



Te Puni Kōkiri
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

Te Pānui o ngā Wātene Māori MĀORI WARDENS NEWSLETTER



The past couple of months have been a very busy time for the project team. We've been making regional presentations and developing a new national training programme. The next two or three months are likely to be just as busy with the establishment of the six regional centres and the implementation of the first training course. As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping Wardens informed of project developments, this second newsletter provides an update on what has happened so far and the plans for the next few months.

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS WELL RECEIVED

Regional presentations held in August generated a significant amount of interest with presentations being well attended by Wardens and supporters throughout the country. The presentations were not only a chance to inform Wardens about the new Wardens' package but also an opportunity for Wardens to raise any concerns they may have. Some of the key issues raised included:

- The role of Police in the project
- The role of regional co-ordinators
- The nature and extent of the proposed training
- The possibility of changes to the programme, if there were a change of Government next year

Overall there was widespread support for the new package, with one Warden summing up the general mood like this: "If it's going to benefit Wardens – then it must be good."





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REGIONAL CENTRES MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Central to the project is the establishment of the six regional centres and the appointment of regional co-ordinators. The co-ordinators will be employed by Te Puni Kōkiri and are responsible for co-ordinating and supporting the activities of Wardens throughout each region. The recruitment process has commenced with vacancies already being advertised for each of the initial regional centres. It is anticipated that all the co-ordinators will be appointed and be operational by the end of November, 2007.

Pilot Region	Regional Centre
Taitokerau	Whangarei
Tāmaki Makaurau	Auckland
Waikato	Hamilton
Wairariki	Rotorua
Takitimu	Hastings
Tairāwhiti	Gisborne

REGIONAL PRESENTATION UPDATE

Thanks to the commitment and contributions from the Training Advisory Group (which includes representatives from the NZ Māori Wardens Association and the NZ Māori Council) the new Wardens' national training programme will begin in October as scheduled. The programme contains two courses designed to provide training that compliments existing training programmes run throughout the country.

The first course titled Ngā Akonga Pirihimana: Wātene Māori, will cover a number of topics ranging from driver training and radio procedures through to an overview of relevant legislation. These three-day courses will run up to six times over the next nine-or-so months, with the first session being run between the 14th and 17th of October.

The second course is still in the design phase, however it will run in your regions with local topics of interest such as first aid and cultural training.

If you've got any general enquiries about the training courses please to contact Senior Sergeant Jaydene Buckley (E: buckj@tpk.govt.nz or Ph: 04-819-6009). If you are interested in attending any future courses please contact Ngatokorua Miratana for a *Registration of Interest* form (E: miran@tpk.govt.nz or Ph: 04-819-6000).



DIRECT RESOURCING HITTING THE ROAD

Six 12-seater vans have been purchased and are currently being fitted with radio equipment. User guidelines are being drawn up on their availability and use, and then a van will be made available to Wardens in each of the six pilot regions. Apart from the van, the project team are currently working on ways in which other resources can be made more readily available to Wardens, particularly in terms of additional funding and equipment. Watch this space for the policy guidelines!

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group has met three times and discussions on the establishment of a national governance entity for Māori Wardens have made good progress. This national body would co-ordinate and manage the activities of Māori Wardens and their associated resources. The Advisory Committee will report back to the Minister of Māori Affairs with recommendations for the new entity by the end of October.

The Advisory Group is also considering matters such as the future vision and strategic goals for Māori Wardens; updated functions of Māori Wardens; and any legislative changes that might be required to implement the project. All these tasks will contribute to the success of the future national governance entity.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group is set for early October and will be a vital step in terms of the final recommendations to be taken back to the Minister.

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