



Introduction

He honore he kororia ki te Atua, he maungārongo ki te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa. Ki te iwi nui tonu kua mene ki te po, moe mai. Ki a koutou te iwi kāinga, ngā kuia ngā koroua tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

It has been an extremely busy start to 2009. We have completed the three-yearly election of Board trustees, achieved strong mandate from the people to return the fisheries assets home, a second time, and have gained overwhelming support to accept and sign a Deed of Settlement for aquaculture. We can now turn our attention to setting up the structures and putting in place the right people to manage these assets on our behalf.

The responsibility for charting the way forward will now rest with a new Board and a very warm welcome is extended to four new Board members: Pine Harrison of Ngāti Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora who replaces John Tamihere; Amelia Williams of Ngāti Tara Tokanui who replaces Caroline Karu, Glen Tūpuhi of Ngāti Paoa who replaces Pahi Tūpuhi and Lewis Maxwell of Ngai Tai who replaces Stephen Zister. We thank the outgoing trustees for their membership and make special mention of Stephen Zister who, in his quiet, considered manner has made significant contributions during his time on the Board in the interests of Ngāi Tai and the Hauraki Fishing Group.

As we go to print, we are preparing submissions to the government-appointed Panel established to review the Foreshore and Seabed Act. It is almost five years since we gathered with the rest of the motu to oppose the extinguishment of our rights to the foreshore and seabed by Government. The review is an opportunity to once again convey the depth of our opposition to the Act so that change can be made. The new super-city council with one vision and one voice for Auckland has dominated the headlines with the release of the Royal Commission Report. It is disturbing to see that government has removed Iwi Māori representation from the leadership table and it is no surprise that at the recent Orakei hui, calls were made for the people to organise against this. Clearly this is not a race issue but a rights issue; it is not about representation but about our rangatiratanga. Keep watching for details of a hikoi to be held on 25 May 2009.

Please let our university students know that we are now offering education grants for both full and part time tertiary study. This is the first time our Board has offered these grants and it is heartening to be able to respond now to the many requests we have received over the years. The sporting talents of our rangatahi is another area we are please to be able to support. The success of young Hauraki sports people at a regional, national and international level is impressive and I suspect we are yet to see the full range of talent that exists.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Josie Anderson
Chief Executive



Hauraki Fish & Aquaculture Settlement



Hauraki Māori Rugby League



Hauraki Cultural Festival



DIY Rescue at Tui Pā





FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAURAKI

Issues and Options Discussion Paper

This is a nation building initiative of the Hauraki Strategic Blueprint 2006-2012

New Governance Entity for Hauraki

It's long been accepted that a New Governance Entity is needed to see Hauraki Iwi into the future. Our challenge is to decide how we want to be represented and organised, how our assets should be managed and how our whānau should benefit. Deciding on these matters is really important and you are invited to share your views.

Included with this newsletter is a discussion paper that has brought together independent thinking from discussion groups and key Hauraki people including the things that they believe are important to address.

We are still in the very early stages of developing this entity for Hauraki and would like to engage you in the process. Please ensure that your comments and submissions are with us by Tuesday 30 June 2009.

Hauraki Māori Trust Board 2009 Grants

The Board is pleased to offer grants for tertiary education, sports and also Hauraki Marae in the 2009 year. To be eligible you must whakapapa to one or more iwi of Hauraki and be registered with the Hauraki Maori Trust Board. To check if you are registered, freephone 0508 468 288.

For an application form please contact us: Hauraki Māori Trust Board, PO Box 33, Paeroa, email: general@hauraki.iwi.nz or print a copy from our website: www.hauraki.iwi.nz.

Education Grants

Applications for the 2009 Education Grants are now open.

If you whakapapa to one or more iwi of Hauraki and are undertaking tertiary study in the 2009 year, then you may be eligible for an Education Grant from the Hauraki Māori Trust Board.

Grant information:

- You must be enrolled to undertake study at a University, Whare Wānanga, Polytechnic, Institute of Technology, Teachers Training College or a comparable overseas institution.
- Education grants apply to both full-time and part-time students studying towards a diploma or higher level qualification.
- Education grants shall be applied specifically to assist with tuition fees for study undertaken in the 2009 year.

