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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 13 August 2024. Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your questions and our responses are set out below.

“1. How many wardens are currently warranted?”

As at 5 September 2024, there are 502 warranted Māori Wardens.

2. “How many wardens have been warranted in 2024 so far?”

There have been 30 new Māori Wardens warranted in 2024.

3. “How many wardens have been warranted each year since 2000?”

Te Puni Kōkiri does not report on this figure annually, however the number of Māori Wardens warranted since 2000 is 3893.

4. “What is the process for a warden to receive a warrant from the Minister?”

The warranting process is outlined in *“Warranting Māori Wardens: A guide to the new interim Māori Warden warranting process”*, which is being released to you in full (Attachment 1).

5. “What is the budget for Māori wardens within TPK?”

The Vote Māori Development appropriation available for Māori Wardens for the 2024/25 financial year is \$1.175 million.

6. “What was the budget for Māori wardens within TPK in the 2023-24 financial year and how was this spent?”

The Vote Māori Development appropriation available for Māori Wardens for the 2023/24 financial year was \$1.175 million, which is distributed to the six regional Wardens’ groups and the national body. Te Puni Kōkiri does not hold information on the regional groups and national body spend.

7. “What became of the Maori wardens history work being led by Te Rau Clarke? Is it possible for me to contact Te Rau?”

The project and associated work to document the history of the Māori Wardens has been suspended. Te Rau Clarke no longer works for Te Puni Kōkiri, therefore we are not in a position to provide his contact details.

8. *“What are the current priorities for Māori wardens and who leads this work within TPK?”*

The current priorities of the New Zealand Māori Wardens are as follows:

- warranting (Attract/Retain)
- training
- uniforms
- warden modernisation

Please note that these activities are not overseen by Te Puni Kōkiri.

Kristian Paul, Senior Advisor, Statutory Entities & Appointments, currently oversees the Māori Warden warranting process on behalf of Te Puni Kōkiri.


I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at uia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Hugh McAslan
Hautū, Te Puni Tapatahi | Deputy Secretary, Governance



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MĀORI WARDENS:
A GUIDE TO THE
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Above: Raewyn Taputoru, Kalina Young, Parehikairo Fatu – Waikato District Māori Wardens.
Front page: Eileen Walker, Ngarau Wharepapa, Janie Waititi - Tairāwhiti Māori Wardens.

WARRANTING MĀORI WARDENS: A GUIDE TO THE NEW INTERIM MĀORI WARDEN WARRANTING PROCESS

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Introduction

Why do we need a change?

Warranting has been an issue for many Māori Warden Groups for a long time and as such this remains a priority for improvement.

The Joint Advisory Group (JAG) was set up to facilitate improved change for Māori Wardens. Members comprise representatives from Māori Warden Groups and the New Zealand Māori Council.

An interim warranting process has been developed and will come into effect on 30 April 2018.

it will:

- provide clarity, consistency and certainty for applicants
- be timely, efficient and transparent
- provide certainty to the Minister for Māori Development and the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri, that the proposed applicant is suitable for appointment as a Māori Warden
- comply with the Māori Community Development Act 1962; and
- deliver against the 2014 Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal findings and recommendations.

Submission Group

What was known as a nominating group is now identified as the Submission Group. The Submission Group is the Māori Warden Group the applicant will be a member of.

Moving Forward

An interim warranting process was largely supported in principle by each regional group who attended the Māori Warden National Conference held in Rotorua on 1 July 2017. For an interim warranting process to be successful it must be agreed and implemented as intended.

Collection of Personal Information

As administrators of the warranting process, Te Puni Kōkiri are required to collect personal information of those people seeking to become a Māori Warden.

The Privacy Act requires Te Puni Kōkiri (via the Māori Warden Project) to include a privacy statement on the Application Form indicating how we intend to use the information. This will be included on all Application Forms.

Vetting

The New Zealand Police, Ministry of Justice, or an authorised Vetting Agent will undertake the task of processing vetting requests. The release of information is then vetted by the Submission Group, who assesses the applicants data to make an informed decision of their suitability to become a Māori Warden.

