until halfway through the whakapapa session they realised they were actually whānau!

After lunch, the wānanga moved outside to hear from Anthony and Trustee Tipene Marr about the kōrero behind some of our significant landmarks.

An awesome day was had by all. Tau kē whānau. E tū Ngāti Rangitahi e!

Kaumātua celebration

Ngāti Rangitihi Kaumātua had a great end to their year with over 60 celebrating at the annual “Christmas Do” held at the Kawerau Cosmopolitan Club.



Pagan Tawhai

Charitable Trust recipient: Pagan Tawhai

In each newsletter, we profile one of our Charitable Trust Grant recipients. This quarter, we give an update on Pagan Tawhai.

We are honoured to have been able to support aspiring doctor, Pagan Tawhai, in pursuing his dream of becoming a medical doctor, specialising in endocrinology.

Pagan, 22, is currently completing his final year of medical study at the University of Otago campus at Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

“I am pleased to be in my last year of study here in Christchurch, where I’m working in obstetrics and gynaecology at the moment,” says Pagan.

When asked about his future prospects, Pagan says that he will be moving back up north after his studies to specialise in endocrinology.

“Endocrinology focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases related to the glands, such as diabetes, which is a common disease among Māori people,” he explains.

Pagan is confident in his abilities and is an inspiration to his peers and other Māori students who wish to pursue medical careers. We admire his aspiration to give back to the Māori community too.

Well done, Pagan!



Shayne Lukis – Campground Manager
at Tapahoro Campground

Campground update

Meet Shayne Lukis – Campground Manager

Te Mana has been managing the campground at Tapahoro on behalf of DOC for a number of years. The reserve is at the eastern end of Lake Tarawera and is a place of historical significance for Ngāti Rangitīhi.

Shayne Lukis was recently appointed as the new Campground Manager at Tapahoro, following on from Brice Brown. Shayne, who lives on site year-round, was born and bred in Rotorua and has been working as a security contractor at Tarawera Forest for the past nine years.

We caught up with Shayne to see how things were going at the campground and what his biggest challenges have been so far.

“Although I find the position very similar to my previous jobs, it has been quite exciting working with the groups at the grounds, who have all been amazing. This aspect has proven to be a bit of a learning curve, but I feel like I have taken it in my stride,” says Shayne.

Shayne is responsible for security at the grounds, which means he has quite a job looking after everything – making sure visitors are happy and looking out for any security risks or illegal entries.

We encourage you to experience the campground, which was once a long-term residence of our iwi and is now a vital part of our heritage. There are 50 campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

He Kura Reo

Ki runga i a Mokoia

Kei te pirangi ranei koe ki te ako i te reo? Kei te pirangi ranei koe ki te parakitīhi ki tetahi hui rumaki? A tena haramai ki to matou kura reo ki Mokoia Motu a te 17-19 o Maehe.

Ka wehe i te wapu i Hannahs Bay a te 5:00 i te Paraire 17 o Maehe.

Ka timata te kura reo a te 6:00 ki roto i nga whare o Te Kura o Mokoia.

Ka mutu te kura reo a te 2:00 i te Ratapu. Ka whakahokia koe ki uta.

Whakamohio atu ki te tari o Te Mana ina hiahia kuhu koe ki tenei kura reo. Mo mua i te 13 o Maehe koa.

Do you want to learn Māori? Or do you want to practice speaking Māori in an immersion environment? Then you are most welcome to attend our Kura Reo on Mokoia Island, March 17-19.

Pick up from Hannahs Bay jetty at 5:00pm on Friday, March 17.

Programme starts at 6:00pm on Mokoia.

Programmes finishes on Sunday at 2:00pm when you will be transported back to Hannahs Bay.

Please inform the office if you intend to attend before Monday the 13th.

Mena he patai wahau mo tenei kura reo, waea mai ki a Cathy 027 295 9878.

Office changes

We will soon be moving our Te Mana offices to a new location at the Matatā Tennis Club, 30 Arawa Street.

We have been on the hunt for a new premises since the start of the year so we are very grateful to have secured the clubrooms in such a central location for our iwi.

The moving process is already underway and we hope to be fully-functional at the tennis club by mid-March.

An email will be sent out to let you know when the move is complete to ensure everyone knows where to find us.

Until then, we are still located at 3 Onewairere Place.

New Office Administrator

This month we have welcomed Kereopa Smith to our team as Office Administrator. Kereopa will be with us for 18 weeks, covering for D’Arcy Stoneham as she heads off on maternity leave. We warmly welcome Kereopa to our team, and send D’Arcy off with our best wishes and biggest congratulations.

Latest Charitable Trust recipients

Mahina Paul | \$500
NZ U18 Girls’ Trans-Tasman Touch

Kaewa Savage | \$300
Touch Rugby National Tournament

Carlos Savage | \$500
NZ Touch - Open Men’s Trans-Tasman

Henare Mason | \$650
Bachelor of Te Reo Maori (Year 3)

Bridget McIntosh | \$300
Bachelor of Creative Industries (Level 7)

Te Ataarangi classes

Our first Te Ataarangi class for 2017 will be held at the Rangitīhi Marae on Wednesday 1 March, from 5-8pm. Please bring a share plate for supper.



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