



### Photo of the month



Malcolm Short (Ngati Whakaue), Clinton Dearlove, Francis and Taoko Wihongi and Rau Hoskings (Architect) at Waikite Springs

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### Chairperson's report

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

It has been a little while since our last newsletter so I wish to touch on a few things that have occurred since that time, many positive but also sadness with the passing of Meno Wihongi. On behalf of the Trust I wish to acknowledge the enormous contribution that Meno has made over the years to the springs and in more recent years to the current trustees. She provided us with the benefit of her knowledge of the Ngawha, her vision, practical knowledge of running the operation of the springs and her encouragement of the planned enhancement. It was a blessing that she was with us when we meet with the project manager and architect at Ngawha to discuss the plans earlier this year. Moe mai e Meno moe mai ra.

The Trust's AGM was held in Pakanae on 7 November. The trustees provided a comprehensive report back on the activities of the Trust over the past year. The hui was positive and supported the Trusts continued operations and plans. The next AGM is fast approaching.

Work on the enhancement and redevelopment project has been progressing well and there is an update on progress in this newsletter. We are hoping to provide quarterly newsletters so whanau can be kept informed of progress. The next newsletter will provide a summary of the completed feasibility study

A lot of work has been done around the pools by our community max workers, the springs are looking tidier, unsafe boardwalks and rails have been repaired, and the grounds have been cleared. They have now completed their 6 months of work and we hope that this has been a good stepping stone for their further employment.

A group of trustees recently went on a trip to view geothermal developments in Wairaki and Rotorua. The above picture was taken at Waikite springs, the one below at Mokau. We have gained a lot of insights and have come with a greater appreciation of the uniqueness of our Ngawha.



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## Cleanliness of the pools

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We have been receiving feedback through various sources that the pools are not clean, there is a surface oily film, and that they are not being cleaned properly. We wish to take this opportunity to assure that the pools are being cleaned properly. This regime includes:

- pumping the pools out every second day – four pools are pumped a night (this means that each pool is cleaned at least twice a week)
- once emptied each pool is water blasted and scrubbed
- every time the pools flood all pools are pumped out and cleaned (this happens frequently during winter)
- skimming the surface periodically through the day.

The surface oily film that can be seen on the pools from time to time comes from the same source as the waters that fill the pools. It is natural oil that comes from under the ground. It is not skin or body scum or paru.

Notices will be posted at the pools explaining this regime so that people are aware of this.



Manaaki and Tahu Tawhiwhirangi and Piper and Darion Field



Trustees Clinton Dearlove, Taoko Wihongi, Nicole Butler and Tene Rankin with Paul White (Project Manager), Rau Hoskins (Architect), with trustees from Tuaropaki Trust and our hosts from Tama Te Kapua Marae, Rotorua at Mokai. Tuaropaki Trust has a JV geothermal power station with Mighty River Power, extensive hot houses and are embarking on the development of a milk powder factory. We were in attendance at the blessing of the site.

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## The trip

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A group of trustees recently travelled to Wairakei to look at hot springs and other geothermal developments in that rohe. The purpose of this trip was to look at the materials, the technologies, pool developments, and the people expertise that could inform us in our enhancement and redevelopment project. The trustees, operators and people we meet on our trip have a wealth of knowledge that they freely shared with us and we have and will continue to benefit from.

We were expertly guided on our trip by Malcolm Short from the Pukeroa Oruawhata Group (Ngati Whakaue) and hosted by Tama Te Kapua in Ohinemutu, Rotorua. We met with trustees from Tuaropaki Trust in Mokai, Tikitere Trust who own and operate Hells Gate in Rotorua. Our gratitude and sincere thanks will be conveyed to them all for their generosity of time and knowledge. We also viewed the Waiora Spa Resort, Waikite Springs and the Polynesian Spa.

Overall impression is what we have always known, our hot pools are unique and it is important that they retain their natural and unique wairua and that they reflect the history and mana of Ngapuhi.



## Enhancement and redevelopment project

The work preparing the concept plans and feasibility study is progressing well. The final report will be completed by the end of June.

Things that are being worked through are:

- Maintenance planning
- Flood control
- Facilities design
- Pools upgrade
- Investigating appropriate materials that are suitable for the Ngawha environment
- Management and ownership of the 4 acres
- Appropriate governance entity for the future

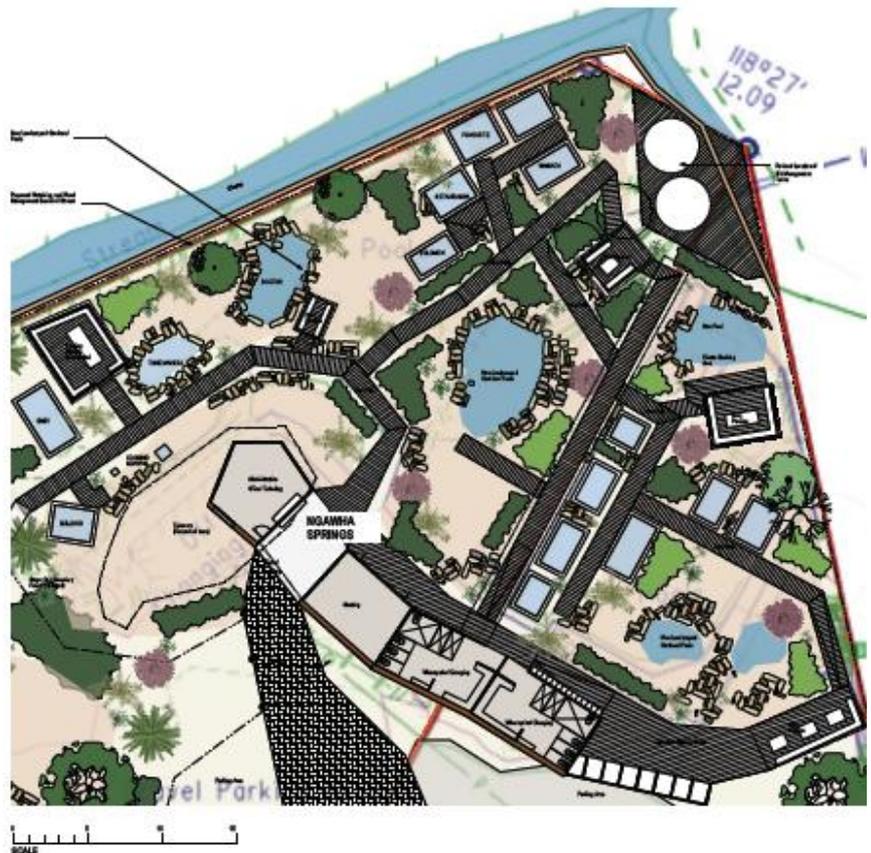
The adjacent picture shows the concept plan for stage one of the project.

## Trustees

Despite our call for trustees at the AGM, there are still vacancies. Also we still have trustees that do not regularly attend meetings. This places added pressure on those trustees that are active.

Please whanau it is important that you support your representatives to be active, or explore substituting them with people who are committed and are able to fulfil the duties required to progress the Trust's functions. This includes attending all meetings and undertaking work for the Trust on a regular basis. As you can see the trust is busy and there is a lot of work to be done to ensure the smooth running of the pools and to progress the enhancement and redevelopment plans. Particular skills that the Trust would benefit from at this time include financial, legal, business or governance expertise.

Also for future consideration the next Trust AGM will be held on 6 November and all of the trustees will be up for re-election. Please plan for this as it is essential that we have all tupuna trustees on board.



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