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An update from the Chief Executive

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E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā uri o Ngāti Rangitīhi whānui – Tēnā koutou katoa. Tangihia ō tātou tini aitua o te wā, rātou kua rūmene ki tua o te ārai, haere atu rā. Tātou ngā mahuetanga iho, ngā kanohi ora, tēna tātou katoa.

Greetings to you all,

I have been mandated by your Board to develop a set of operating plans, budgets, policies and the Human resources necessary to deliver on the Trust Kaupapa;

***Kia tū ora ai a Ngāti Rangitīhi i runga i tōna ake Rangatiratanga mō ake tonu atu
(To enable Ngāti Rangitīhi to flourish in perpetuity supported by their unique self-determining capabilities)***

We have been acting as an information conduit in the clean-up around the Rena disaster. If you or your whānau would like further information on how to become part of the voluntary clean-up efforts, please check out our website or contact the office.

The Māra Kai initiative has begun and is being driven along very nicely by Bernie Marr and Mere Butler. A suitable plot of land has been identified and start-up funding has been secured to progress the project. This exciting initiative is taking shape and we will keep you up to date as developments progress.

The Annual report is completed and will be printed and distributed at the AGM on 19 November 2011. The annual audit of our financial accounts has also been completed and signed off by KPMG out of Hamilton. These accounts will be included in our Annual report.

Our website is being constantly updated. It's the best place to read all about what's new and what's happening for Ngāti Rangitīhi. Please take the opportunity to browse through it when you have a chance.

Toi Te Kupu continues to move from strength to strength. Tutor Krishna Smith has been flat out with a full contingent of enrolments and excellent progress is evident with all students showing increased confidence, knowledge and use of Te Reo Māori.

Kāinga Kōrerorero is also continuing with classes being held at Ngāti Rangitīhi Marae every Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:00pm during school term. Tutor Rukuwai Daniels focuses on encouraging whānau to speak Te Reo Māori to each other at



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home as one of the key factors to ensuring the survival of our language is promoting its use in homes.

Toma Mason is continuing the Kōputu Taonga process which is the collection and digitisation of records relating to Ngāti Rangitihī held by Archives NZ in Wellington. More than 1000 records have been sourced to date and we are currently working on a method for providing access to these important cultural and historical documents via our website.

The Te AKA iwi-wide consultation is complete and the final report has been drafted. This will be used as the guide for developing programs and initiatives in line with the needs and suggestions of our people.

We have completed a mandating strategy for our comprehensive Treaty settlement negotiations in consultation with the Office of Treaty Settlements. We are continuing to work on researching our claim and securing the expertise required to assist us in our negotiations with the Crown. Further information on this important kaupapa will be released as we move closer to beginning the mandating process.

We have completed a summary of all social services available by right to our people in Matatā. We will make this information available to our people and the wider community by the end of November 2011.

The Iwi Environmental Management plan is now complete. It will be posted on the website by the end of November and copies will be available to view at the AGM.

On a final note, although we do not have unlimited resources and may not be able to deliver on all that you may like to see, exactly when all would like to see it, we intend to honour the stated will of our people. We expect you to hold us accountable.

Essential also is the fact that we cannot do it without you. We continue to welcome any Ngāti Rangitihī iwi member who has ideas and a passion for serving their iwi to contact us and discuss how we might support your kaupapa.

We are already assisting a wide range of individuals to get community-focused initiatives off the ground. This is clearly what is needed at this time; people who are willing to ask not what the iwi can do for them, but what they can do for their iwi.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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