Applications close 5pm on Friday 29th May 2009.

Sporting Grants

Sporting grants shall be provided throughout the year on the basis that applications are made at least 12 weeks prior to the event. These grants can be provided on an individual or team basis.

Grant information:

- In the case of teams where a significant majority of its players can whakapapa to one or more iwi of Hauraki, those players should be registered with the Hauraki Māori Trust Board;
- Applicants need to have gone through a regional or national selection process and have been chosen to represent Hauraki, a region or New Zealand in their chosen sport.

Marae Grants

The Hauraki Māori Trust Board would like to support the conservation, preservation and maintenance of Hauraki Marae through its 2009 Marae Grants.

Applications close on 31 August 2009.



Hauraki Māori Trust Board Trustee Election Results

Sole nominations received:

Ngāti Hako	John LINSTEAD
Ngāti Hei	Joe DAVIS
Ngāti Pukenga ki Waiau	Harry MIKAERE
Patukirikiri	Wiremu PETERS
Ngāti Whanaunga	Toko Renata TE TANIWHA
Ngāti Tamaterā	Kemara TUKUKINO

Elected by Postal Ballot:

Ngāti Tara Tokanui	Amelia WILLIAMS
Ngāti Maru	David TAIPARI
Ngāti Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora	Pine HARRISON
Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	Jill TAYLOR
Ngāti Paoa	Glen (Joe) TŪPUHI
Ngāi Tai	Ngaronui Lewis MAXWELL

Marae DIY @ Tui Pā

From 19 - 22 March 2009 Marae DIY was at Tui Pā in Te Aroha. Supported by a Marae Grant from the Board, Tumutumu Marae took part in the Maori Television reality show.

The programme attracts additional sponsorship to the work project enabling the putea of the Marae to go further. Over four days, Tumutumu Marae was able to re-landscape the grounds and upgrade the wharekai including renovating the kitchen, re-cladding the exterior, replacing doors and windows and a full repaint. Whilst the Marae makeover was taking place, the Marae Kuia were bring pampered and entertained at Paeahi Marae

Along with qualified tradespersons, Tumutumu Marae committee pulled together a whānau labour force from far and wide to help out on the day. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears went into this makeover, but the results speak for themselves.

Hauraki Cultural Festival 2008

The 31 October 2008 marked the start of the 35th Annual Hauraki Cultural Festival. Since its birth in 1973 the Festival has been hosted by many Hauraki Marae. 2008 saw Manaia Marae and Te Kura o Manaia take up the challenge.

Over two days 5000 people converged on the small settlement of Manaia on the Coromandel Peninsula, to take in the best of local and regional Kapa Haka.

With a total of 22 groups performing, a massive amount of volunteers and supporters, great kai, good facilities, the perfect venue, amazing judges and MC Te Hāmua Nikora pulling the days together, the 35th Annual Hauraki Cultural Festival was dubbed a huge success.

The Hauraki Māori Trust Board is pleased to have supported this event and inturn, support Hauraki to preserve and develop our cultural identity.



Tamariki from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Harataunga
Photo courtesy of Hauraki Herald



Tui Pā - the end result Photos courtesy of Piako Post



Hauraki Fisheries and Aquaculture Settlement

With your support we have achieved the mandate to bring the fish and aquaculture settlement home.

Nearly \$50M of Hauraki fisheries and aquaculture assets held up by a recent court battle can now be used to develop the commercial and social aspirations of the Hauraki people. An overwhelming result in favour of the Board to bring the fisheries assets home was achieved. Chairman Toko Renata said "It is reassuring to know that in moving forward, the Board has the widespread support of the Iwi and is doing what it is suppose to be doing".

The Board has now sought recognition of its mandate from Te Ohu Kaimoana. Its next steps will be to formalise the Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust and its Asset Holding Company; set in place directors to receive and manage the assets; engage in coastline negotiations with Tauranga Moana Iwi, Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Wai and Waikato; sign a Deed of Settlement for aquaculture and support enabling legislation. As part of the aquaculture settlement a further group of assets under negotiation will be a sizeable area of water space at Wilsons Bay which will be available if the new Aquaculture Management Area in the area is approved.