Applicants who do not meet the vetting standards will have their Application Form declared ineligible.

Role of the District Māori Council

The Māori Community Development Act 1962 clearly states that only a District Māori Council can nominate Māori Warden warrants.

New Form

MĀORI WARDEN APPLICATION FORM

attach photo here

APPLICANT

Please tick where appropriate: New Appointment Re-Appointment – Badge Number

First Name
 Last Name

Date of Birth / /
 Gender

Residential Address
 Contact Number ()

Town/City
 Email

Int or Hwap

The following information is important, please read carefully:

Privacy Statement: The information that you provide at the time of submitting this form will be held by Te Puni Kōkiri and will be used to advise the Minister for Māori Development of your application to become a Māori Warden or the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri of your application to be re-appointed as a Māori Warden. This assessment process may require Te Puni Kōkiri to share or verify the information you have provided with the relevant District Māori Council or the submission group. You have the right at any given time to update or correct your information with Te Puni Kōkiri or to request a copy of your reaction held by Te Puni Kōkiri by contacting us at PO Box 3943, Wellington 6142.

In signing this application, I declare that:

- a) I have read and understood the above Privacy Statement of Te Puni Kōkiri;
- b) To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in my application is true and accurate;
- c) There exists no undeclared conflicts of interest for me;
- d) I reside in the district to which my application relates;
- e) There is no adverse reason why I cannot carry out the duties of a Māori Warden in my community; and
- f) If this application is approved, I accept the position of a Māori Warden.

Signature of Applicant
 Date / /

Māori Warden Warranting Application Form 01

SUBMISSION GROUP SUPPORT

The applicant named has applied to be a new or reappointed Māori Warden for a term of three years in accordance with Section 7 of the Māori Community Development Act 1962.

The submission group confirms that an authorized individual NZ Police or Ministry of Justice vetting process of the applicant has been undertaken and confirm that no adverse information was found which would prevent the applicant from undertaking the Māori Warden role. The submission group will ensure that the applicant is made aware of their obligations whilst on duty as a Māori Warden.

Submission Group

Name
 Position

Email Address
 Contact Number ()

Signature
 Date / /

DISTRICT MĀORI COUNCIL NOMINATION

The District Māori Council nominates the named applicant to be appointed as a Māori Warden by the Minister for Māori Development or re-appointed by the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri in District boundaries.

District Māori Council
 District Māori Council

Chairperson (Or delegated authority)

Signature
 Date / /

Notes

Send to:

Māori Wardens Administrator, Te Puni Kōkiri, P.O. Box 3943, Wellington 6140

Māori Warden Warranting Application Form 02

New Application Form

The new Application Form will replace all existing forms.

The form is a one paged, two sided form – the front page is for the applicant to fill out and the back is for the supporting groups – the Submission Group and the respective District Māori Council.

The Application Form will be available from local Māori Warden groups or Te Puni Kōkiri offices.

An e-copy version is also available on the TPK website:

