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Progress Report - Maori Policy Advisors

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the months of July and August.

2. Staff Training

We are currently undertaking a review of staff training on iwi matters. The review will incorporate training in the areas of te reo, tikanga, induction processes and iwi history. The purpose of the review is to ensure that staff training is more structured and to give more certainty for managers, staff and training providers. The outcomes of this review will be reported back to Ara Tahi.

3. Māori Language Week

Greater Wellington organised a number of events and activities to celebrate Māori Language Week.

The activities included:

- A competition encouraging staff to answer their phones using a Māori greeting; and
- A morning tea for staff who participated in the introductory Te Reo Māori course and a session for staff on raranga.

The feedback received from staff was positive, and we will build on this success as we plan for future events. Any suggestions of activities and events are most welcome.

4. Te Roopu Awhina

Council recently approved the establishment of a roopu awhina (Māori support group) for staff. The purpose of the group is to provide a supportive environment for staff to discuss relevant issues and kaupapa.

The first meeting of the group was held on Friday 30 July and unfortunately, the response was minimal. Some of the issues raised for consideration were the timing of the meeting and how the hui was advertised. We will address these issues during the next few meetings and hope to build the number of staff participating.

5. Iwi projects

5.1 Capacity funding

Some reports for the 2003/04 financial year capacity funding have been received. If you require assistance with these reports, please contact Rawiri or Jason. The first payments for next financial year will be made when the reports have been accepted and invoices received.

5.2 Wellington Tenths Trust

5.2.1 Inventory of Māori Heritage sites and values

Oral report.

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

5.3.1 Iwi Environmental Management Plan

Oral report - Ihaia Puketapu.

5.4 Project proposals for 2004/05 year

There have been discussions with some iwi about projects for this year, however, not project proposals have been drafted or presented at this stage. The project proposals are an important part of the planning process and need to reflect all of the desired outcomes for the project. Rawiri and Jason are available to assist with this process.

6. Technical workshop

The iwi technical workshop held on 4 August was facilitated by Adrienne Young Cooper, the Project Director for the Wellington Regional Strategy. Feedback from this workshop is discussed in a separate report to Ara Tahi.

7. Councillor workshop

The councillor training on iwi matters that was scheduled for 30 July was replaced by a workshop about Greater Wellington's presentation to the Select Committee on the Foreshore and Seabed Bill.

8. Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

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

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