The aquaculture settlement will be transferred to Te Ohu Kaimoana who will also hold the fisheries assets at this time. The transfer of assets is expected to commence towards the end of the year when the Fishing Trust has met the above conditions and legislation is in place.



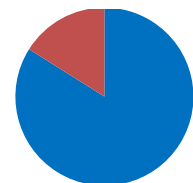
Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust - Special General Meeting held in Paeroa on 28th February 2009

Hauraki Fisheries and Aquaculture Settlement Poll Results of Postal Ballot

Resolution One

Should the Trust Deed of the Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust be ratified for the purposes of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 and Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 and the Hauraki Māori Trust Board (as trustee of that Trust) mandated as the Joint Mandated Iwi Organisation and the Iwi Aquaculture Organisation?

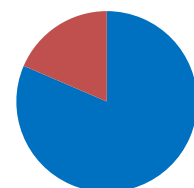
Valid Votes	1,661	YES	1,394	(83.92%)
		NO	267	(16.08%)
		Return Rate	29.28%	



Resolution Two

Should the Hauraki Māori Trust Board (as trustee of the Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust) accept the settlement of the pre-commencement space entitlements of Hauraki Iwi and sign a Deed of Settlement (in substantially the same form as the draft Deed of Settlement dated 27 January 2009)?

Valid Votes	1,629	YES	1,327	(81.46%)
		NO	302	(18.54%)
		Return Rate	28.72%	



Hauraki Mandated Representatives (HMR)

In 2006 Hauraki Iwi mandated the Hauraki Māori Trust Board, John McEnteer and Russell Karu to negotiate the settlement of Hauraki Claims and to set in place the infrastructure to do so.



Russell Karu

The Crown has refused to accept the mandate of the Hauraki Mandated Representatives as the Marutuahu Working Group also claims it has a mandate.

Under the new Government, the Minister of Treaty negotiations, the Hon. Christopher Finlayson, has met with both groups and has considered the best way forward is for an independent review to be undertaken of both mandates. Independent scrutiny is welcomed. The terms of reference for the review and identity of the reviewer must be agreed between the parties. To date, we have provided our thoughts on both these matters to the Crown and to the MWG, but no substantive response has been received, other than an indication that neither parties wishes to be bound by the review.



John McEnteer

The HMR filed an application in the Waitangi Tribunal in 2006 for a Remedies Hearing to request that the Waitangi Tribunal return all State Owned Enterprise lands and forests to Hauraki, as the Crown had failed to enter into negotiations in respect of the Hauraki Treaty claims. A judicial conference was recently convened by the Tribunal to further discuss our application for a hearing and we now await the Tribunal's decision.

The HMRs have made submission to the Select Committee on the Waikato River Settlement Bill and met with the Panel on the Waikato River Co-management arrangements. The right of Waikato to seek redress from the Crown in respect to settling their Waikato River Claim is

supported but the HMRs have asserted that this must not occur at the expense of the Hauraki iwi, their lands and resources. The team has also had an initial meeting with Sir Douglas Graham who has been appointed as a facilitator to progress the Tāmaki Makaurau claims.

Ruamaahua (Alderman) Islands Trust

Ruamaahua Islands more commonly known as the Alderman Islands, are located 15km east of Whangamata and consist of nine islands of varying sizes, which still bear the remnants of early Māori occupation. The islands are classed as a 'nature reserve' with approximately 30,000 - 40,000 pairs of oi (grey-faced petrel) breeding on the islands annually.

The Ruamaahua Islands Trust evolved from the Section 438 Trust that was established when the Ruamaahua Islands were formally gifted to the Crown for the purpose of a wildlife sanctuary. These islands are of cultural, spiritual, historical and environmental importance to Hauraki people. For generations, whānau have been culturally harvesting oi from the islands, up until the 1990's, when concern was raised by birders that the oi numbers were declining.

