



Te Puni Kōkiri
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

Aroha ki te Tangata Māori Wardens Newsletter



KEI TE HE (CORRECTIONS)

In our previous edition of *Aroha ki te Tangata* there were corrections that were not identified before going to print.

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Conflict management and negotiation training is not held at the Police College as part of Te Akoranga Pirihimana. This is a separate course and held at a different venue.

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The warrant process flow chart shows first time appointments and warrant renewals go to their respective Minister or CEO of Te Puni Kōkiri. This was incorrect and needed to be swapped.

Our sincerest apologies for these errors.

Enjoy the latest edition of *Aroha ki te Tangata*.

MĀORI WARDENS PRAISED AT GOLDEN SHEARS EVENT

In March the Wairarapa region hosted the 49th Annual Golden Shears competition. Held at the Masterton Genesis Energy Recreation Centre over three days, this internationally recognised competition attracts hundreds of competitors and thousands of spectators.

The Golden Shears is traditionally a busy time for local Police with people coming from all over the world and large numbers from the East Coast and Hawkes Bay.

Around 40 Māori Wardens from the Wairarapa and Hawkes Bay districts worked at Golden Shears this year with many travelling from Ruatoria, Gisborne, Napier, Hastings and Dannevirke. They stayed at Te Rangimarie Marae in Masterton working shifts from 10 am to 3 am throughout the three-day event.

Māori Wardens worked closely alongside Police in maintaining law and order and

crowd control. The Māori Wardens also lent their support to organisers, helping to ensure the event ran smoothly. In previous years there have been incidents of disorderly behaviour and shearing equipment being stolen, however, this year through regular patrols by the Māori Wardens there were no reports of theft and there were no arrests during the Golden Shears event. "I believe this is a true testimony to the wonderful work that was completed by the Māori Wardens," said Constable Stuart Martindale, Wairarapa Iwi Liaison Officer. "Their dedication and professionalism should be applauded. The Te Tairāwhiti Wardens left their rohe at 2 am on the first day in time to arrive for a briefing and the first rostered shift," says Stuart. "Event organisers, local businesses and members of the public have all offered nothing but superb comments about the Māori Wardens."

Darryl Hart, stage manager and past President of Golden Shears is enthusiastic to have the Māori Wardens back at next year's event. "The Māori Wardens were bloody marvellous. Security companies can get a bit over the top and the Māori Wardens were visible, constantly moving through the crowds and not at all heavy handed." He appreciated their ability to interact with young people in

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Wardens on the beat with local Police at 2009 Golden Shears in Masterton.



MAORI WARDENS PRAISED AT GOLDEN SHEARS EVENT (CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE)

particular: "Younger people respect them and for the first time, troublemakers kept their distance. We definitely want them on board again next year." With the 50th Anniversary in 2010 he is expecting to host a longer event and larger crowds. "I think the Māori Wardens enjoyed the Golden Shears as well. One of them competed back in 1963, so it was wonderful to hear their recollection of the competition."

Senior Sergeant Robert Rutene, Iwi Liaison Officer from Napier believes that the recent training at the Royal New Zealand Police College has been valuable. "The Māori Wardens were fantastic. They set themselves a high standard of work and maintained that throughout the entire operation. They acted professionally, were punctual, reliable, and most of all, enthusiastic when and where they were required to act."

Robert also acknowledged how the Māori Wardens went above and beyond their brief for the Golden Shears and were especially effective at ensuring patrons to the event were aware of liquor ban areas. "They [the Wardens] also walked into town with the crowds and entered various pubs often extending their role after the main public had exited from the Golden Shears." He was not surprised there were no arrests at the event. "This result can be largely put down to the presence of Māori Wardens. Their skill to interact and direct people without confrontation is what makes them so distinctive. I have worked at the Golden Shears for a number of years, and this is unprecedented to say the least."

MEET THE MĀORI WARDENS

In the last edition of Aroha ki te Tangata you met Jrinda Kiriona and Eru Paenga. Feedback from our Māori Wardens for this has been huge, and Wardens from around the motu are volunteering their names or names of other Wardens. Give us a call on the Māori Warden call-free number 0800 991 882 if you would like to nominate a Warden to feature in this column.

