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## Progress Report - Māori Policy Advisors

### 1. Nga mihi

Nga mihi nui mo te tau hou kia koutou katoa e nga rangatira o te rohe nei.

### 2. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the months of November and December 2003, and January and February 2004.

### 3. Confirmation of dates for 2004

#### 3.1 Ara Tahi dates

Friday 20 February 2004  
Wednesday 24 March 2004  
Wednesday 26 May 2004  
Wednesday 14 July 2004  
Wednesday 25 August 2004  
Wednesday 24 November 2004

#### 3.2 Technical Workshop dates

Wednesday 7 April 2004  
Wednesday 16 June 2004  
Wednesday 4 August 2004  
Wednesday 22 September 2004  
Wednesday 20 October 2004

### 4. Staff training

The introductory Te Reo Māori course for staff in the Wellington office finished on 10 December 2003. The course is popular with staff and was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The next introductory Te Reo course will begin on 21 April 2004.

## **5. Te Waka Awhina hui, 27-29 November 2003, Rotorua**

Te Waka Awhina is an annual conference that provides training and networking opportunities for Māori staff working in local government. The kaupapa of the hui is 'Ma te Māori, mo te Māori' - For Māori by Māori. The hui was jointly hosted by the Rotorua District Council and Tauranga District Council and was held at Tangatarua marae, Rotorua.

Four staff from Greater Wellington attended, Rawiri Faulkner, Jason Kerehi, Stephen Karaitiana and Maia Kawana. The conference was very informative and provided an opportunity to see how other councils deal with iwi and Māori issues. Through ongoing correspondence with participants we are hoping to develop and implement some of these ideas.

## **6. Iwi projects**

### **6.1 Iwi project funding update**

All of the iwi project funding allocated to the 2003/2004 financial year has been committed.

As discussed with iwi at the Ara Tahī hui on 12 November 2003, it would be useful if Iwi wishing to apply for project funding from the 2004/2005 financial year allocation could discuss their project proposals with Jason or Rawiri, with the view to having all proposals to Council by 30 May 2004. This will allow time to consider proposals and write up contracts for signing prior to July.

### **6.2 Capacity funding report template.**

Rawiri and Jason will be meeting with all iwi individually over the next month to go over the reporting template that was confirmed by Ara Tahī last year. This template will be used to report on the capacity funding for the 03/04 financial year and the report will be due in July 2004.

### **6.3 Wellington Tenths Trust**

#### **6.3.1 Inventory of Māori Heritage sites and values**

(Oral report.)

### **6.4 Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui**

#### **6.4.1 Iwi Environmental Management Plan**

Phase two of this project has begun. (Oral report, Ihaia Puketapu.)

## **6.5 Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai**

### **6.5.1 Water monitoring project**

Iwi are involved in monitoring the amount of water being taken by shallow bores on the Kapiti coast. The project involves collecting information from water meters and helping Greater Wellington collate and analyse the information.

This summer has seen above average rainfall recorded for most of the season, peaking with the highest amount of rainfall in February since records began. This project was delayed because of difficulties encountered with installing meters, however, it is up and running now. This project is expected to run until April 2004.

## **6.6 Rangitaane o Wairarapa**

### **6.6.1 Ngāti Hāmua GIS project**

This project has already met its target for identification of sites of significance. Editing work continues on the 'History of Hāmua' report and Joseph Potangaroa is currently developing the template for the 'Environmental Education Sheets'. The project is on target to finish by March 2004.

## **7. Oil spill response course**

Jack Rikihana and Te Akapikirangi Arthur both attended the two-day oil spill response course in Auckland run by the Maritime Safety Authority. This course is available to any iwi representatives who would like to know more about the role of iwi in the event of an oil spill and would like to assist. If anyone is interested in attending the course in future, please indicate your interest to Rawiri.

## 8. Recommendation

*It is recommended that Ara Tahi:*

1. *receive the report; and*
2. *note the contents.*

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