MARAE NEWS

Ngati Maniapoto set up marae funding scheme

Membership stands at 18

A new banking scheme which enables people to donate money to their home maraes has been set up by Ngati Maniapoto.

The aim of the scheme is to help member maraes to develop, improve and to be kept in good repair. The scheme enables people to give to any of the member maraes through any trading banks in New Zealand.

It is run by the Ngati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust through the Bank of New-Zealand. At present there are 18

member maraes. They are:

Te Korapatu, Pohatuiri, Waitomo; Te Kumi, Te Kuiti; Matua a iwi, Waitomo; Waipatoto, Oparure; Napinapi, Piopio North; Te Ahoroa, Rangitoto; Kaputuhi, Hangatiki; Haurua-Rereamanu, Hangatiki; Motiti, Mokau-Kohunui, Piopio; Marokopa, Te Tokanganui a noho, Te Kuiti; Nehenehenui. Otewa: Te Kauae.

Hangatiki; Mangarama, Te Kotahitanga, Otorohanga; Taarewanga, Otorohanga.

The Ngati Maniapoto Marae Pact Trust is made up of one representative from each member marae.

Officers elected by the trustees are: Chairman, Koro Tainui Wetere, MP; deputy chairman, Rev Morehu (Bud) Te Whare; secretary/treasurer, Daniel Te Kanawa; assistant secretary, Te Aue (Daisy) Davis.

Day to day administration is handled by a management committee

working voluntarily.

The elected officers of the management committee are: Chairman, Brian Hauauru Jones JP, also chairman of the Taumarunui County Council and the King Country Regional Development Council; deputy chairman, Kingi Tuheka Hetet; secretary/treasurer, Daniel Te Kanawa.

Members: Te Puni Bell, community officer; Wayne Iti, Lovinia Collis, Joe Davis, Georgina Taane, Les Koroheke.

Ex officio officers of the Trust: solicitor, G.D. (Nick) Carter, Te Kuiti: auditors, Alleman, Kidd, Falconer, Chartered Accountants, Te Kuiti; bankers, Bank of New Zealand, Te Kuiti.

For further information, contact: Ngati Maniapoto Pact Trust, PO Box 337, Te Kuiti.

And again

The Maori Affairs Department has allocated \$56,000 this year to the Waikato-Maniapoto community based Tu Tangata Whanau advisory committee.

The department's senior community officer in Hamilton, Ron Peters, said the committee would supervise the spending of \$15,000 for family development, \$28,000 for tribal youth wanangas (culture courses on maraes) \$5000 for homework centres and \$8000 for honorary community officers' expenses.

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