

PARAHIRAHİ C1 TRUST NEWSLETTER FOR BENEFICIARIES

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Chairperson's report

E nga uri whakaheke whai panga kia Parahirahi tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Over the past year the trustees elected at the May 2007 AGM have developed their understanding of their obligations as trustees, the operation of the springs, the relationships that need to be maintained, and unfortunately the legal action currently against the trust.

In June this year the trustees were finally confirmed by the Maori Land Court and we are looking forward to continuing to progress our mahi of the past year.

These are exciting times with the development of the strategic plan and looking at options to upgrade and enhance our springs.

We will keep the lines of communications open with this the first of our quarterly newsletters. This newsletter provides a snapshot of what's happening. Don't forget you can contact your trustees if you want to find out more.

Springs development

One of the key activities to fall out of the strategic plan is a plan for the redevelopment and enhancement of the Ngawha Springs complex. The first step of this plan is developing proposals to beautify the springs and upgrade facilities. As well as discussing it at the AGM, we will keep you up to date and involved as the project progresses.

Pools operation

Volunteers continue to play an essential role in the operation of our Ngawha. Want to extend our thanks and appreciation to them for the time they provide to keep our springs operating smoothly.

The trustees are looking to increase the visibility of the springs so that we can attract more visitors. The springs are now listed in the yellow pages on the internet, will be included in Northland visitor guides and we are looking into signage that will clearly show the way to the springs.

A number of working bees have been held for repairs and maintenance. The development of a long term maintenance plan has been identified as a key piece of work in the strategic plan.

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The Trust also has two advisors – Alan Wihongi, Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi and Te Kaiarahi Hui.

Strategic plan

The strategic vision or moemoea for the Trust is:

"That trustees work together to ensure that the Ngawha complex will be self-sustaining for the wellbeing of our mokopuna"

This vision is directed by the seven objectives of the Parahirahi C1 Trust constitution:

1. To promote the cultural & spiritual values associated with the taonga
2. To ensure the taonga and its environs are protected and maintained
3. To generate income from the facility for its admin, upkeep & development
4. To generate income from the facility for the benefit of beneficiaries
5. To act collectively in promoting the facility
6. To liaise with other organisations to benefit the facility & its beneficiaries
7. To keep beneficiaries informed of all activities

The trustees have also outlined what we want to achieve in over the next 5 years. This will be provided to you for your consideration at the AGM in September.

Next AGM

The next AGM will be on 4 October 2008 at Oromahoe marae. Elections will be held for the vacant trustee positions.