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New Face for Tui Ora Board



Tui Ora Board Members (left to right): Jamie Tuuta, Wayne Mulligan, Kura Denness (Chair), Lyndsay McLeod, Hayden Wano (CEO)

New faces take up director positions on the Tui Ora Board, with Sir Ross Jansen stepping down.

Kura Denness will take up the mantle of Chair, with Jamie Tuuta and Wayne

Mulligan joining the Board earlier this year.

Jamie is of Ngati Mutunga descent holds a variety of governance positions including Chair of Ngati Mutunga Iwi, Director of PKW Investments and a member of the PKW Trust committee, trustee on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust which funds overseas fellowships. Jamie has a background in law and Treaty settlement negotiations.

Wayne descends from Taranaki, Te Atiawa, Ngati Maniapoto and Ngati Ruanui iwi. He currently resides in Wellington and is involved in a number of business activities on behalf of Te Atiawa-Taranaki Whanui and in Maori commercial programmes.

The new directors are honoured to join the Tui Ora Board and looking forward to sharing their experience. Their, business skills and networks add value to the company's ongoing growth development, and importantly its strategic agenda.

A word from the departing Chair - Sir Ross Jansen

I was Chairman of the Midland Regional Health authority in the mid 1990s and the Board decided that was needed to rapidly improve the health of Maori in the region. Four joint ventures with Maori were formed. Taranaki was a very successful joint venture and resulted in the formation of Tui Ora Limited in 1998 as a Health company to provide services to Maori in the Taranaki area.

I was elected as chairman of Tui Ora when it was established. I have always held the view in any commercial or community organisation that a chairperson should stand down after no more than 10 years and so I decided that I would retire at the end of 2006.

I am very very proud of Tui Ora Limited, especially its outcome for promoting better health for Maori in Taranaki. Tui Ora Limited is the best Maori Health Company in New Zealand and has outstanding staff and providers.

I am very proud of Tui Ora Limited and wish it well for the future.



L to R: Jamie Tuuta, Sir Ross Jansen, Kura Denness



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Kai mo te Hinengaro

Kei taku papa Te Ru Koriri teenei te mihi teenei te tangi, te whaawhaarua kua whakawaatea nei e koe waiho maa matou o tumanako e whakatutuki e moe.

Another year has rolled around and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work undertaken by the network over the past year capped off with a fine display of our collective musical and entertainment talents at the Tui Ora Christmas function.

In acknowledging the past and the present, late last year Sir Ross Jansen stepped down from the Board after nine years as Chairman. Sir Ross has had a long association with Maori health in Taranaki stemming back to his days as Chairman of Midland Regional Health Authority. He played a key role in the establishment of Te Whare Punanga Korero, the iwi health forum, which continues to have an active role in health policy and monitoring in Taranaki. Sir Ross's influence was important in establishing Tui Ora as a successful Maori development organisation, particularly in the formative years. Aside from a strong strategic perspective, Sir Ross was also keenly interested in the long term viability of the organisation including the need for succession planning. Accordingly, as part of the 'new face' of the Board, Kura Denness has been appointed Chairman having been appointed as one of the original directors. Additionally, the shareholder, Tui Ora Trust, appointed two new directors to the Board; Jamie Tuuta and Wayne Mulligan. Lindsay McLeod continues on the Board as a director. The changes are both positive and timely as Tui Ora enters a new phase in its strategic development.

Tui Ora has had its agreement with Taranaki DHB rolled over for a further two years. As part of the agreement, Tui Ora will participate in a consultative process to inform the future direction of the Maori health sector in the province.

Finally, after what seems like an eternity, work has commenced on the Maaratahu site to enable Tui Ora and Hauora Taranaki to combine offices. This will free up space for existing service providers to expand as a result of growth over the past couple of years. The project is running to schedule and is due for completion by the beginning of June 2007.

Heoi ano

na, Hayden Wano
Chief Executive



Rahui Whenua

Mahinekura Reinfeld from Karangaora Incorporated was invited to attend the third wananga on traditional Maori healing - rongoa Maori, in Wharekauri/Rekohu.

Funding to support a series of three hui was provided by Nga Whenua Rahui, putting an emphasis on biodiversity, and regeneration of indigenous plants.

The first hui at Te Whakamaramatanga marae was four days of intensive training including mirimiri, romiromi reo, tikanga karanga, karakia and nurturing the regeneration of ngahere. Rein Reinfeld attended as photographer, Muru Peters shared his knowledge of biodiversity, Mahinekura Reinfeld and Ruapounamu Dromgool were the kaiako for mirimiri, and wairakau. The hui was coordinated with the Manager, Ha o Te Ora o Wharekauri Trust, a Maori community health organisation.

The whanau have started establishing a healing garden in the Ngati Mutunga Reserve near the township of Waitangi. DOC presented an overview of the work they are doing in regeneration of plants and trees specific to Wharekauri/Rekohu, giving 40 trees to plant in the healing garden. The Pa Harakeke was also added to, taking harakeke from Opunake (known traditionally for its harakeke - it was a trading taonga of this area) and another plant was obtained from a Ngati Mutunga tipuna who had strong connections to Wharekauri - Kui Roimata Grenell.

