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## **Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide Ara Tahī with an update for the months of August, September and October 2003.

### **2. Training Initiatives**

#### **2.1 Staff Training**

Fourteen staff members have recently enrolled on the next ten-week introductory Te Reo course. The course involves two weeks of pronunciation training and eight weeks of basic Te Reo. The course will run from 8 October to 10 December. We will continue to offer the introductory Te Reo course to staff. It is important for all staff to have the opportunity to attend this training. Following feedback from Ara Tahī we are also exploring options for Tikanga training as well. This may involve covering the protocols of Powhiri.

#### **2.2 Iwi Technical Workshops**

The Iwi Technical Workshop of 15 October discussed the administrative and non-notified consents contract reviews. The outcomes of the workshop are the subject of a separate report to Ara Tahī.

### **3. Iwi Projects**

#### **3.1 Wellington Tenth Trust**

##### **3.1.1 Inventory of Māori Heritage sites and values**

A contract for the last year of this three-year project has been negotiated and signed. Wellington Tenth Trust will present an oral report and updated presentation of the GIS project to Ara Tahī.

### **3.2 Ngati Kahungunu**

#### **3.2.1 Okautete Bush**

Work has commenced on spraying at the reserve. Rysell Griggs will be learning towards certification of the Growsafe Certificate on behalf of the hapu. She has been kitted out with safety equipment and will attend training with the Conservation Corps.

### **3.3 Rangitaane O Wairarapa**

#### **3.3.1 Haamua Project II**

Dane Rimene and Joseph Potangaroa have been busy with site visits these past weeks adding more sites to their database. Joseph has been working on the Haamua history report, which has been reviewed by kaumātua. Editing of the document will begin shortly.

## **4. Recommendations**

*It is recommended that Ara Tahī:*

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

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