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NGĀTI RANGITIHI APPOINTS CEO



Nick with children Thomas (two), Anna (four), Sarah (nearly one) and Matthias (seven). Wife Helen and oldest child, Bede (eight), are missing from this photo.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust has appointed its first Chief Executive – Nick Alexander.

Affiliated to Ngāti Awa through his mother, Nick has diverse leadership experience in Asia and the Pacific with not-for-profit organisations and a history of delivering results in a wide range of challenging, cultural and organisational environments.

His most recent position was Pacific regional manager for Austraining International based in Adelaide and owned by the South Australian government.

He has also worked for Habitat for Humanity International as a country director for Vietnam and as a senior consultant in development assistance for Sinclair Knight Merz in Melbourne.

Nick, who has a young family of five children aged up to eight years, says he and his wife Helen see the new role and its location as the ideal platform for both their long-term personal and professional aspirations.

The family will make a permanent move to Matata.

“I am confident that my skills and experience can be transferred and adapted to the leadership of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust.

“The trust has an ambitious strategic plan for the next five years through until 2014 and I welcome the opportunity to lead the organisation through to the fulfilment of these objectives.”

Trust chairman Graham Pryor says the recruitment process attracted high-calibre applicants both from at home and abroad.

“Nick’s appointment will have a major impact on our ability to affect our strategic plan through the right kind of organisational development, financial management and superior service delivery.

“We look forward to the contribution that this extremely important role will make to our future growth.”

TUKIA TAKES ON TAUHARA!

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust – through its involvement in Tukia Group Limited – is part of a historic agreement to develop the Tauhara geothermal energy resource.

Tukia has been working with land trusts and hapū in Tauhara to advance plans to develop their geothermal resources, and has now been appointed as the commercial management arm of the Tauhara hapū.

Tukia has secured a binding agreement between Contact Energy, Tauhara hapū and Tauhara land trusts which sets up the parties to utilise the geothermal potential beneath the lands that they own.

IWI GETS ACCESS TO FORESTS LAND

Verified tribal members of Ngāti Rangitihi will be granted special access to CNI forests land for cultural purposes and to hunt and gather food for special occasions.



A Cultural Access and Recreation Policy has been negotiated by CNI Iwi Holdings Limited and Tukia Group Limited which recognises special beneficial landowner privileges of iwi.

A beneficial owner or descendant must be verified by their post settlement governance entity and will then be granted an access permit to access the forests land.

The contacts at Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust for these permits are Kenneth Raureti, Tiipene Marr and Fay Pryor-Rawson.

MANA WHENUA PROCESS

Stage three of the mana whenua process is now underway with CNI Iwi Holdings Limited working with iwi – including Ngāti Rangitīhi – to identify adjudicators for the dispute resolution phase.

Names of potential adjudicators have been submitted and interviews have been conducted.

Ngāti Rangitīhi is represented in the mana whenua process by a sub-committee including kaumātua Henare Pryor, Tane Turei and trustees Tiipene Marr, Kenneth Raureti and Graham Pryor.

An intensive research programme to support the trust's work in the mana whenua process has been underway since late 2009 and is continuing with individual researchers as well as historians from History Works and Archives New Zealand.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE ...

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust is working with local iwi on a proposal to establish mātaītai reserves around the waterways in the eastern Bay of Plenty and specifically around the three rivers: Tarawera, Rangitāiki and Ōhinemataroa.

Tangata whenua can apply to establish mātaītai on traditional fishing grounds for the purpose of recognising and providing for customary management practices and food gathering.

The trust is also focusing on environmental work involving the Whakatāne District Council in the resource consents and project development, the restoration of the lagoon at Matata, and the flood mitigation and debris retention project.

2010 AGM

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting at Rangitīhi Marae in Matata on Saturday

October 30 at 10am. Iwi members are invited to attend the hui for the presentation of the trust's Annual Report for the year ending June 30 2010.

A hui will also be held after lunch to discuss plans for a series of wānanga to be held on Ngāti Rangitīhitanga.

Any inquiries, contact Rita Costar (9am to 1pm) on 07 322 2452 or email administrator@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz.

MARR WINS KOHI MĀORI

Tiipene Stephen Perenara Marr – a trustee on Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi Trust – won the Kohi Māori constituency on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council with a comfortable majority during the recent local body elections.

Tiipene, who was born and bred in Matata, and has nine children with Rakai, describes himself as a watchdog who looks after our interests at council level – “I serve all of Mataatua rohe, equally, without bias”.

Tai Eru narrowly won the Okurei Māori seat while Raewyn Bennett was a clear winner in the Mauao Māori constituency.

CD OF WAIATA

Rita Costar, Stella Marr, Kenneth Raureti, Cathy Dewes, Ramari Raureti and Fay Pryor-Rawson have recorded a special CD for iwi members.

A total of four waiata have been recorded: 'Tērā Te Haeata'; 'Kāore Te Aroha', 'E Tama Nā Tau'; and 'Ko Io'.

Copies of the CDs, which will include the lyrics, will be made available at the trust's AGM on Saturday October 30.

IWI REGISTER

Have you changed address? Please let us know if your details have changed so we can keep you in the loop and up-to-date. It's as easy as picking up the phone and contacting the office on 07 322 2452 or emailing administrator@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz.

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