



**Te Puni Kōkiri**  
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

## Te Pānui o ngā Wātene Māori MĀORI WARDENS NEWSLETTER



### RUBBER HITS THE ROAD FOR MĀORI WARDENS PROJECT

The Government's Budget 2007 investment package to enhance and support both the capacity and capability of Māori Wardens ends in June 2008.

In addition to building capacity and capability, the purpose of this mahi is to establish a national governance body to co-ordinate and manage activities, and assist current and future Wātene Māori to realise the potential of an iconic roopu.

Since the project began in July 2007,

- Regional Co-ordinators were appointed for each of the six pilot rohe.
- A funding pool administered by Regional Co-ordinators to assist Māori Wardens deliver local initiatives was established.
- Around 200 Wātene Māori have received training, facilitated by the New Zealand Royal Police and the Order of St Johns.
- All six pilot regions now have at least two vans available for Wardens use. An enclosed trailer will also be available in each rohe.
- Additional resources intended to assist wardens' duties were distributed, including portable

radios, high-vis outer-wear and torches.

- The Māori Wardens Advisory Group continues to develop the management and governance, strategic direction, and functions of the roopu.

Read more on the latest developments in this newsletter. Te Pānui o ngā Wātene Māori is distributed monthly; you can get your copy from the Regional Co-ordinator and Māori Wardens in your rohe.

*National Project Manager, Te Rau Clarke*



The Māori Wardens project team April 2008: (back, l-r): National Project Manager, Te Rau Clarke; Training Designer, Mahi Paurini; Project Co-ordinator, Ngatokorua Miratana; Training Administrator, Puhiaotea Thomson. Front (l-r): Police Trainer, Paddy Whiu; Regional Advisor, Utiku Potaka; Police Trainer, Wayne Panapa. Absent: Police Strategic Advisor, Jaydene Buckley.

### ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE



The key purpose of the Māori Wardens Advisory Group is to provide Ministers with recommendations on: a vision and strategic goals for the Māori Wardens' service; updated key functions for Māori Wardens; and appropriate arrangements for the governance of Māori Wardens.

Over the course of several meetings, the Advisory Group have taken significant steps to finalise the Report of the Māori Wardens Advisory Group, which will provide Ministers with the Advisory Group's recommendations.

The Advisory Group is refining the final part of the report, which offers possible options for the governance of Māori Wardens.

The Advisory Group envisages the report as the beginning of an on-going process, with future opportunities for input by stakeholders into the arrangements affecting Māori Wardens.

The Advisory Group was formed in June 2007 to provide a forum to discuss the on-going role of Māori Wardens and their activities in their communities. The Advisory Group operates alongside, but independently of, the six pilot regional schemes.

The Advisory Group is chaired by the Te Puni Kōkiri Chief Executive, Leith Comer and comprises representatives from: the New Zealand Māori Council; the New Zealand Māori Wardens Association; the Māori Women's Welfare League; Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust; and the New Zealand Police; and the Māori Wardens patron, Joseph Tuahine Northover.

*Te Puni Kōkiri Chief Executive, Leith Comer*





REGIONAL UPDATE

2008 began with the appointments of Regional Co-ordinators (RCs) in each of the six pilot regions.

"These appointments are a significant milestone in the establishment of regional centres", says Regional Advisor Utiku Potaka. "It means that the Māori Wardens Project now has a regional face and presence. Though based in the main city centres, they are resourced to service Wardens through the entire region".

The primary role of RCs is to assist and support Māori Wardens activities in their rohe. In addition, they facilitate relationships between Wātene Māori and key stakeholders such as district council bodies. "Liaising and maintaining contact with Wardens and stakeholders is a key component of establishing a working relationship in their respective regions", says Utiku.

In recent months, RCs have focused on building relationships while assisting with the delivery of three project programmes.

*National training programme:* RCs are busy recruiting and co-ordinating Wātene attendance on training courses run from the Te Puni Kōkiri National Office, including Police Training, First Aid, Conflict Management, Literacy and Numeracy and Defensive Driving Training.

*Māori Wardens funding programme:* The funding programme has been designed to assist Wardens carryout their voluntary duties and activities. RCs have been assisting Wardens to complete applications.

*Regional resourcing programme:* Each region now has at least two vans available for Warden use. Soon an enclosed trailer will also be available in each rohe. Police Iwi Liaison Officers are responsible for the Police 12-seater vans while the RCs are responsible for the Hertz rental vans and enclosed trailers.

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TRAINING UPDATE

The delivery of a national and foundation training programme for Māori Wardens continues to be progressed.

Since February 2008, the New Zealand Police have continued to facilitate three of five training workshops at the National Police College, Porirua. In addition one regional workshop was delivered in March at Hastings with another at Waitangi in May.

Waiariki and Te Tairāwhiti were the first regions to receive First Aid Training and basic medical kits from the Order of St Johns began in March. First Aid Training was rolled out to Takitimu and Te Taitokerau rohe in April; another two sessions are planned for Tāmaki Makaurau and Waikato in May.

Professional development in negotiation and conflict management

is tentatively planned for Wātene in 28-29 April and 19-20 June. Defensive driving is also planned for 17 May and 7 June 2008.

Consultation and liaison with education providers including the New Zealand Qualifications Authority continues to be progressed with positive discussions about the future career paths, accreditation and recognition of Māori Wardens experiences, knowledge and skills. Literacy and numeracy is a key education goal for the Government and will underpin an exploratory programme to be delivered 21-22 June 2008.

*Training Designer, Mahi Paurini*

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