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TE REO MĀORI!



Kāinga Kōrerorero tutor Rukuwai Daniel.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is giving iwi members an opportunity to reclaim knowledge of the Māori language.

Led by tutor Krishna Smith, Toi Te Kupu is a weekly reo Māori night class held at Rangitahi Marae in Matata every Tuesday from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. A series of weekend wānanga are also part of the course.

Krishna says community spirit and fun is the foundation of the classroom learning – “it will focus strongly on taking the reo out of the classroom and into our homes, recreational areas and work places”.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is also supporting Te Ataarangi Educational Trust and Te Puni Kōkiri in the delivery of Kāinga Kōrerorero.

The programme supports whānau members to speak Māori to each other in the home and is taught by Rukuwai Daniel.

Kāinga Kōrerorero classes are run at Rangitahi Marae from 10.00 am to 12 noon every Wednesday during the school term.

For more information, contact Rita Costar during working hours at Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust on 07 322 2452 or email her at registrar@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz.

WHĀNAU IN CHRISTCHURCH

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust Chairman Graham Pryor says the prayers and thoughts of iwi members are with whānau in Ōtautahi affected by the devastating earthquake.

“Though we may be miles away, our hearts go out to you,” says Graham. “We are actively exploring ways in which we can assist.”

TRUST CONSULTS WITH MEMBERS

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is launching a major consultation campaign with tribal members throughout the country.

Chairman Graham Pryor says the trust will be collecting the thoughts and aspirations that people have for their whānau and iwi over the next four months.

In April, a series of open hui to discuss the strategic plan will be held in Auckland, Rotorua, Matata and Wellington.

The meetings will be followed up with a series of kōrero with kaumātua from all whānau within the tribe and supported by focus group discussions around key themes.

At the same time, iwi members on the tribal database will be sent a survey to complete and return.

“We will invite all of our people to inform us of their situation, challenges, aspirations and plans for the future,” says Graham. “All of this information will then be brought together in shaping the social, cultural and economic programmes to be delivered by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi.

“This is your opportunity to shape the way the trust serves our iwi. Please get involved!”



MARAE DIY COMES TO MATATA

Māori Television's award-winning marae makeover show Marae DIY is coming to Rangitihī Marae in Matata in March 2011.

Iwi and community members are urged to come together with the hardworking Marae DIY crew to complete renovations of the marae.

The makeover begins at 12.00 noon on Thursday March 3 and ends at 12.00 noon on Sunday March 6.

For more information, contact trustee Martin Marr on 021 0262 9401 or email martinmarr@windowslive.com.

TUKIA ADVANCES GEO PLANS

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust – through its involvement in Tukia Group Limited – is advancing plans to invest in geothermal initiatives overseas.

In late 2010, Tukia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Mighty River Power regarding a proposed co-investment arrangement through GeoGlobal Energy LLC (GGE) in geothermal power projects outside Australia and New Zealand.

GGE is a privately-held international geothermal company focused on the worldwide development and acquisition of geothermal resources to generate base load, renewable, low-carbon electricity to meet the growing need for global renewable electricity.

MANA WHENUA PROCESS

The resolution of the mana whenua process as part of the CNI settlement continues to be a focus for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

As CNI iwi have been unable to come to agreement on their respective mana whenua interests, stage three of the process – mediation and adjudication – is underway with a final allocation agreement set down for June 2011.

Ngāti Rangitihī 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 completed and provides – for the first time – a detailed history of Ngāti Rangitihī customary interests in the CNI forests land.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE ...

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is in the process of developing the terms of reference for an Environmental Management Plan.

The protection and preservation of the environment for future generations is a major concern for the trust and iwi members will be invited to a series of hui around the country in order to discuss the priorities for the plan. The meetings commence in March 2011.

Meanwhile, the trust also continues to focus 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.

In particular, Ngāti Rangitihī is working with local iwi on a proposal to establish mātaimai reserves around the waterways in the eastern Bay of Plenty and specifically around the three rivers: Tarawera, Rangitāiki and Ōhinemataroa.

CULTURAL ACCESS TO FORESTS

Verified tribal members of Ngāti Rangitihī can access CNI forests land for cultural purposes and to hunt and gather food for special occasions.

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 Rangitihī Trust for these permits are Kenneth Raureti, Tiipene Marr and Fay Pryor-Rawson.

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 Rita Costar on 07 322 2452 or emailing her at registrar@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz.

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