



NEWSLETTER FOR OWNERS

From the Chairman

Nga mihi ki a koutou

Trustees are confident that during this period of uncertainty in the economic world that the trusts are comfortably placed to continue to safeguard their assets and to develop in a careful and considered manner the opportunities the times present.

The risk management approach exercised by the trusts ensures in troubled times that whatever adverse conditions prevail can be dealt with in a sensible and positive manner.

The unanimous decision at the annual general meetings to formalise the exiting of the Custodian Trustee was



approved by the Maori Land Court at its sitting on Friday February 1, 2008. Judge Carrie Wainwright had reviewed the application and documentation and gave the Court's approval – without question - to support the wishes of beneficial owners.

Trustees recognise the added responsibilities that evolve from this change and are working with appropriate professional advisers to ensure that all necessary

management and processes are firmly set in place over the next few weeks.

The Port Nicholson Block Claim Team is working through the agreement in principle and meeting with those who have registered over the next few weeks. Any beneficial owners who believe they are eligible and who have not registered with the Port Nicholson Block Claim, should do so to ensure they can fully participate in the decisions which will be made in the near future. Registration forms can be obtained from the website (www.portnicholson.org.nz) or phone 0800 7678642 or 04 4723872.

**Prof. Ngatata Love
Chairman**

Waitangi Day 2008

The Executive Office and some Trustees were in attendance at the Waitangi Day 2008 celebrations held at Waitangi Park.

It was estimated that over 35,000 people attended the day and enjoyed the activities and stalls that were available.

Wellington Tenth's Trust and Palmerston North Maori Reserve gave a



Young performers at Waitangi Day

Professor Ngatata Love, Chairman of both the

short speech together with

the Mayor of Wellington, Kerry Prendergast.

Professor Love told the gathering that the celebration recognised 160 years of the signing of the founding document – the Treaty of Waitangi - in Wellington harbour. "Today we celebrate recognition by the Crown of the wrongs perpetuated against the people who lived in Wellington in 1840.

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MAORI LAND COURT DECISION

It is with delight that the Trustees of both Trusts inform you that the Maori Land Court have agreed to the retirement of the custodian trustee – the New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited.

The hearing took place on Friday February 1, 2008 and was presided over by Judge Carrie Wainwright. As mentioned earlier the Court only took a few minutes to endorse the decision of beneficial owners.



Pictured are those who attended the Maori Land Court hearing on Friday February 1, 2008.

Accessing Shareholder Information

The Executive Office of the trusts has been receiving requests for information relating to shareholdings of persons who are deceased and where formal processes have been followed relating to succession and administration of the estate.

Where the interests of a deceased beneficial owner are being administered by either a trust or executors of a Will, the Executive Office are not able to release any information to persons other than those authorised by the Maori Land Court.

Any member of a whanau who believes their concerns or questions are not being handled in an appropriate manner, need to make application to the Maori Land Court under provisions of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

Annual General Meetings—2008

Palmerston North Maori Reserve

Saturday, September 6, 2008

Novotel Hotel, Palmerston North

Wellington Tenths Trust

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Westpac Stadium, Wellington

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“The signing of the Agreement in Principle acknowledges for Taranaki Whanui the breaches of the Treaty by the Crown but also provides opportunities for Taranaki Whanui who have been deprived of their lands, culture and heritage and opportunities for so many years.

“The opportunities presented by the inter-generational settlement will benefit Taranaki Whanui and the community in general with commitments by the Crown spanning more than 100 years.”

Management of Maori Trusts Workshop

The workshop which was held on January 25, 26 and 27, 2008 was a huge success with an attendance of over 35 coming from near and far.

The programme was designed and led by Professor Ngatata Love with the help of Catherine Love and Marie Cocker.

Guest speakers included Euan Playe of BDO Spicers and Richard Cathie from Kensington Swan legal firm. All

contributed on a voluntary basis and provided information which was particularly relevant.

The workshop was designed to provide information,

included discussions on the types of Maori Trusts that can be formed, trustees' duties and responsibilities, Trust Deeds along with financial and other legal requirements.



