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# Napier Pilot City News

Te Matou Taiwhenua Kokiri o Mataruahou

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## 2010 Unity Week a huge success



Leading the way at this years Unity Walk (L- R): Cr Maxine Boag, Martin Williams & Franz Mueller

While every Unity Week is special, there is no doubt that this year's event came together really well. Probably the highlight for most was the Unity Walk which met at Pania's statue, walked down Marine Parade and then inland to the Pukemokimoki Marae. During the walk most people carried a flag representing over 20 nations. Once at the Marae everyone was given a Powhiri (welcome). For many people this was probably their first experience of being on the Marae. Getting new people onto the marae was very rewarding for the event organisers.

Other highlights included the Unity Dinner at the Napier RSA, the Robson Lecture, this year featuring prominent Maori Lawyer Moana Jackson and the Unity Awards. Congratulations must go to this years winners: Haami Tekuru Hilton, Edina Hilton, Ros Rowe, Mihi Rigby, Toro Brown, Monica Stockdale, Te Rangi Huata and Genesis Keefe.

### Welcome to the *new look* Napier Pilot City news

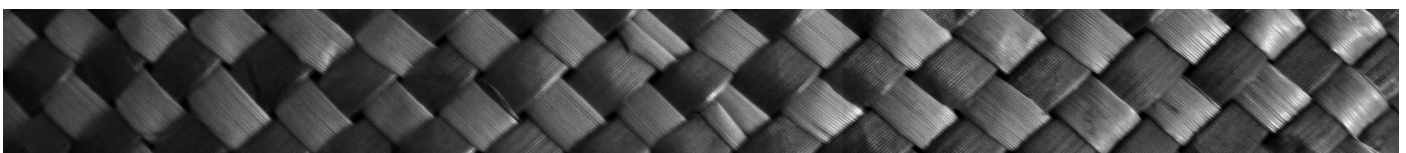
Welcome readers to our "new look" newsheet. You will note it is photocopied in black 'n white in order to make it as cost effective as possible to produce. Apologies for the delay in producing this edition, however from now on it will be sent three to four times a year.

Even producing a simple newsheet like this one still costs money - and that's before envelopes and postage are included. Furthermore this represents only a small part of our annual work

schedule. The Trust has some exciting plans to improve what we are doing currently and introduce a range of new projects (please refer to the Chair's report overleaf). That's partly why the Trust recently decided to introduce an annual donation / subscription. Please find enclosed with this newsletter a form to fill in. Your contribution will make a sincere difference to our work.

### Your AGM invitation...

All Trust supporters are invited to attend the AGM on Saturday the 14th of August commencing at 10am in the Memorial Square Community Rooms, Napier. This year Napier Barrister Philip Jennings will be giving an address. The meeting will conclude with morning tea by noon. Anyone interested in putting their name forward to become a Trustee are welcome to contact the office. All welcome.



# Report from the Chair

There is much to report. Since our last newsletter the Napier Pilot City Trust has:

- Appointed the current trustees (and me as chair) at the August 2009 AGM
- Taken an office in Community House on Raffles Street.
- Appointed Will Jenkins as its new facilitator to co-ordinate the activities of the Trust, organise fund-raising, and maintain the office.
- Undertaken a series of strategic planning meetings to identify and prioritise those projects or tasks that the Trust should carry out or support within the community with reference to the kaupapa of the Trust.
- Organised a highly successful Unity Week, including Te Hikoi Whakakotahitanga (Unity Walk) from the Pania on the Reef Statue to Pukemokimoki Marae; the Robson Lecture (presented by prominent lawyer Moana Jackson this year) and the Unity Dinner.
- Awarded eight members of our community with the Community Service Awards.
- Continued our support for the Treaty workshops and holiday programmes (see later in the newsletter).

We are now in the process of preparing a business plan to build upon the strategic planning initiatives completed at the end of last year, and to identify new projects that the Trust can seek funding for and either facilitate, co-ordinate or undertake itself. These projects might include supplementing the “Court supporter” work Pat Magill and Genesis Keefe have done in recent years, enhancing sporting opportunities for kids in Mareanui or Tamatea, youth mentoring/grooming for employment, and development of the website- see below for more on this. As always, much is dependent on funding, but planning is underway.

I am also very keen, as I mentioned at the Unity Dinner, to get the Robson Collection “off the shelves” and the restorative and transformative justice message of the collection out into the broader community, including amongst legal practitioners and the judiciary operating in our City, so

that it becomes an entrenched part of day to day Court procedures. To that end, I am in discussions with the library staff around organising a “book club” whereby trust members, lawyers, youth workers, or whoever else might be interested, can come along and hear about a particular text and discuss practical ways that the content of it could be applied in the real world context.

