

He Pānui – Whakarewarewa Valley Lands

On 9 April 2008, the Crown agreed to vest Whakarewarewa Valley Reserve Land in Ngāti Whakaue and Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wahiao. Whakarewarewa Valley Reserve Land includes Whakarewarewa Thermal Springs Reserve, Roto-a-Tamaheke Reserve, and the southern part of Arikikapakapa Reserve on which the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (Te Puia) stands.

This is a panūi to all descendants of 295 original owners of Pukeroa Oruawhata, and the koromatua hapū of Ngāti Whakaue, and in particular Ngāti Hurungaterangi, Ngāti Taeotu, and Ngāti Te Kahu, to attend a hui to vote on two resolutions (which will be put together):

- This hui endorses the 'Deed to Introduce Vesting Legislation in relation to Whakarewarewa Valley Land and Roto-a-Tamaheke Reserve' signed between the Crown, Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wahiao, and Ngāti Whakaue; and
- This hui endorses the joint trust of Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wahiao and Ngāti Whakaue to hold the Whakarewarewa Valley Reserve Land until the land is vested in hapū and/or individual owners.

Ngāti Whakaue and Tūhourangi-Ngāti Wahiao have agreed to establish a joint trust to receive and hold the Whakarewarewa Valley Reserve Land.

The hui will be held at Tamatekapua Marae, Rotorua on Sunday, 27 July 2008 at 10am. Those who are over the age of 18 will be eligible to vote.

An independent scrutineer and Crown observer will be present.

Final versions of both the Deed of Agreement and the Deed of Trust will be available from Te Puni Kōkiri House, 1218-1224 Haupapa Street, Rotorua from Wednesday, 23 July 2008 and on the Te Puni Kōkiri website www.tpk.govt.nz.

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