



## **Kōrero o te Tiamana**

### **Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!**

It's that time of the year again when we reflect and we look forward.

First, can I acknowledge those who have passed during the year, ratou kua ngaro ki te po e moe, e moe, e moe. Kati. Te hunga mate ki te hunga mate, te hunga ora ki te hunga ora. Tena tatou katoa.

Another year has flown by, and what a significant year it has been for Ngāti Rangitihī. We have achieved several milestones in our journey towards Settlement, which, once secured, will help to shape the future of our Iwi and our region.

I look back on this year with pride, reflecting on the power of our people when we band together for a collective goal. I look forward to 2017 with anticipation of what is still to come for us, and excitement for where we hope to be in a year's time.

I want to thank our team in the office, the whānau who keep our marae fires burning, our Negotiators, and all uri of Ngāti Rangitihī. We've been busy and you all deserve a good rest.

The year began with the appointment of Crown Chief Negotiator Katherine Gordon, who we are working closely with. We are still on track to have our Agreement in Principle signed in 2017, before it is put out for you all to vote on.

We have also made significant progress with the recording of our Ngāti Rangitihī story, led by our strengthened research team. This is a major piece of work that will play a significant role throughout our negotiations and I acknowledge the team for their extensive mahi.

Other highlights have included visits from Treaty Negotiations Minister Chris Finlayson in July and Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce in September, and we are encouraged and excited by the consistently good turnouts to our whakapapa wānanga and Reo classes. We look forward to continuing these in the New Year.

With only a handful of sleeps until Christmas, I wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and hope that you get the opportunity to spend quality time with whānau. Until next year, take care.

Mauri ora!

Leith Comer  
Chairman



### **Office Xmas hours:**

Our Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī office will close  
Friday 16 December and reopen Monday 9 January 2017.

## **Camping this Summer?**

This summer, how about taking the whānau for a camping holiday to stay on lands of historical significance to Ngāti Rangitihī? Experience our history while enjoying a range of recreational activities. Te Mana now runs three campgrounds on sites which were once a residence of the Iwi and are now a vital part of our heritage.

### **Te Tapahoro Campground**

Te Tapahoro Campground, is located adjacent to the former Tapahoro pa site at the north-eastern end of Lake Tarawera, and has long been popular with families. A bridge links the campsite to several walking tracks including a track to the beautiful Tarawera Falls. Trout fishing and water sports are popular in the summer. Tapahoro is 25 minutes from Kawerau by car and can be accessed through the Tarawera Forest Road. You will need to pick up a road permit for \$5 at the Kawerau Information Centre. Booking not required. Camp Manager Shayne Lukis lives on site year-round.

**Fees per night: Adult \$13 Youth/child \$6.50 ("scenic" rates)**

### **Ash Pitt Road Campground**

Ash Pitt Road Campground is located on Lake Rerewhakaaitu, the scene of a major battle in 1821. It has a boat ramp for fishing and water sports. The nearby Rainbow Mountain Scenic Reserve has a 2.5km tramping track to the summit of Rainbow Mountain (Maungakakamea) which passes three crater lakes and steaming geothermal cliffs. The campground is about 30 minutes from Rotorua.

Our recently appointed camp warden is Shawn Jenkins, a local from Rerewhakaaitu who will manage both Ash Pitt Road and Brett Road campgrounds.

**Fees per night: Adult \$8 Youth/child \$4**

### **Brett Road Campground**

Brett Road Campground, also on the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu, is a smaller site than the neighbouring Ash Pitt Road Campground. It's a great spot for watching water birds and there is good fishing, swimming and walking nearby.

**Fees per night: Adult \$8 Youth/child \$4**

**Note:** Potential campers are advised that due to DOC policy, dogs – including dogs on leashes – are no longer permitted on campgrounds.