David Ihimaera

Region Te Taitokerau

Iwi Ngāpuhi

Hapu Ngāti Kawa

Marae Oromāhoe

Age 40

Years with Māori Wardens Less than a year

Best part about the job Manaaki ki te Tangata. Ki Moerewa, te tukino o te 'P'. Ko wai e hiahia ana ki te mahi tenei mahi mo tenei kino. E heihia ana ahau ki te whai tenei huarahi. Tangohia tenei mea, ara, te 'P' ki ngā whānau katoa.

Worst part about the job Kore!

Main mahi as a Māori Warden Noho i te taha o te whānau me tenei hāpori. Ahuatanga – kia tau ngā whānau. Awhinatia ngā rangatahi, ngā whānau, me te rohe.



Parena Takao Moran

Region Te Tairāwhiti (I live in Ruatoria)

Iwi Ngāti Porou

Hapū Tuwhakairiora

Marae Hinemaurea

Age 20

Years with Māori Wardens Four months

Best part about the job Travelling and meeting everyone from the community. Making new friends. I joined Māori Wardens because my Nanny and Papa (Monty and Rita Grant) were Wardens in Tairāwhiti.

Worst part about the job Nothing.

Main mahi as a Māori Warden Doing pubs (walk throughs), parking at events, blue book call ups at the Court House, visiting people at Te Puia Hospital and keeping them company and sharing cups of tea with them.



WHAT DO THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS DO?

As part of the Māori Wardens Project, Regional Coordinators (RC's) have been appointed around the motu. Their main role is to support and assist Māori Wardens maintain and deliver a quality voluntary service within their communities.

In total there are 11 Regional Coordinators based in Whangārei, Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Gisborne, Hastings, Whanganui, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch.

Northland Regional Coordinator Dick Shepherd says Regional Coordinators are there to promote Māori Wardens with various agencies within their region. "Māori Wardens are passionate about their commitment to services to the community and tend to just get on with the task of doing this. I hope that within my role, I can complement their commitments by making sure that other agencies within our region are aware of what the Māori Wardens can provide for them."

Regional Coordinators provide sub-associations with information and support to access: uniforms, funding, training and development, recruitment, and resourcing such as safety equipment, visibility clothing and office equipment. RCs also link Māori Wardens in their regions with local councils, the Police, and other government agencies through building relationships.

Robert Whaitiri, Regional Coordinator of Hawkes Bay is excited that the Government has invested in the Māori Wardens. "Many sub-associations have run on the smell of an oily rag, and on the goodwill of many dedicated people. The Māori Warden Project has and will enable Māori Wardens to deliver a more professional service relevant to the needs of the community and our whānau," said Robert. "I'm keen to help get more Wardens on the streets in our district, more warranted Māori Wardens and more putea to build our infrastructure in our region."

If you are interested in meeting your local Regional Coordinator to get further information about training, funding, warranting or recruitment of new Māori Wardens, see their contact details below.

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Hastings	Robert Whaitiri	027 296 9654	whair@tpk.govt.nz
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WHAT DO THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS DO? (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

In the next few editions of Aroha ki te Tangata you can read about some of the regional coordinators.

Meikura Arahanga (*Kai Tahu, Te Arawa, Ngāti Rangī*) is the Regional Coordinator for the Christchurch region. Her rohe spans from Kaikoura across to Westport and down to Stewart Island. She was living in the Wairarapa before returning to Te Waipounamu. They now live in Christchurch. "Returning home to my people where I was born and bred is wonderful and allows my tamariki to return to their hau kainga."

As Regional Coordinator, Meikura sees her role as one that will complement Māori Wardens' mahi. She says her main task is to ensure that Māori Wardens are better resourced to carry out the wonderful work they do. For her region, recruitment is also a priority, "I would love to see more Māori Wardens operating within the community because they are great role models for our Rangatahi. Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā Wātene!"



"...they are great role models for our Rangatahi."

