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Message from the Chair

Haere koutou ki te kainga na te Atua i hanga. Haere ki te putahitanga a Rehua - te huuhuinga o nga tini mano. Moe mai ra te moe roa.

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Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to the first of our monthly updates. As mentioned in our Quarterly panui, a monthly update will be emailed to members and put on our website each month to keep whanau informed. If you would like the monthly panui posted to you in hard copy, please contact our office.

It's been another busy month with recruitment for a new General Manager and Registrar, and the first for the year of our Mau Rakau, which included Poi and Kapa Haka. The Mau Rakau kaiako, Eraia Kiel brought Jamus Webster with him, who shared his expertise in Poi and Kapa Haka.

I'd like to take this opportunity

to acknowledge Chatham Community Focus Trust for all the work they do to for a successful Chatham Islands Festival and also the local stall holders with their creative kai, products and services.

We have also had the pleasure of a visit from Whaea Tariana Turia. It's both refreshing and inspiring to have good leadership surrounding us to support the positive kaupapa she provided on our islands.

The Hon Chris Finlayson, Crown Negotiator Fran Wilde and members from OTS returned for Settlement kaupapa this month. After meeting with the SGG and Negotiators, we joined at the marae with Kaingaroa Kura and Whaka

Mautai ki Wharekauri for whakatau and kai.

On behalf of Trustees and staff, I'd like to mihi to Joseph Thomas for his new role as CEO of Ngai Tahu Seafoods. It is inspiring to see our Ngati Mutunga whanau successful in pivotal roles in maoridom. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Joseph for his mahi during his short contract with the NMOWIT and look forward to his continued support and knowledge as a Trustee and Chair of our Asset Holding Company.

I look forward to updating you again next month.

Nga mihi

Paula Page (Chair)

Mau Rakau, Poi & Kapa Haka Wananga

In the first week of March Eraia Kiel joined us once again to deliver Mau Rakau to our group of Taiaha warriors. Eraia brought with him Jamus Webster, who has exceptional knowledge and expertise in Poi and Kapa Haka and his daughter Lahaina Kiel and son Eraia Kiel Jnr. This was an exciting addition to the wananga and inspired our

whanau immensely. The positive learning environment with tamariki, matua and kaumatua created a warm whare at Whakamaharatanga Marae and extended the whanau that stayed at the marae. Whaka Mautai ki Wharekauri kapa haka group also performed at the Chatham Islands Festival which was positively received.



SGG Progress Report

Over recent weeks the Settlement process has made some positive progress. This follows on from Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (NMOWIT) considering and achieving Mandate. The Crown has recognized NMOWIT as the mandated organization to negotiate a settlement of historical treaty claims and establish an appropriate Post Settlement Governance Entity. Terms of negotiation have been agreed and signed.

Principle. To help this mahi progress, the Settlement Governance Group (SGG) and NMOWIT has appointed Negotiators and two more members to the SGG.

Negotiators are Hariroa Daymond, Geoff Mullen and Tom McClurg. The SGG is now comprised of Phil Seymour (Chair), Paula Page (Chair, NMOWIT), John Kamo (Deputy Chair, NMOWIT), Miriama Patuwai, Tony Tumoana, Andy Hough and Nick Cameron.

Finlayson, Crown negotiator Fran Wilde and officials from OTS to develop relationships and reactivate some understanding of the various aspects involved with Settlement.

In the coming weeks we will be working on engaging a number of specialists to provide the necessary detail for negotiation. A work plan to take this process to our 12 month timeframe will also be completed.

Phil Seymour
(Chair, SGG)

The next steps are to commence the process of reaching an Agreement in

The SGG has met with Treaty Settlement Minister Chris



“A total of 33 formal applications were received.”



- Our 2016 AGM will be held in September with the final date being advertised in the next month or two
- Reo Wananga dates will be in the next monthly panui

New General Manager

As previously noted, Decipher Group from Christchurch have been managing the recruitment process for the General Manager role at the Iwi Trust and great progress has been made. A total of 33 formal applications were received. This was reduced to a long list of 13 by Decipher which has now been further

reduced to a shortlist of 6. A first interview for those shortlisted will be completed by 7 April with the final 2 or 3 candidates being interviewed by a panel of Trustees during April with an offer of employment and appointment being made in late April.

Registrar

The role of Registrar was advertised during March. No applications were received for this important role. The Board will now discuss this with our Kaunihera Kaumatua to determine the most appropriate way forward for addressing this matter. Anyone with a passion and interest in this role is welcome to contact the Iwi Trust office in the meantime.

Capacity

The Contract for Services with Joseph Thomas has now come to an end as he prepares to take up the role as CEO of Ngai Tahu Seafood on 4 April. Joseph will continue as a Trustee of the Iwi Trust and Chair of the Asset Holding Company. Our priority has been to engage and contract services to provide adequate capacity and capability to maintain the momentum that has been gained to date, and until such time as a General Manager is appointed.

Updated Details

After our quarterly panui was posted out we have had many returned to our office with ‘Gone No Address’ on them. If you or any of your whanau have moved, please email our office at iwitrust@nmow.co.nz or phone 0800 Wharekauri.

