



**Te Puni Kōkiri**  
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

## Te Pānui o ngā Wātene Māori MĀORI WARDENS NEWSLETTER



With Christmas almost upon us it's timely to reflect on the progress being made on the Maori Wardens project and provide an update of up and coming mahi.

### REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS – TE WAIPOUNAMU

With the establishment of the six pilot regions well underway, the project team is ready to begin the next round of Regional Presentations. The purpose of these presentations is to inform Wardens of the investment package in anticipation of the programme being 'rolled out' throughout the rest of the motu sometime next year. The next round will take place in the South Island with hui scheduled as follows (venues to be confirmed):

City Centre	Time and Date
Dunedin	10am Wednesday 12 December
Christchurch	10am Thursday 13 December
Nelson	10 am Friday 14 December

### REGIONAL CENTRES

The recruitment process for the six Regional Co-ordinators is nearing completion; minor delays have meant that co-ordinators will be appointed and operational by the end of January '08.

Co-ordinators, whilst based in the main city centres, will be fully resourced to service wardens throughout their region so please make use of them. Their contact details will be available in the next newsletter so watch this space!

Pilot Region	Regional Centre
Taitokerau	Whangarei
Tāmaki Makaurau	Auckland
Waikato	Hamilton
Waiariki	Rotorua
Takitimu	Hastings





### NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY GROUP

The final Advisory Group meeting was held on the 15th October. This was the fifth time that the group has met (since July) to discuss the future governance options for Maori Wardens. The outcomes from these discussions will be presented to the Minister of Maori Affairs together with a number of recommendations. At the time this newsletter was printed, policy writers were still receiving feedback and information from a number of sources including the State Services Commission and the Crown Law Office. It is important that this piece of work is done properly and the relevant stakeholders, including the Advisory Group are consulted before the final report is sent to the Minister.

### DIRECT RESOURCING

The six pilot regions (listed above) will each shortly receive a 12-seater van. The vans will be managed through local police stations and guidelines are currently being drawn to provide Wardens with guidance on their availability and use of these vans.

In some areas Sub-Associations are already accessing police resources so they won't notice much difference except that a 12-seater van will now be available in place of one of the standard unmarked police vehicles! In other areas, Sub-Associations will need to make arrangements with the local police station and their Iwi Liaison Officers to access the van. Regional Co-ordinators will be on hand to assist when the time comes.

Some regions are geographically large, making it impractical for outlying areas to try and utilise the vans located in the main city centres. Because of this, negotiations are underway seeking availability of an additional standard van in each region for placement in the outlying areas.

In addition to the vehicles, some personal equipment including torches, torch wands and hi-viz jackets, are being distributed to Wardens individually at training courses.

### PROJECT TEAM ADDITION

Puhiaotea Thomson joins the Maori Wardens Project Team as the Administration Assistant. She will principally be working on providing logistical support to the Wardens training courses.

Contact the Maori Wardens Project Team on 0800 991882



**THE NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The purpose of the National Training Programme is to further equip Maori Wardens with relevant skills so that they may increase the quality of services they provide to the communities of Aotearoa and their Associations. The National Training Programme will increase the effectiveness of Maori Wardens by:

- Continuing to develop their cultural fabric of being Maori;
- Providing information to enhance their provision of social services to the community;
- Increasing their knowledge of legislation;
- Improving Warden Safety; and,
- Enhancing the general skills and competencies relevant to the activities of wardens.

It is important to remind ourselves that the aim of the project is to lift the skills of all Maori Wardens. The challenge is to strike a balance of delivering programmes that will not impact too significantly on the personal time and financial cost of members and their whanau in this volunteer organisation.





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**NGA AKONGA PIRIHIMANA TRAINING**

The first course titled Nga Akonga Pirihimana: Watene Maori has begun; the first session took place at the Royal NZ Police College in October, and the second at Papakura Marae in Auckland earlier this month. By all accounts the training was a resounding success and enjoyed by all those who attended. The courses covered a range of topics from an overview of relevant legislation, to driver training and report writing skills. Our very own local constabulary, Jaydene, Paddy and Wayne gave memorable presentations and were able to impart their experience and knowledge in a professional and often humorous way. As one participant succinctly put it "the facilitators were all very committed to the kaupapa and their style of delivery was Tuturu Maori – we learn, we laugh, we play."

Some of the other feedback received included:

*"The training course needs to be delivered to every Maori Warden and trainee Warden"*

*"I'll never forget the course, Thanks for looking after us!!!!"*

*"The course was needed, it is an eye-opener"*

**UP AND COMING NGA AKONGA PIRIHIMANA TRAINING**

Date	Venue
25 – 28 November	Royal NZ Police College, Porirua
5 – 7 December	Gisborne Hotel, Gisborne

If you are interested in attending any future courses please contact Puhiaotea Thomson for a Registration of Interest form on 0800 991882 or thop@tpk.govt.nz.



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