We are also supporting an initiative aimed at developing a grassroots derived credible, transparent and accountable NGO to seek to represent the community in bettering implementation of the Maraenui Urban Renewal Plan.

Finally, I would like to see our website significantly enhanced. I recently read with interest that one of the initial recommendations of the 1983 Barron, Hancock report that preceded formation of our Trust was for a Social Data Bank to be housed in the City Library, as an up to date directory of “services and resources” within the city. An upgraded website could prove invaluable in enabling the Trust to better identify, coordinate and support community based services and resources; connecting them with areas of need – and as a means whereby individuals and groups working within the community can interact and communicate in ‘real time’ about exactly that.

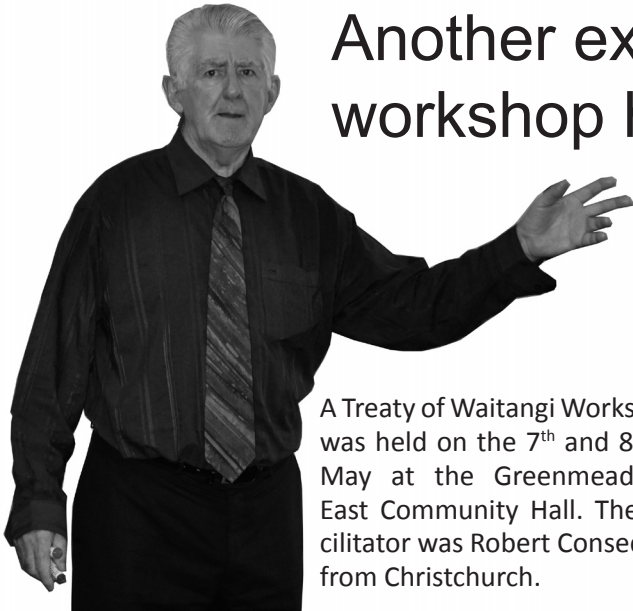
We are however at a critical cross roads financially. It costs money to keep the organisation going in a professional way, and taking an office and retaining Will have been essential steps to that end. Like everyone else, the Trust has been hit by the recession, as have those benefactors upon whom we have traditionally relied as a source of funding.

We are going to now have to ask the members to accept a more formal subscription approach and whereby you are requested to confirm your membership and make (say) a \$5.00-\$15.00 donation to the Trust on an annual basis. This is so that we can carry on the tradition of a Pilot City project that remains as relevant today as it did nearly 30 years ago now, and when first initiated. A donation form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Think of it this way, as a *Pilot*, we may be beyond the point of trial or experiment, but we can continue to lead the way, as a City community, and with leadership from the people within it.

We very much hope you continue your support, and to see you at the AGM on 14 August . There is a lot we want to do in the community, and we very much need your help to progress the projects and initiatives I have mentioned in this report.





Robert Consedine

## Another excellent Treaty of Waitangi workshop held

(welcome) from the Tangata Whenua.

A Treaty of Waitangi Workshop was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May at the Greenmeadows East Community Hall. The facilitator was Robert Consedine from Christchurch.

Napier Pilot City Trust facilitator Will Jenkins was invited to attend the workshop by the Board. Will comments "what a privilege it was to be able to be there. I have been to several Treaty workshops over the years and this was by far the best. Robert has an amazing ability to tell it like it is yet not leave you feeling discouraged or overrun with guilt. Instead you leave with a firm resolve to do your bit to make things better and find out more about what actually happened and continues to happen today."

"I was impressed by his use of multi-media, the wide range of resources he makes available and the materials you receive during the workshop - this includes a copy of the book Robert co-authored on the Treaty."

We were privileged to welcome Marion Fulker, CEO of the Future Development Committee of Perth and Richard Walley, a Nyoongarman, one of Australia's leading aboriginal performers, musicians and writers, who has been a tireless worker for the indigenous cause. To begin the workshop there was a Whakatau

The next workshop will be on November the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please contact Kerry Kitione on 06 844 6840 or 021 130-9789, or email [kkitione@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kkitione@xtra.co.nz) if you would like to attend.

