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Progress Report – Māori Policy Advisors

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the month of June.

2. Staff Training

The 10-week introductory Te Reo course finished on 30 June. We are currently evaluating the course, and are receiving a lot of positive feedback.

Jason and Rawiri continue to speak to new staff members at induction sessions. New staff learn about the relationship between Greater Wellington and iwi of the Region, and are given an overview of Greater Wellington's responsibilities under the Resource Management Act and the Local Government Act.

Jason gave a presentation about 'Māori history of the Region' to a group of staff at our Upper Hutt depot. The talk was well received and showed that staff have a genuine interest in the history of the tangata whenua of the Region. Another presentation is being planned.

3. Iwi projects

3.1 Capacity funding

Reports for the 2003/04 financial year are now due. Rawiri and Jason are available to assist iwi with the reports. The first payments for next financial year will be made when the reports have been accepted and invoices received.

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 Project proposals for 2004/05 year

Iwi wanting to undertake projects during the 2004/05 year must get project proposals to Rawiri or Jason for consideration as soon as possible. The proposals need to include clearly defined outcomes, objectives, timelines and resources required. Rawiri and Jason can assist with this process.

Proposals will be considered and a decision made once all of the proposals have been reviewed.

4. State of the environment report

Rawiri and Kirsten have completed all of the interviews with iwi representatives as a first step in developing our State of the Environment Report. The feedback from each of these hui will be sent to respective iwi before 30 July for confirmation. A report will be drafted that will collate all the information and feedback that we have gathered. Ara Tahi will then have another opportunity to discuss this report, which will form the basis of the Iwi Chapter of the State of the Environment Report.

We would like to get feedback from iwi for other chapters of the State of the Environment report as well. Further detail and timelines for this process will be firmed up over the next few months.

5. Technical workshop

The topic of the iwi technical workshop held on 16 June was Greater Wellington's transport functions. Feedback from this workshop is discussed in a separate report to Ara Tahi.

Representatives from Transfund spoke for a few minutes at the end of the workshop as a follow up to their presentation at the last meeting of Ara Tahi.

6. Nga mihi

Stephanie Weller, who is the secretary for the Resource Policy and Environment Co-ordination departments at Greater Wellington, recently resigned from her position.

Stephanie worked tirelessly to ensure Ara Tahi reports were completed and processed on time for each hui. Her work behind the scenes on Ara Tahi processes (amongst other things) are too great to mention.

We wish Stephanie all the best for the future. She will be missed.

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

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

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