



**Oti Te Rangi — Executive Officer
Waitemata Kokiri**

From North Shore to Kaipara, from Huapai to Beachhaven, this is the area that Oti Te Rangi will cover.

She says she's out to upgrade the quality of service to Waitemata by motivating people. She's determined to find the people she used to know and those she ought to know so that the kokiri sharing can begin.

Tribally from the area, Oti thanks the community for a lot of the groundwork that's been already laid. She sees Waitemata as being pockets of community that need to be linked up with one another so that the kokiri concept can be shared.

Oti views kokiri as being the natural extension of community work and is proud to be among the 'magnificent seven', as the new appointees have been dubbed.

**Ray Cooper — Executive Officer
Papakura/Pukekohe Kokiri**

For Ray Cooper the appointment to Papakura/Pukekohe Kokiri is a great challenge. He sees the greatest need as knitting together the existing community groups to reassess and consolidate.

Coming from the area, Ray is confident everyone will get behind the kokiri concept. He says the tu tangata and whanau groups already working in the area have shown this.

Within the Papakura/Pukekohe area is the newly purchased site for the Pukekohe marae and the existing Papakura marae which is being extended.

Priorities for Ray are the formation of a district planning council and

Kohanga Reo to teach pre-schoolers the Maori language. Ray hopes that the long talked about South Auckland District Maori Council will also come to realisation within the kokiri concept.

**Connie Hannah — Executive Officer
Waipereira Kokiri**

"At long last people will be our priorities", says Connie Hannah.

Connie has responsibility for the western districts of Auckland and is excited about the possibilities kokiri has to give.

Her area boasts established marae, two skill centres and a successful pilot scheme involving the courts. In the midst of this Connie hopes the kokiri concept of involving the community will be accepted and taken up.

"After all, they're our boss, we're answerable to them", says Connie.

**Peter Paraone — Executive Officer
Otago Kokiri**

"The ball game's still the same, now the rules have changed". That's the view of Peter Paraone.

He says he's always been guided by his people as to their needs, and kokiri is the logical extension of that need."

"Otago has a reputation as a political hot potato and as such has been the focus of community attention", he says.

For Peter this attention has meant community action that now needs to be co-ordinated, using the existing bases, like the skills centres, to work from. Because of the settlement of Otago, Peter says the different tribal groups have held separate fund-raising projects, but now a generation is growing up that has loyalty to Otago first.

He says the different community groups were all going in the same direction but now they should all be doing it together.

**Joe McDougal — Executive Officer
Maungarei Kokiri**

Bringing the money and resources closer to the people is how Joe McDougal views kokiri, and he's excited to be involved.

He's glad the old way of being only a link in the social welfare chain has been broken. With the move to involving the community in setting priorities and making decisions, he's sure the course is right.

Joe says the rapu mahi programme of finding jobs was really taken to heart by the people in Maungarei (Mt Wellington area) and that means well for the future of Kokiri.

His eastern area of Auckland city contains established marae, a marae project in Glenn Innes and three skill centres. With these established community facilities and existing communication channels, Joe plans to spread the kokiri concept.