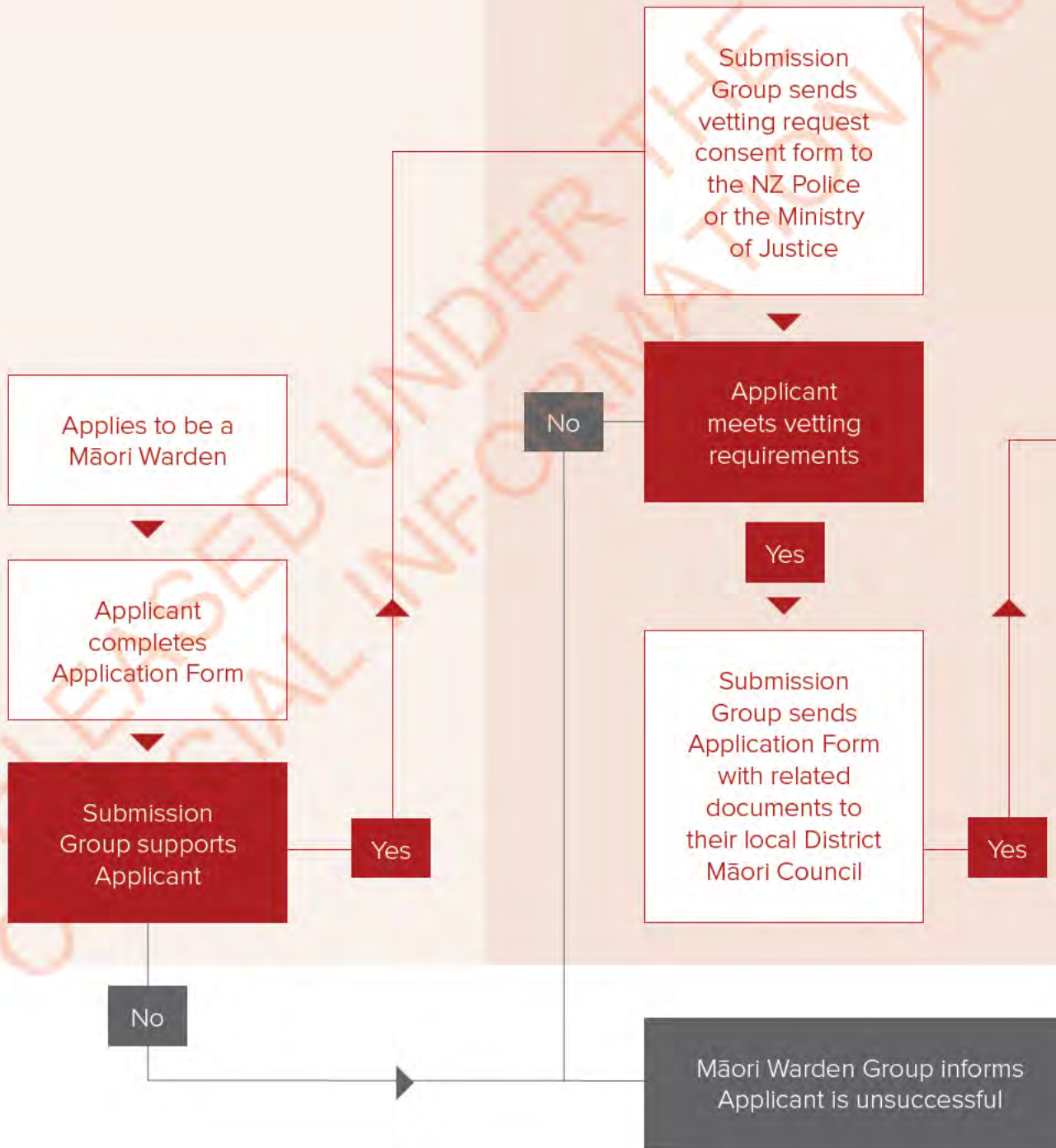
www.tpk.govt.nz

"The new forms will be available in April 2018."