Ngaakete Andrews (*Ngāti Paoa*) is the Regional Coordinator for the Hamilton region. His rohe covers Thames–Coromandel to Waihi, Hauraki across to Mercer, down to Raglan/Kawhia and across to Te Kuiti/Rereahu.

He enjoys being around Māori Wardens and says their commitment is infectious. "They are passionate and genuine with their kaupapa." He especially loves to help facilitate resourcing: "I enjoy being a part of the growth and development of Māori Wardens, and would like to see all Māori Wardens forge their own mana motuhake with other agencies in their communities." He would like Māori Wardens to be appreciated and fully resourced for their commitment and contribution to our communities and our nation.



Ngaakete believes his role is to help bridge relationships. "I am working to facilitate Māori Wardens and sub-associations in our region to build a closer relationship with the District Māori Council members in our area."

"...would like to see all Māori Wardens forge their own mana motuhake..."

FUNDING - WHAT'S IT FOR?

Since the Māori Warden Project was established in July 2007, Māori Warden sub-associations and groups have had increased support from the Government through funding facilitated by Te Puni Kōkiri. This funding has been used to help establish offices, provide additional training, support travel to events and deliver a quality Aroha ki te Tangata service to the Community.

Utiku Potaka, Senior Advisor for the Māori Wardens Project has been surprised at the number of applications that have come in from Māori Warden offices and sub-associations. "Applications have been across the board from specific funding for administration, to providing security at major events." Applications have varied from \$4,000 to \$95,000 since the Project began.

The Rotorua Māori Wardens Association received funding for Site Traffic Management Supervision (STMS). Warden Clare Matthews, who applied on the Association's behalf, recognises the necessity for Māori Wardens in her region to have STMS training. "We have around 35 Marae around our lakes and a lot of them cross State Highways. STMS training is vital for any one of those marae who host large Hui and need our services. Māori Wardens cannot be on the road directing traffic if they are not STMS certified."

STMS training normally takes three days and training is done through Transit NZ or the local District Council. The Rotorua Māori Wardens Association used their funding to train 17 members.

Kirikiroa Māori Wardens sub-association received funding to patrol Turangawaewae Marae during the 150 Year Kingitanga celebrations over a 24-hour period for five days. This funding covered planning, equipment



Henare Hape from Whangārei and Haura Te Raunga from Kirikiriroa at the 150th Kingitanga Celebrations in Turangawaewae.



Matiu Rakete of Kaikohe directing traffic at the 2009 Waitangi Celebrations in Waitangi.



Along with street patrols, Māori Wardens are winning contracts to provide security and public transport watch in the Auckland region.

hire, a security vehicle for the duration of the event, catering and additional resources (torches, batteries, barriers, radios).

The Akarana Māori Wardens Association received funding to undertake street patrols and provide security and support marae and community events.



FUNDING – WHAT'S IT FOR? (CONTINUED)

TYPE OF FUNDING	TYPE OF WORK	TYPE OF COSTS
Hui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation and support such as Marae Hui or tangihanga where you will be working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational expenses such as travel, venue hire, tent hire Administration such as photocopying, power, postage
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development: to cover costs of training for Māori Wardens to attend that is NOT provided through the Māori Warden Project National Training Programme e.g. Site Traffic Management Supervision (STMS) Strategic Planning Policy and procedure development for your association or sub association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course costs e.g. venue, booklets Trainer fees
Event Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To cover the costs for Māori Wardens to work at events or Hui in areas of crowd control and traffic management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources e.g. safety cones, signage
Community Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Such as patrolling and Marae safety and security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional safety equipment not already provided by the Project

Funding does NOT cover:

- Wages or salary
- Significant capital items e.g. to purchase vehicles
- No. 1 Uniform / High Visibility clothing
- Koha or gifts
- Alcohol
- Costs already covered by the Māori Warden Project

Applications must be completed in full to be considered and Regional Coordinators are available to help complete the forms. Clare Matthews of the Rotorua Māori Wardens Association found the application process 'ka pai'. "I thought that it might be hard at first but as I got into it, it was fine. I had some assistance from our RC Ruka Hughes and he was really helpful." Now she is getting ready to

put another application in for a Rotorua wide traffic management plan. "I'm still getting the plan together, but once it's finished, we'll need as much support as possible to work with our marae on those busy roads."

