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## **Progress Report - Māori Policy Advisor**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the months of February and March 2003.

### **2. Training Initiatives**

#### **2.1 Staff Training – Wellington**

Staff training (Māori) in the Wellington office will now be delivered by Corporate Services, in consultation with the Maori Policy Advisors. Te Reo classes, Treaty of Waitangi training and pronunciation classes are being organised for this year.

Jason Kerehi gave a presentation to new staff as part of their induction tour. The presentation covered the history of the Region, the relationship between Iwi and Greater Wellington, relevant legislation, Ara Tahi and training initiatives.

#### **2.2 Staff Training - Wairarapa**

The Te Ara Reo classes are proving both enjoyable and challenging to staff. The in-house training classes have been set and will commence shortly after Easter.

#### **2.3 Councillor Training**

Councillor training on 19 March 2003 was replaced by the joint Councillor/Iwi workshop on the Local Government Act 2002. The Councillor training scheduled for May 28 will now cover the Treaty of Waitangi and Local Government.

#### **2.4 Iwi Technical Workshops**

The second Iwi technical workshop for the year is scheduled for Wednesday 14 May. A topic for this workshop has not yet been decided. If Ara Tahi members

have any suggestions for the workshop kaupapa please let us know. This will give us time to organise something.

### **3. Iwi Projects**

#### **3.1 Wellington Tenth Trust – Inventory of Māori Heritage Sites and Values**

Oral Report

#### **3.2 Ngati Kahungunu**

##### **3.2.1 Okautete Marae**

Owen Perry has advised that they are still awaiting completion of mulching. Once this is done, Greater Wellington will do an on-site inspection to sign off the project.

##### **3.2.2 Homewood Wetland**

The earthworks have been carried out. Jason Kerehi and Steve Blakemore did a site inspection on 12 March. The fence is nearly finished and the lower weir requires minor maintenance to prevent scouring during wetter months.

The project is currently just under-budget.

##### **3.2.3 Ngawi Wetland**

An inspection was made with Tony Silvery (Department of Conservation) on March 18. Tony was able to advise where rare plants are located in the reserve prior to the commencement of the spraying regime. Tony offered advice on plant types suited to the area.

#### **3.3 Rangitaane O Wairarapa**

##### **3.3.1 Haamua Sites of Significance**

The protocol for the use of this database by Greater Wellington is still in draft form and needs to be discussed with Rangitaane and amended if required.

Rangitaane's second proposal has been redrafted and resubmitted for decision.

### **4. Treaty of Waitangi Framework**

Due to the amendments to the Local Government Act, the LTCCP and Keriana's departure, this initiative will be delayed until later in the year.

## 5. Caretaker Role

In the absence of a Māori Policy Advisor in the Wellington Office, Jason has agreed to take on a caretaker role. Please forward all enquires to Jason.

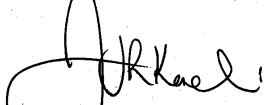
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## 7. Recommendations

*It is recommended that Ara Tahi:*

1. *receive the report; and*
2. *note the contents.*

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