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Progress Report - Māori Policy Advisors

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the months of April and May.

2. Staff Training

Jason gave a presentation about Maori history to Wairarapa staff in early May. He plans to give a similar presentation to Upper Hutt staff.

A 10-week introductory Te Reo course commenced on 21 April 2004. There are 16 people enrolled on the course, including five from the Wellington City Council.

Jason and Rawiri speak to new staff members at induction sessions about Greater Wellington's responsibilities under the Resource Management and Local Government Acts.

3. Iwi projects

3.1 Capacity funding report template.

Rawiri and Jason have met with all iwi authorities to discuss the format and wording of the reporting template. As agreed by Ara Tahi, the first half of the 2004/2005 capacity funding will be paid upon receipt of an adequate report in July.

Iwi projects for the next financial year were also discussed. Iwi will be notified directly once the project proposals have been reviewed.

3.2 Wellington Tenth's Trust

3.2.1 Inventory of Māori Heritage sites and values

Oral report

3.3 Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui

3.3.1 Iwi Environmental Management Plan

Oral report - Ihaia Puketapu.

3.4 Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai

3.4.1 Water monitoring project

Oral report

3.5 Rangitaane o Wairarapa

3.5.1 Ngāti Hāmua GIS project

This project has been completed and all project goals have been met. All reports have been handed to Steve Blakemore, Manager Planning and Resources, as per the final conditions of the proposal.

4. Māori Legal Forum

At the Ara Tahi hui on 24 March, a request was made for Greater Wellington to provide funding for Ara Tahi members to attend the Māori Legal Forum on 24/25 June 2004, at the Town Hall in Wellington.

After making enquiries with Conferenz (the conference organisers) it was decided that Greater Wellington would pay for two members of Ara Tahi to attend.

5. Local Government New Zealand conference

The Local Government New Zealand conference is in Auckland from 25-28 July 2004. Last year Liz Mellish attended the conference in Queenstown. As discussed at the Ara Tahi hui on 24 March, Greater Wellington will fund a member of Ara Tahi to attend this years conference.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

1. **receive** the report; and
2. **note** the contents.
3. **nominate** two iwi representatives to attend the Maori Legal Forum on 24/25 June 2004 and one iwi representative to attend the Local Government New Zealand conference on 25-28 July 2004.

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