Pictured: Those who participated in the workshop

All who attended the workshop had only positive feedback. They also believe that more than a u would benefit from this type of event.

guidance and encouragement to participate in existing trusts. The workshop content

Perhaps the trusts could consider this as an annual event?

Village at the Park

On a recent visit to Village at the Park by Managing Trustees of the Wellington Tenths Trust, they were delighted to be able to view the first of the new apartment blocks which are being built. While not quite complete, open days are being held and the interest being shown is encouraging. We are pleased to be able to provide photos from that visit.



Whare Mahana Makeover—Matiu/Somes Island

Staying at Whare Mahana on Matiu/Somes Island will be more stylish and comfortable once interior renovations are completed.

This project will be co-ordinated by Terese Mcleod and Dr Alice Te Punga Somerville (whose mothers are Wellington Tenth's shareholders). Terese has been heavily involved with the island through DOC for the last four years and regularly takes group to the island. Alice has been a welcome addition on these trips after returning from work overseas.

Both women work at Victoria University and belong to Taki Rua Maori Theatre writers group. After several visits together the pair decided they wanted to make staying on the island more attractive. They formally approached the Matiu/Somes Charitable Trust with their proposal which was wholeheartedly endorsed and supported.

The plan is to paint the interior of the house in fresh contemporary colours and to modernise the whare without losing its era or environment. The rooms will be themed to pick up on the existing colours and features inside the whare and those of its immediate environment. For example, the lounge or “flax room” will pick up on flax colours, the dining room or “stone room” will pick up on stone/river colours, the bedrooms will be themed, paua, driftwood and moana. Some minor repair work, a thorough clean inside and out and acquiring new fittings and furniture will complete the project.

Terese and Alice are passionate about the island. Taking whanau and friends over has been particularly satisfying as many of them have never visited – only ever knowing it as off limits during its quarantine era, many are surprised to learn they can not only go over to the island but that staying there is possible.

Many comment that they find it fascinating to actually see what the island is like after only having seen it from the motorway!

A schedule of work has been put together. You are all very warmly welcome to be a part of this schedule in anyway or at any times that suit you.

Keep an eye out for future newsletters where we'll show you some “before” and “after” shots of the whare as the work progresses, for further information on this project or to indicate your desire to be a part of it please see below for contact details.

Further Information

For further information regarding this project please contact Erini Shepherd at the Wellington Tenth's Trust Office on (04) 4732502, eshepherd@wtandpnmr.maori.nz, or Terese Mcleod, Terese.Mcleod@vuw.ac.nz, (04) 463 9786 (DDI), (04) 970 8400 (Home) or 021 043 5285 (Mobile).



Photo: Taki Rua Maori Theatre Writers Group “Writers Block” on a visit to the island in December 2007. Terese is standing at the back far right (in white tee shirt) and Alice seated (in blue tee shirt) immediately in front of Terese.

Featherston / Nash Street Development

It became known to the Palmerston North Maori Reserve Trust that the Palmerston North City Council were investigating options of widening the road around the intersection of Rangitikei Street and Featherston Street.

Managing Trustees were disturbed to learn that the preferred option being investigated by Council and their contractors was for land that the trust (or our joint venture partner) owns to be taken for this purpose. Trustees took the

opportunity of meeting with Council and their representatives in January to express their extreme concern that the Council had not bothered to consult with the land owner.

Council has assured the Managing Trustees that the formal process has not yet commenced and when it does they will speak directly with the trust. They also apologised for not making direct contact with the trust.

“**TIAKI**”- to care for, protect, look after

On Wednesday March 5, 2008 Sam and June Jackson and Peter Love (together with others) participated in the “handover and christening ceremony” of Tiaki – the brand new Wellington Harbour tugboat which recently arrived from Vietnam.

Tiaki replaces “Kupe” which we understand will move to New Plymouth. Hon Fran Wilde, Chairperson of the Greater Wellington Regional Council performed the “christening”.