In 2003 the Trust set up the Ruamaahua Islands Working Group which initiated discussions with Manaaki Whenua to address these concerns. The main objective for initiating discussions were to:

- Re-assert our kaitaki role
- Preserve the mātauranga Māori for current and future generations
- Support the annual cultural harvest of oi and kaimoana
- Take an active management role in the islands
- Build western science knowledge around oi and island values to inform management approaches
- Determine own management baselines and priorities such as cultural harvest limits and policies around concessions, landing permits, research etc.
- Transfer cultural harvest skills and practice to next generation
- Build awareness around island values and cultural harvest
- Strengthen relationships with external iwi and other agencies

The Ruamaahua Islands Trust will continue to work for the people of Hauraki by sharing both traditional and scientific perspective on how best to achieve sustainability of our natural resources for the present and the future.



Adult oi on Ramaahuna Nui



Middle Island from Nui



NZ Touch Rugby

To excel in one sport is quite an achievement, to excel in three of your chosen sports is a show of incredible talent and commitment.

As a year 13 at Paeroa College, Leonie Keith is heavily involved in sports and takes seriously her leadership role as Deputy Head Girl. Last year she was awarded most outstanding Senior 'A' netball player, most outstanding Senior 'A' Basketball player and most valuable player for touch rugby. Leonie was also a recipient of a 2008 Hauraki Young Achievers Award.

Leonie was also selected to represent New Zealand in the Girls Under 19 Touch Rugby squad and in January played in the Youth Trans-Tasman series at Waitakere. After warm up matches against South Africa and Singapore, the girls faced off against Australia. Unfortunately, Australia proved to be the stronger team on the day taking home the Trans-Tasman Cup.

Leonie is one of seven children and is Hauraki born and bred. With goals to enter the Navy or Airforce and eventually the Police Force, Leonie has her whole future ahead of her. With the drive and determination she has shown so far, we are sure to be seeing alot more of her in the future.



Hauraki Māori Wardens

Congratulations to the Hauraki Māori Wardens Association who opened their District Office in Paeroa on 15 March 2009.

Māori Wardens have long since been established in Hauraki. Their familiar presence in uniform does not only win the respect of Māori but is recognised throughout the community. These volunteers work closely with the local police in the area of safety. They have many roles including discouraging crime on the streets, assisting in keeping our youth and people safe, while being compassionate to those in need.

The Belmont Road office will become the central point of contact for the Association. Previously members have worked from their homes or relied on the generosity of the community to undertake their administrative responsibilities.



Arama Chase - NZ Police Iwi Liaison, Fred Paraku - Hauraki Māori Warden, HDC Mayor John Tregidga & HMDC Deputy Chair Jim Nicholls at the opening of the Māori Wardens office in Paeroa

Multi-Focus Development Plan

The Multi-Focus Development Plan (MFDP) is one of the four nation-building initiatives of the Hauraki Strategic Blueprint. Its purpose is to strengthen the social, cultural, economic, environmental and political infrastructure of Hauraki.

There are a number of entities and sector-based services that are focused on Hauraki well-being. The solution is not to re-invent new services or initiatives but to achieve improved coordination around what we already do.

The MFDP process is a continual and ongoing one. However in the next three months, we hope to make some traction by:

- Inviting Hauraki whānau to identify their needs, aspirations and expectations.
- Invite Hauraki Entities and services to participate in forums aimed at seeking their agreement to become part of a Hauraki integrated development plan system.
- Invite sector experts to participate in discussion groups to contribute their ideas and expertise.
- Providing tailored approaches for our kāumatua to provide advise and feedback.

From here, the results and discussions will be put together to contribute to an agreed integrated development plan that is consistent with identified Hauraki development goals and priorities.

Details relating to the development of the Multi-Focus Development Plan will be available soon. Information will be posted on our webiste and bebo site shortly, or phone our office on 0508 468 288.



Hauraki Māori Rugby League

Myles Watene of Ngāti Maru, always had a dream to put together a Hauraki Māori Rugby League team, he was just looking for the right opportunity to show itself.

This came about on Labour Weekend 2008 when 100 years of Māori Rugby League in New Zealand and 150 years of the Kīngitanga movement were celebrated at Hopuhopu near Ngāruwāhia, with the 100th New Zealand Māori Rugby League tournament.

The Hauraki Māori Trust Board sponsored two teams to play in the tournament, one of which was an invitation team made up of players from local Hauraki teams, including elite players from several Australian National Rugby League clubs.

