



Tūhoe

WAIKAREMOANA MĀORI TRUST BOARD

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TŪHOE WAIKAREMOANA MĀORI TRUST BOARD

Back Row: Papanui Ruri, Pou Tēmara, Rongonui Tahī, Richard Tumarae, Buddy Nikora. **Middle Row:** Newton Lambert, Kapi Tupe, Rangiora Rakuraku, Tūnuiārangi McClean, Hana Harawira, Marie Stewart, Irene Kereama-Royal (General Manager). **Front Row:** Tama Nikora, Te Toka Tēmara (Chair), Karlite Rangihau (Deputy Chair).

LAST CHANCE

Registrations to vote in the Tūhoe-Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board elections must be received at the Trust by 5pm 31 May. All beneficiaries aged 18 and over are eligible to vote. To be a beneficiary you must be a descendant of the original Tūhoe land owners. Once you have registered you do not need to register again. To register electronically go to www.tuhoe.iwi.nz or phone the office on 0800 884 632 for a form.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Do you have the skills to be a trustee of over \$30 million worth of assets? It is an important job. The trustees are volunteers. (You do need a thick skin as trustees take a bit of criticism especially from beneficiaries). If you are not afraid of hard work or a bit of abuse then you have just a few days to put in your nomination for the board. You must be a registered Tūhoe beneficiary and have your nomination signed by 5 registered Tūhoe beneficiaries from within your division. For nomination forms go to www.tuhoe.iwi.nz or ring the Trust on 0800 884 632.

BIGGER THAN LOCAL GOVT

Over 7,000 Tūhoe voted in the 2006 Trust elections, more than the number of voters in many local body elections. The Trust is the oldest representative Tūhoe organisation. This year, with the recent Waitangi Tribunal Urewera decision pending, there is even more interest.

TŪHOE STAT S

Stats NZ information about Tūhoe is now on our website – the Tūhoe iwi profile is based on the 2006 census. There are 32,670 Tūhoe in the world! 61% of Tūhoe aged 15 years and over held a formal qualification in 2006. 53% (17,178) of Tūhoe were female and 47% (15,492) were male. 40% of all Tūhoe are under the age of 15. 10,860 Tūhoe live in the Bay of Plenty. 5,685 live in Auckland and 3,300 live in the Waikato. 91% of employed Tūhoe were paid employees in 2006, 7% were employers or self-employed (without employees). You can view the full document on our website.



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Election time is a very busy time for your Trust. Over 2,000 applications for new registration have been received in the last month, some 48,000 pieces of paper have been sent out to beneficiaries. There has been a flurry of activity at our new Trust offices.

WHAKATAUKI

So we asked Dr. Wharehuia Milroy, aka Uncle Jimmy, for a whakatauki that explains the sense of urgency and activity at your Trust in the past month. *Na te waewae i kimi.* According to Uncle Jimmy, in everyday usage it reads, *kaua e tukua kia toa ko te waewae tūtuki.* A free translation would be; there is no failure except in no longer trying. He says the sentiment is clearly expressed in its thrust; there are two ways of meeting difficulties, you alter the difficulties or you alter yourself. It is a version of the time-honoured, *kaua ma te waewae tūtuki, engari mā te ūpoko pakaru.*

COLLECTING OUR TAONGA

Your Trust has arranged a delegation to collect from the Waitangi Tribunal all the primary evidence submitted for the Urewera claim. These are for our Tūhoe archives. A professional archivist has been engaged to archive all our records, including the Tribunal records, and we will keep the evidence as a permanent record available to all Tūhoe.

MARAE MEETINGS

Board members are continuing to hold marae report back kanohi ki te kanohi marae meetings. Our Chairman Te Toka Tēmara and the General Manager, Irene Kereama-Royal are attending tribal meetings this month throughout Tūhoe firstly to introduce Irene to the people and secondly to allow beneficiaries to hear directly from the board and to answer questions. Irene has now been introduced to Waikaremoana, Ruatāhuna and Rūātoki. She has yet to visit Waimana and meet with the Tūhoe living outside the rohe.



ELECTION DIVISIONS

Remember the Trust is organised into four divisions:

- ♦ **Rūātoki** (4): Hana Harawira, Kapi Tupe, Tamaroa Nikora, Papanui Ruri
- ♦ **Ruatāhuna** (4): Te Toka Tēmara (Chairman), Pou Tēmara, Rongonui Tahī, Anthony Te Kurapa (resigned)
- ♦ **Maungapōhatu/Te Waimana** (4): Rangiora Rakuraku, Marie Stewart, Tūnuiārangi McLean, Richard Tumarae
- ♦ **Waikaremoana** (3): Kararaina Rangihau (Deputy Chair), Newton Lambert, Phillip Takuta

If your marae would like to have a meeting with your board member just ring the office.

ENVIRONMENT BAY OF PLENTY

As mana whenua, as a large land owner and as the democratic representative of a significant number of ratepayers the Trust made a submission to Environment Bay of Plenty's (EBoP) planning process. The planners have paid little attention to Tūhoe. The regional plan ignores the reality that Tūhoe will be the largest forestry owner in the Bay of Plenty and, following the Urewera settlement claim, will become the largest non-government land owner. Our submission is a wake-up call to the Regional Council to take notice, that Tūhoe is a major economic force in the Bay of Plenty.



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