Some of the focus was also on stories from elders and how rongoa was for them when they were younger. The group also revisited the sacred area for spring water used by tipuna.

The hui included Rangiauria (Pitt Island), for the first time. The group was very well received - 13 participants out of a population of 30-40 people. Rangiauria whanau are very interested in extending this work, as it is for them a way of looking after themselves, in the absence of access to doctors. In all hui the Karangaora kaimahi were able to do practical work on injuries, burns and the like.



These hui have been very exciting, with ages of participants ranging from 5 to 75. Four tamariki were made kaitiaki of the Healing Garden. Karangaora would like to thank you all participants and especially to Nga Whenua Rahui.

na, Mahinekura Reinfeld.

Youth transition Services

It's been a busy six months for YTS with the addition of an office in Hawera and several new staff. We felt that the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) had given our service a big tick of approval by supporting the extension of our contract into Central and South Taranaki. This has also been great for our team who have worked hard to establish our service and deliver our clients effective guidance and support.

We have a team of three in Hawera; an administrator and two coaches who came to us with heaps of experience as you will see in their profiles. We also have staff changes in New Plymouth, losing Sara Bright at the end of the year and bringing her replacement into the fold in February. Again we have been fortunate to recruit Joana Phillips who has heaps of skills and knowledge to offer our clients.

Our growth has been steady as have been the number of taiohi we work with. We continue to receive referrals from all areas of our community including schools, whanau, CYF, Police Youth Aid and Work and Income. One of the biggest compliments we have had, has been our clients referring their friends to us.

We have worked with well over 500 taiohi since we opened our doors, which include 265 since July 2006. We have many reasons to celebrate with heaps of our clients getting into jobs or furthering their aspirations through education and training. Unfortunately we don't have 100% success but we give it our best shot. On average 80 - 85% are effectively engaged and we are constantly working on ideas to encourage the others to get on board.

Our team are involved in education and training, upskilling ourselves by attending workshops, and seminars. We continue to build networks in our community, and are assisted by the many great organisations and services available to support youth throughout Taranaki. So our thanks to those of you who have helped in so many ways, and look forward to your continued support.



Nga mihi nui, na Mary



Hawera staff: (left to right) Peter Hokopaura, Maria Hemara-Wahanui, Wendy Eynon

Peter Hokopaura is of Pakakohi, Ngati Ruanui and Ngarauru descent and was born in South Taranaki and continues to live at Ohawe Beach with his wife and children.

Peter enjoys the challenges and rewards of a youth

coach and finds his local knowledge a real asset in his role. He leads an active lifestyle of surfing, fishing, playing volleyball and indulging in music.

Maria Hemara-Wahanui grew up in Wainuiomata and moved to Taranaki over seven years ago with her husband and two beautiful daughters, to be closer to whanau. Maria's first role as Administrator/Receptionist was to set-up the Hawera office ready for the launch last November. Prior to joining the YTS team Maria was a Laboratory Technician for Mainland.

Wendy Eynon is of Te Whanau a Apanui and Ngaruahine descent. Currently living in Kaponga with her husband and three teenage children, Wendy previously was the Office Manager with Ngati Ruanui Group Management Ltd. Wendy has an active interest in alternative healing, tramping, opera, theatre and travel. Together with her colleagues, she hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of youth in South Taranaki.

Joana Phillips is based in the YTS New Plymouth office, working as a Youth Coach adding to the amazing team of YTS in Taranaki. Joana and her husband have two children and over the years have hosted seven exchange students from around the world, who have added a new dimension and enriched their family life by adding culture and different perspectives. Joana trained as a chef before moving to Victim Support working as a volunteer before becoming Manager for North Island.

Waka Ama

For the fourth year in a row the masters mens' team, Puareareo Otaikokako from the local club Otaikokako Waka Ama Club Taranaki, took to the water in the Tauranga Harbour Challenge on 31 March 2007. Tui Ora staff Hayden Wano, CEO and Matiu Julian, Client Services Manager are regular paddler's and look forward to the 25km race each year, with their personal challenge of doing a better time than the year before. Their 2007 finishing time was 2.07 hours, 7 minutes better than 2006.



Left to right: Hayden Wano, Peter Puketapu, Matiu Julian, Howie Tamati, Mike Crow, Steve Wharehoka

Christmas Celebrations



Health and well-being must encompass fine food, divine drinks, great company topped with lots of fun and laughter. This is certainly the recipe for the Tui Ora annual Christmas Party, last year held at the Tukapa Rugby Club rooms. It is all very hush, hush amongst the providers in the lead-up to the event, with teams practising their performance behind close doors, each vying for the top spot of most funniest skit. This is an event on the Tui Ora Calendar not to be missed.

Top Photos (L to R): Tui Ora guitarists, Tu Tama Wahine, Health Promotion Unit. Bottom Photos (L to R): Tui Ora IT team, Youth Transition Service, Hauora Taranaki PHO



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