The tournament was special to Hauraki as two of its earlier players were inducted into the New Zealand Rugby League Hall of Fame. James Rukatai, who started the first Māori rugby league club in New Zealand and Myles' grandfather, Steve Watene, who was the first Māori captain of the New Zealand Rugby League team.

This is the first time Hauraki has entered a team into this competition. The Hauraki invitation team played four games, winning three to make the semi-finals before losing to Auckland. Next year they will be back and ready to bring the Shield back to Hauraki.



Rohe Team



Waka Team

NGO Study Award

The Board was recently awarded an NGO (Non Government Organisation) Study award for one of our staff members, Anne Honey, to complete her Bachelor of Social Science at Te Wānanga O Aotearoa in Tauranga. Anne works as kaitautoko whānau with Family Start in Waihi and has been in this position since 2007.

The award will assist Anne to meet her tuition fees and help the Board meet costs incurred while supporting her in full time study.

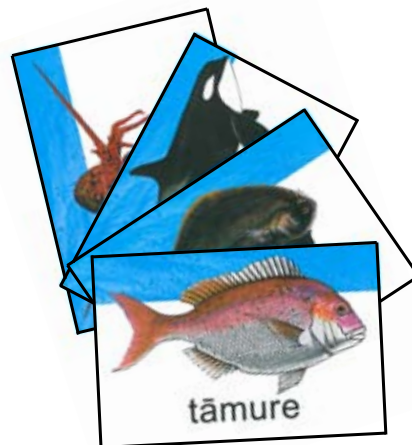


Anne Honey - Kaitautoko Whanau

The Board recognises professional development in staff as being critical in building the capacity of our organisation and in doing so, to work effectively with whanau.

Flash Cards of Tikapa Moana

A joint venture between the Hauraki Māori Trust Board and the Auckland Regional Council produced a set of educational resources and a poster about Tikapa Moana.



Mainly in te reo Māori, these cards provide pictures and information about the inhabitants of Tikapa Moana (Hauraki Gulf). The cards provide whakataukī, the Māori names of the different fish species and their characteristics including a bit about their habitat.

Launched at Te Pai O Hauraki Marae in December 2008, these cards will be distributed to Te Kohanga Reo and schools in Hauraki as an educational resource for our tamariki.



Tribal Register

With the success of achieving the Fisheries mandate, we will soon be bringing our fisheries assets home. In order to have your say on these matters or any other issues that affect you and your whānau, you must be on the Hauraki Iwi Register.

We hold many registrations without current contact details. If you or any of your whānau have moved or changed phone numbers, please contact us and let us know.

We are making an effort to increase our email and txt capabilities. If you want to be included on these lists, email general@hauraki.iwi.nz with your name, birthdate, mobile number and email address and we will add these to your registration details.

For new registrations, to update your details or to confirm your registration please contact Frank Waitai on 0508 468 288 or go to our website www.hauraki.iwi.nz.

Trust Waikato Funding



2009 Application Timeframes

Round 2

12 June 2009 - Application round closes

Early September 2009

Groups notified and donations paid

Round 3

18 September 2009 - Application round closes

Early December 2009

Groups notified and donations paid

Note: Groups may only receive one donation in each calendar year.

For further information contact Rongo Kirkwood at Trust Waikato 0800 436 628 or visit www.trustwaikato.co.nz

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Come and join us on Bebo - This is just another way to keep in contact with you.

http://www.bebo.com/maori_trust_board



Situations Vacant Policy & Planning

Do you have:

- Policy, planning, or Māori / Iwi development qualifications or experience?
- An understanding of the policy process in iwi and public policy settings?
- Research, analysis and policy writing skills?

Are you quality-driven, articulate and passionate about Hauraki Development?

Yes? Then we want to talk to you!

Contact us on 0508 468 288 or email general@hauraki.iwi.nz

Dates to Remember

29 May 2009	Hauraki Māori Trust Board Education Grants close 5pm
12 June 2009	Trust Waikato Funding Round 2 closes
30 June 2009	Comments and Submissions close for New Governance Entity for Hauraki
31 August 2009	Hauraki Māori Trust Board Marae Grants close 5pm

If you have any queries regarding this pānui or about the mahi that the Hauraki Māori Trust Board does on your behalf, please contact us:

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