To apply for funding for a kaupapa for your Māori Wardens sub association, contact your local Regional Coordinator or call 0800 991 882 for assistance.

TE KOKONGA

Tēna tātou!

Tui tui tutua

Whakarongo ki te tangi a te manu nei

Kia mataara

Paddy and I recently sat down to reflect on our mahi with the Māori Wardens Project to date. Every time there is Police Training, we are surprised with the stories and experience that Māori Wardens bring. We really do learn just as much from our Māori Wardens as they would learn from us (we call this 'flax root Intel'!)

This year kicked off with the Police Training in Te Tau Ihu o te Waka. What a great group of Māori Wardens who kept Paddy and I on our toes and all participated fully in the training. I would like to say 'big ups' to the Regional Coordinator Jon Boy McGregor and New Zealand Police Iwi Liaison Officer Harvey Ruru. They were fantastic support and great hosts!

Thank you to those Māori Wardens.

Regional Coordinators are now in full swing and have been terrific in helping us and the Māori Warden Project facilitate training, and their feedback from many Māori Wardens in their regions has been valuable.

One module of the Police Foundation Training is family violence: a reoccurring theme in the news, and in particular with our people. The family violence session covers the identifying of family violence, the Children and Young Persons and their Families Act 1989, and the Trespass Act 1980. As well as learning more about these Acts, Māori Wardens learn about protection orders and what to do when an order is issued; why, how and



by whom. When Police step in to a family violence situation, Māori Wardens may be required to assist Police in re-locating people (in particular, our tamariki) during the 72 hour stand down period and assist with whānau / property related issues. Throughout this process Warden safety is paramount.

In many cases, it is the openness and caring hearts of the Māori Wardens that make these situations easy for our tamariki and mokopuna.

Nō reira, kua e tukino ngā whānau, manaakitia i ngā wā katoa. Family violence is not OK, cherish our whānau at all times.

Aroha ki te Tangata!

Wayne Panapa

Paddy Whiu

PS – Don't be surprised if you heard about Sgt Paddy Whiu going global. He has had time with whānau in the Gold Coast and was spotted on the beaches parading in his extra large swimmers. Aue Taukiri E!





FINAL WORD - MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Māori Wardens Moving Forward.

Tēnā Koutou

The Māori Wardens Project has been an exciting journey that has not been without its small bumps from time to time. When we have been on the road sharing and gathering information common themes have cropped up. These have been mainly around resourcing, recruitment, the Maori Community Development Act, warranting, putea and where the Māori Council sits in this process.

By the end of this project in 2010 a new entity will be established to take over the national administration of the Māori Wardens service. What and who this entity is, is yet to be determined.

Te Puni Kōkiri's role on the Māori Wardens Project is in addition to its existing duty administering the Maori Community Development Act on behalf of the Minister of Māori Affairs.

Back in 2007, the pilot programme was given putea to resource Māori Wardens nationwide. Resourcing is seen as funding to establish and build foundations for a more professional service. It also includes quality training (including travel to and from, accommodation, and trainer fees), updating and supplying of uniforms, safety equipment, vehicles, funding for events (through applications) and administration of the Project.

This Project has an Advisory Group to provide a broad overview of the future steps for the Māori Wardens in Aotearoa New Zealand. It is made up of representatives from the New Zealand Māori Council, the New Zealand Māori Wardens Association, Te Kohanga Reo, the Māori Womens Welfare League, New Zealand Police, Te Puni Kōkiri and an independent member.

The issues that the Advisory Group are dealing with are not new. What is unique about the Advisory Group is that the Māori Wardens Association and the District Council have sat at the table together for the first time in 15 years. Members of this group are attempting to find positive outcomes for the Māori Wardens and are focused on the sustainability of this brilliant community service.

Remember, if you would like to know more about courses available through the Project, warranting, funding, or you have any other queries; call the Māori Warden Project hotline on 0800 991 882.

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Māori Wardens Project Manager

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