Tiaki began life in September 2006 and was being built “on spec” as she had no owner. CentrePort signed a contract to purchase a Damen 2411 tug on January 24, 2007. Tiaki left Vietnam on January 13, 2008 and arrived to a warm welcome in Wellington on February 13, 2008.



Tiaki

Handover and Christening
Wednesday 5th March 2008



Wellington Tenths Development Trust

TOUCH RUGBY—Well Done!

CONGRATULATIONS! Nga Tekau o Poneke Touch Rugby team placed 3rd in their final on February 18 against SCW. The team played their first game back in October 2007. Some of these were novice players while others provided experience, guidance and support to the team. Over the season player's skills improved and relationships developed between members of whanau who had never met before. Overall the season was a huge success and we look forward to putting in more than one team next season which starts in October 2008.

Thanks to Pub Charity ... and Kia Kaha

Nga Tekau o Poneke Touch Rugby Team and the Wellington Tenths Development Trust would like to express their gratitude to Pub Charity who have generously donated funds to cover the cost of new playing uniforms for the touch team. We would also like to thank the team at Kia Kaha Clothing in Petone (in particular, Char Love) for the design and manufacture of the uniforms. The team will be unmissable in 2008!

Connecting Whanau Day

NAU MAI HAERE MAI – Wellington Tenths Development Trust is planning a social day in May to be held at Hikoikoi, Petone for all whanau to come together and connect while learning some new skills. a go at Waka Ama, entering in your own whanau touch rugby team for the mini touch tournament and learning a few necessary waiata.

The programme for the day includes learning how to lay down a hangi, having This will be the first time our Waka enters the harbour so ensure you are there for the powhiri and to see its first launch. We guarantee a fun-filled day for everyone!

Weekend Wananga

A weekend Wananga is being planned for the teaching/learning of waiata, te reo, history and some kapa haka. If you are interested in participating or can assist with planning, Vicki Hollywell would like to hear from you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED ON THIS PAGE— please contact Vicki Hollywell (she would love to hear from you!) – email: vicki.roger@paradise.net.nz or phone 04-568 9701

APPOINTMENTS OF NOTE

We extend our congratulations to Susan de Miguel (pictured below) for her appointment as the Chairperson of the Maori Partnership Board of Capital and Coast District Health Board.



The Wellington Tenth Trust were pleased at their



recent meeting to endorse the re-appointment of Liana Poutu (pictured left) to the Conservation Board.

Dr Catherine Love (pictured right) is a member of the Board at Hutt Valley District Health Board. This is an



appointment Catherine has held for a number of years.

Also sitting on the board of the Hutt Valley District Health Board is the Trusts' Executive Officer, Keith Hindle (pictured right).



The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

Dr Leo Buchanan has been appointed as the inaugural Chairman of the recently formed Maori Advisory Committee to The Royal Australasian College of Physicians. The first meeting of the committee was held at Village at the Park on March 5, 2008.

Leo had asked kaumatua Sam Jackson and kuia June Jackson to whakatau the new members of this committee which included Professor Mason Durie. Cultural support for the day was provided by Mere Broughton and John Clark from the Waitangi Tribunal.

Port Nicholson Block Claim Progress

The majority of people who receive this newsletter also receive the Port Nicholson Block Claim newsletter.

Therefore you are aware of the significant milestone reached in December 2007 with the signing of an Agreement in Principle with the Crown.

We are pleased to report that negotiations continue with the Crown over the detail of the broad parameters of the Agreement in Principle (AIP).

The Crown have agreed to pursue the finalisation – to Deed of Settlement – within a timeframe that has never before

been attempted. This means that the foot is to the floor for all those involved to ensure that our target date can be achieved—that being the introduction of settlement legislation in 2008.

The mandated representatives have been undertaking some information hui for the claimant community to explain the AIP and the pathway forward. To date hui in Wellington and Nelson have been positive. The final hui is being held in New Plymouth on Sunday March 16, 2008. Letters of invitation have been sent to those who are registered with the Port Nicholson Block Claim with details regarding the hui.