## Listening to voices in Hawke's Bay schools

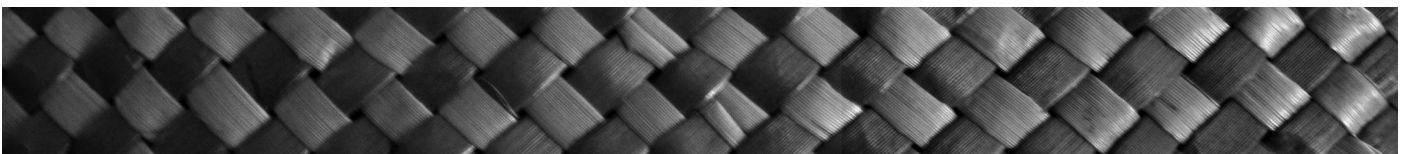
The book "Listening to Voices in 4 Hawke's Bay schools", written by Kerry Kitione and Roger McNeill was launched at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Ara Hou on Friday April the 30<sup>th</sup>. Here's a little about the why and how this book came about. The genesis of the idea came from a Napier Pilot City Community meeting at the Napier library in 2005. Roger and Kerry are both trustees. Mereana Pitman spoke at this meeting, as did Dr John Harre, (founder of the Hawke's Bay Community College, now EIT). Also attending was Denis O'Reilly. It was Denis who was the instigator behind this project. He spoke about the expulsion of children from schools, where a high proportion of Maori students were being stood down – indiscriminately he thought.

So the idea was born to look into this matter which fitted into the kaupapa of the Trust. Troubled youth, lack of education, expulsion, on the streets, crime, often jail at the end of the road. A group was formed to see if there were alternatives to what happened in Hawke's Bay schools. Both Roger and Kerry were part of the group and held meetings once a month for 2 years inviting speakers such as School Principals, Youth Solicitors, Community workers, Police, Youth workers, RTLB's (Resource Training and Learning Behaviour Teachers) to give insights into their particular

sphere of work in this area. There definitely seemed to be varying patterns and procedures throughout the schools in how and why many students were stood down, suspended or expelled. To clarify – a stand down is the formal removal of a student from a school by the Principal. Stand downs can total no more than five school days in a term or 10 days in a school year. A suspension is the removal of a student from the school until the Board of trustees decides the outcome at a suspension meeting. Following the meeting, the Board may decide to lift the suspension, extend the suspension or either exclude or expel the student. An expulsion means the formal removal of a student aged 16 or over.

Linda McManaway was then Regional Chairperson of the Hawke's Bay board of Trustees. She said there was no consistency in the procedures. Some schools were suspending more than others based on their different values and perspectives. A youth solicitor said too many children were being lost to the system after being excluded or expelled. They were outside the loop and often natural justice did not occur. The child and their family were disempowered. There were too many grey areas in educational policies and there needed to be a legal binding process regarding policies.

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At the conclusion of the launch participants got to buy the book

And so after 2 years of listening, communicating, collaborating with others in the field and gathering information it was decided by the steering committee that Roger and Kerry should write this handbook. They chose to work with 4 schools who they knew were using positive cultural practises, behaviour plans that worked and restorative policies. They worked very hard not to stand down, exclude or expel their pupils. The schools were Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Ara Hou, Wi Pohatu, Principal and Vicki Pene, Deputy Principal. St Johns College, Principal Neal Swindells, Camberley Primary, with then, Peter Johnstone and Pat Watson at the helm, and Flaxmere Primary, Principal, Bev Blake.

For the next 2 years Roger and Kerry interviewed not only the Principals several times but also groups of children from each school. They felt indebted to these people for allowing them to participate and learn about their philosophies. The underlying philosophy in each school they felt was the same – one of aroha, nurturing, caring and not giving up on a child, often following up once he or she had left the school. The practices however were different.

The children interviewed really impressed with their knowledge of their school, their ownership of the school and their openness. Key words that came through time and again were, Whanau, Kotahitanga (oneness), Respect and Aroha.

Kerry and Roger hope to promote this little handbook to Principals and teachers throughout Hawke’s Bay Schools and maybe beyond, to show there are other ways to manage and support their students besides suspensions and expulsions.

In the book a quote from Thomas Sergiovanni’s book – “The Life World of Leadership, Creating Culture, Community and Personal Meaning in our Schools” was used. He said “The sharing of place with others, supports connections for sustained periods by providing and creating a shared identity, a shared sense of belonging and shared commitment to caring.” The four schools worked with lived up to these principles. They did not give up on their troubled kids – as one said – it takes time to turn a kid round, maybe 2 years and as Peter Johnstone says “What happens in the playground happens in the classroom – a happy playground is a happy classroom.”

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book (\$25) please contact Roger McNeil on phone 06 870 6448 or 027 232 4700 or email [info@sharingthecaring.org.nz](mailto:info@sharingthecaring.org.nz).

## Children’s Holiday programmes

Talking of kids the NPCT has just run its third children’s holiday programme to date this year. Programme facilitator Genesis Keefe comments, “All three programmes this year have gone really well. We’ve noticed that the kids who are on the programme are also doing better in school, which is great.”

While each programme varies according to the season, a broad range of fun activities are always on offer. The winter programme included crafts, sports, indoor swimming, movies, Skate Zone etc. The Trust is starting to look into ways to engage the older teen age group with their own programme. If any reader would like to make a donation to enable a child or a teenager to participate in a programme, your support will be most welcome.

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