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REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

Aroha ki te Tangata Māori Wardens Newsletter



KI WIWI, KI WAWA - WĀTENE NEWS FROM AROUND THE MOTU

■ IT'S BEEN A BUSY FEW MONTHS FOR MĀORI WARDENS. THE MANY WĀTENE MĀORI FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY RALLIED ONCE AGAIN TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR KAUPAPA AROHA KI TE TANGATA – FOR THE LOVE OF THE PEOPLE.



Ahuriri and Heretaunga Māori Wardens at the Ngāti Kahungunu 28 Māori Battalion ANZAC commemorations. L-R, Karanema Timu (Ahuriri), James Robin (Ahuriri), Anne Henare (Heretaunga), Te Puni Kōkiri Takitimu Regional Director Roger Aranui, Dace McKlow (Heretaunga), Tom Seymour (Ahuriri), Mariana Seymour (Ahuriri).

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In May, the Hawke's Bay community woke to the news that their Hospital Hill neighbours were under-siege and a police officer was killed.

Hastings Regional Co-ordinator Robert Whaitiri talks about the Ahuriri Māori Wardens efforts to rally community spirit during a tumultuous three days.

Napier City was brought to a standstill. A Police officer was slain and another two officers were wounded. The cordon at Hospital Hill trapped some residents in their homes and restricted other residents from entering the area. Ahuriri Māori Warden Mariana Seymour contacted the Maraenui Community Station on behalf of the association to offer their assistance.

Napier Police authorised the Ahuriri Māori Wardens to help the Police during the siege. Wardens Mariana and Tom Seymour, Gene Hungahunga, Eva Baxter and Aarron Dargie worked alongside Napier Civil Defence.

The Ahuriri Māori Wardens assisted in the evacuation of Hospital Hill residents to a safe location; also helping evacuees to complete registration forms. The Wardens helped to provide meals, using the Warden van to transport food from the Napier Salvation Army to Napier Intermediate. Mariana said simply lending an ear to those who were traumatised by the event was appreciated too.

The Wardens also provided traffic duties and crowd control at the request of Napier Police during the tangi of Senior Constable Len Snee.

As their Regional Co-ordinator, I was proud of the professional manner in which the Māori Wardens conducted themselves during this traumatic event.

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa



■ AUCKLAND REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR MARIE-ANNE SELKIRK WAS IN TOTAL AWE OF HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE MĀORI WARDENS DURING THE HĪKOI AGAINST SUPERCITY, IN MAY.

Preparations for the Hikoī began weeks ahead of the event. Many meetings were held to ensure the day ran smoothly with all logistics and potential risks anticipated and discussed.

Māori Wardens and marchers had karakia and final debriefings at bases and designated meeting points around the Auckland City. People from all over Tāmaki Makaurau were further supported by whānau who travelled from Te Waipounamu as well as a contingent from Australia.

All marchers assembled at the bottom of Auckland's Queen Street before making their way up to Aotea Square. Others marched from Victoria Park, walking some two kilometres to join the main Hikoī group.

Māori Wardens worked throughout the day mahi taki rua - teamed in pairs to support one another. They managed parking arrangements, provided traffic and pedestrians direction, and kept a very watchful-eye out for any potential difficulties.

Some Wardens were stationed at the front by the banner holders, setting the pace and ensuring everyone could walk comfortably. Other Wardens walked alongside the Hikoī and at the rear ensuring people kept together and safe from passing traffic and, checking motorists weren't being held up unnecessarily.

Other Wardens walking alongside kuia and kaumatua made sure there were car rides available for those who still wanted

to be a part of the Hikoī, but couldn't manage the long walk.

And of course, the Hikoī presented a wonderful opportunity for people to catch up with cousins, aunties, uncles, and friends. Keeping those groups moving as they stopped to talk with family and friends was a challenge in itself!

Other Wardens agreed another highlight was their collaborative work alongside the Police. Some Wardens felt encouraged and supported by the Police to take a lead role during the Hikoī.

Wardens summed it all up by saying: We were proud of ourselves. And proud to be supporting those who were taking action for what they believed in. It was a great learning experience and another opportunity to do what we do best - work for, and with, our people. That's us - Aroha ki te Tangata.



Māori Wardens, with Hikoī marchers in Auckland, remember their kaupapa *Aroha ki te Tangata* come rain, hail, sleet or snow.

"... the feeling of kotahitanga, the wairua of the people, and praise from onlookers about the wonderful job they were doing."

