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Bimonthly Update for Waikaretu Marae May/June 2011

Environs will have marae bimonthly updates posted on the website and sent out to the four ancestral marae.

Waikaretu: Pat Lewis and Liza Rimene

Important Kaupapa:

Toheroa Survey

The toheroa survey was well attended by volunteers from Oturei, Ripia and Waikaretu marae. Have sent out thank you card and koha to volunteers and sent a thank you letter to Shade Smith from EAM Consultants and NIWA.

DOC Strandings

Have talked to marae about recent strandings out in the Pouto rohe, there was a whale stranding outside Glinks Gully and a turtle washed ashore. Marae have been involved in this, DOC will keep marae, and Environs informed of details of the strandings.

Oturei Marae – Public toilets relocation out Baylys Beach

Have attended meeting with KDC consultant and Pat Welsh from Oturei marae in regards to relocation of the public toilets out Baylys Beach. Concerns have been raised with consultants and places that toilets would be suitable for environmental and cultural reasons.

Permit allocation concerns for kaimoana

Hou kainga have raised issues about permits being issued in the TUOH rohe who do not have a right to issue permits, this is being raised with MinFish and response to marae will be fed back.

Crest Energy – Marine Turbines

Hui a Iwi was held on 29th of May at Waikaretu Marae, Pouto. There was a lot of feedback about how we should stop the developers from going ahead. People that attended this hui suggested a Rahui.

Hokianga Accord Meeting

Deb Harding (Trust Services Manager/Interim CEO), Mikaera Miru (Cultural Heritage Project) and Alysce Ranger (Environmental Officer) attended this hui on the 12th of May to present to the group about Crest.

Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o te Taiao

A presentation by Tina Latimer was held at the Environs/DoC Annual Feedback hui at Waikaretu Marae. Other hui will be following to gain more feedback from whanau.

Northpower - Transmission Line for the Meridian Wind Farm Project

This was held on 12th of June at Waihaua Marae for the cultural effects assessment (CEA) of the transmission line that will power the Meridian Farm project down in Pouto. Participants in this hui were sent an information pack and feedback form to collate their feedback into the CEA. A consultant – Monique Badham, is collating this.

DOC/Environs Annual Feedback Hui

This hui was held at Waikaretu Marae, Pouto. Some good work has been done with DOC, Environs, and tangata whenua. However, the problem seems to be with communication.

DOC/TUOH Manu Huruwharu Workshops

These were held on 11th and 18th of June at NorthTec and have had feedback that these went well and will be handing back feathers to TUOH. Date yet to be advised of this hui.

Submissions:

Some submission periods are quite limited and we want to make a response where hui sometimes are not able to happen. However, I want to receive a response from whanau whenever is possible.

NRC Annual Plan Submissions

Environs on behalf of TUOH did a submission on this and legislative and environmental concerns were voiced through the submission and at the hearings. An outcome was that there would be a meeting Governance to Governance with TUOH trustees and NRC councilors to discuss opportunities for the relationship in regards to the MoU etc.

KDC Annual Plan Submissions

A panui was sent out to TUOH whanau to attend a meeting with mayor and councilors of KDC to voice concerns about the KDC Annual Plan. A meeting was held on 11th May to discuss our social, environmental, housing and economic concerns and opportunities that we wanted to feedback to council.

MFish Paua Submission

Environs have submitted comments on this, pertaining to the commercial fisheries ACE for Paua being carried into the next annual year. This has been written as a concern.

Ministry of Environment's - National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

Environs made a submission on this; the main point to be made is that a hui is to be discussed with TUOH around this after the WAI262 claim on 2 July came out.

Ministry of Environment's – draft NES for Plantation Forestry

Environs had submitted to this previously, and now have submitted to 2nd round which was submitting to the draft and no further comments or comments made in previous submission could be included.

Resource consents:

KDC: Comments from Environs submitted, some resource consents have no issues

Colville Developments Ltd	Proposed extension of time	128 River Road, Dargaville
Naydia Kostenko	Yard Infringement for construction of verandah	56 Sunset Drive, Baylys Beach
DK Manderson Family Trust	Proposed boundary adjustment	Kellys Bay Road, Pouto

NRC: Comments from Environs submitted

Kaipara Water Transport Limited	Sand Extraction and Associated Consent	Millers Bank, North Kaipara Harbour
KJ & R Hopkinson	FDE 8170 Discharge Treated Farm Dairy Effluent to Water	253 Mt Wesley Coast Road, Dargaville
CH & DM White	Water take for irrigation	Turkey Flat Road, Te Kopuru

NRC Bore applications: No consents received

Meetings/ Workshops I have attended:

- NRC RPS Hui for ITF (Iwi Technicians Forum) around discussion of Chapter 14 and Section 32 taking into account whanau's comments from hui around the Te Tai Tokerau rohe.
- Seminar for Auckland Council Plan hosted by EDS.
- Attended Taumata meeting on 2nd June and helped with minutes.
- 10th June a student liaison from Auckland University talked to staff about a postgraduate diploma in Business – Maori Development.
- 16th of June the NPS Electricity Generation Workshop was held and Monique Badham who is collating the CEA for the Northpower and Meridian projects attended this as I was on leave. Good feedback and korero was said, and Monique reiterated that we should be involved in the forum and still waiting for a reply.