■ AWHI A ROHE, MĀORI WARDEN PROJECT REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

The last edition of *Aroha ki te Tangata* highlighted the role of the Regional Co-ordinators and their shared goal to support and assist Māori Wardens to maintain and deliver a quality, voluntary service within their communities.

Joanne Tarau-Parekura (Ngāpuhi) is the acting Regional Coordinator for the Wellington region and is based in Wellington. Her background is in Policy and she has been actively involved with the District Māori Council within the rohe.

As Regional Coordinator she is establishing relationships with the Māori Wardens in the Wellington Region, Māori Committees and District Māori Council.

"I'd like to assist Māori Wardens to achieve what they want to achieve: to be self-sustaining in their work and business and to be supported in their mahi."



MEET THE MĀORI WARDENS

The *Meet the Māori Wardens* section is back again to introduce a few more of the fabulous kaimahi and kaiawhina looking after our whānau and communities.

Waea mai on the Māori Warden call-free number 0800 991 882 to nominate a Warden you'd like to see featured in this column.

Ashley Hamilton

Region	Wairarapa
Iwi	Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Apa, Ngai Tahu
Hapū	Ngai Huru, Te Whānau-a-Ruataupare
Marae	Aorangi, Kimihia and Tuatini
Age	21 years old
Years with Māori Wardens	Five months as a trainee. My Dad, sister and my Nan, who is a Warden in Whanganui, all inspired me to be a Māori Warden.
Best part about the job	You get to meet all kinds of people.
Worst part about the job	The verbal abuse from people that are haurangi.
What's the main mahi that you do?	Street patrols.



"My Dad, sister and my Nan, all inspired me."

TE KOKONGA

Motukaa iti rawa e

Māku e taraiwa e

Tangi ana, tangi ana, uuga uuga uuga

Hello everybody,

The new Māori Warden vans were being delivered to those regions recently brought on to the Māori Warden Project.

More recently vans at Nelson, Christchurch and Palmerston North were blessed in ceremonies attended by the Police as well as Māori Wardens from around those rohe.

It is important for the drivers to be aware of their responsibility to care not only for the Wardens but also the vehicle resource. Big thanks to the Regional Co-ordinators and Iwi Liaison Officers for arranging the hui with iwi, Māori Warden's and Police.

Regional training held at Papakura Marae in May was organised by Auckland RC Marie-Anne Selkirk. Attendance and high energy participation by all was over-whelming, especially those skits (Wayne is your name on this list? Steve the clone Paddy impersonator).

And what a great day it was to see the fruits Māori Warden's training

realised at the flax-roots level by our people, and supported by Police, at the Hīkoi opposing the Super City proposal for Tāmaki Makaurau. Our thanks to the Operation Commander and Senior Māori members who assisted in planning and implementing the kaupapa. Everyone's contributions resulted in nil arrests and zero disorder.

Na to rourou

Na tāku rourou

Ka ora ai te Iwi

Paddy and Wayne

Aroha ki te Tangata





FINAL WORD - MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

The month of June marks the end of the first two years for the Māori Warden Project and as this project has evolved significant results have been achieved.

In June 2007, there were just under 500 warranted Māori Wardens. Today there are 720 warranted Wardens nationally. I believe this increase is a direct result of this Project. While this is short by a long way to the numbers of the good old days when there were some 4000 Wardens nationally, the challenge remains in front of the 700 to continue to increase the numbers.

Resourcing continues to be distributed out to communities. This includes Wardens who have been through some form of training in the project to new vans arriving to support the work that they do. By the time this newsletter arrives to you, I anticipate a large number of Wardens would have received their uniform packages. All these resources continue to raise the profile and professionalism of Māori Wardens.

What	No's
Total warranted wardens (nationally)	720
All wardens through all training	503
Total amount approved through the FUND	960
Regional Coordinators appointed	11
New Police vans (to be distributed)	New Plymouth, Tamaki, Wellington

Other achievements include,

- Since July 2007, the total number of Warden numbers have increased by over 200
- Since July 2008, 503 Wardens have attended some form of training through the Māori Wardens project
- Since July 2008, \$960,000 has been approved for spend from the \$1m Warden fund
- There are now 11 Regional Coordinators appointed nationally
- A total of 14 Police vans have been deployed nationally so far this year. Another 15 leased vans will be made available in the next year.

Continue to grow the kaupapa!

Te Rau Clarke

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