New Interim Warranting Process

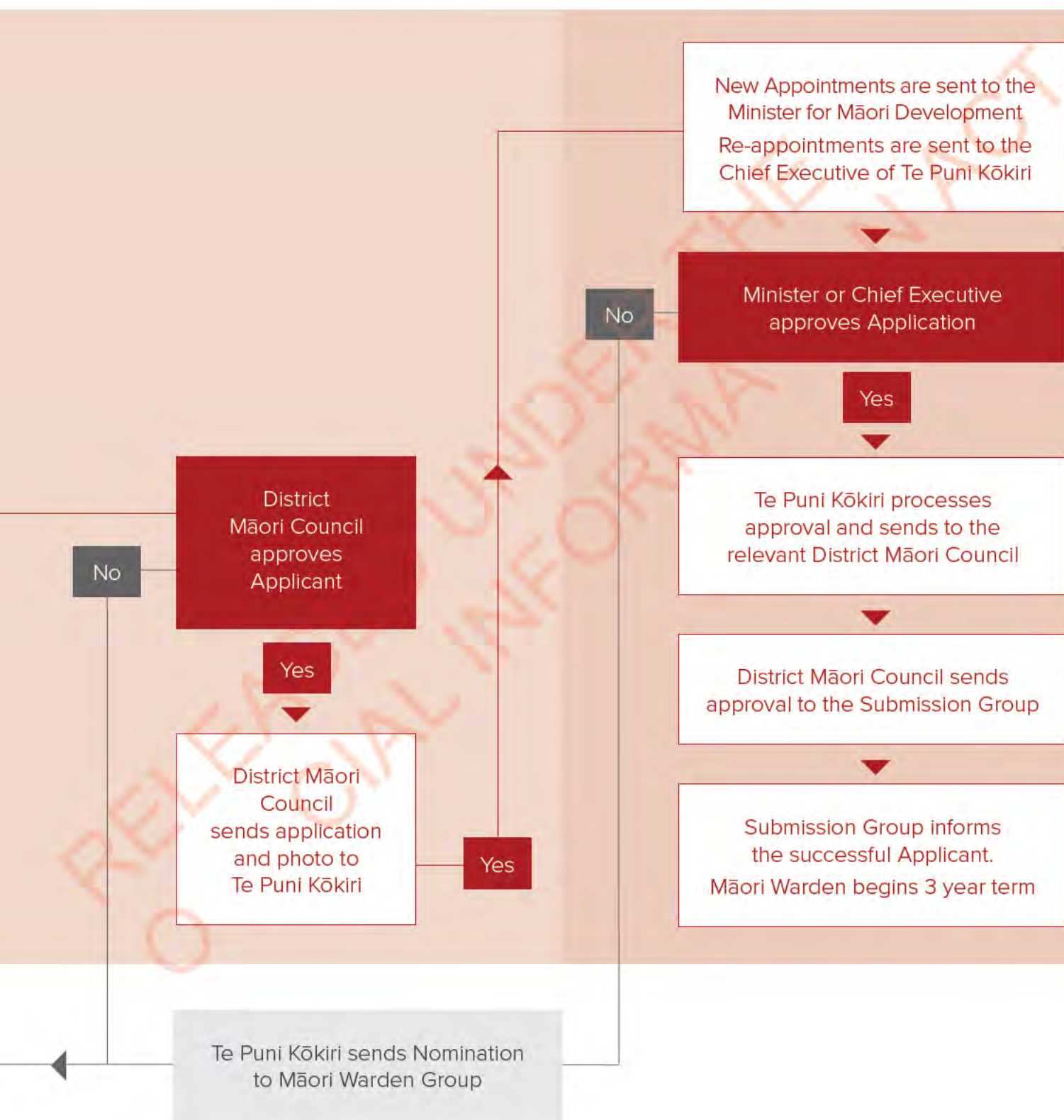
Step 1: Apply

Step 2: Vetting



Step 3: Nomination

Step 4: Approval



Step 1: Apply



Application Form

The new Application Form replaces all previous forms, and must be completed as part of the warranting process.

Supporting an applicant

Each Application Form must be supported by the Submission Group. The Submission Group is the Māori Warden Group the applicant will be a member of.

Step 2: Vetting

Submission Group sends vetting request consent form to the NZ Police or the Ministry of Justice

Applicant meets vetting requirements

Submission Group sends Application Form with related documents to District Māori Council

Vetting Agent

All vetting agents must be approved and authorised to operate. To be considered for approval to access the Police Vetting Service (on the basis of an individual's consent) New Zealand agencies must meet criteria. See the NZ Police website for more details.

Vetting clearance must be obtained. The Submission Group is responsible for ensuring applicants are vetted correctly, i.e. by the NZ Police or Ministry of Justice.

Vetting requirements

The vetting requirements are determined by the Submission Group, who assesses the applicants' data to determine their suitability to become a Māori Warden. Neither Te Puni Kōkiri or the District Māori Council are involved in the vetting process.

Sending all material

The following documents must be completed before sending to the local District Māori Council for their endorsement:

- Application Form
- Current passport sized head and shoulders photo

Step 3: Nomination

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District Māori Council approves Applicant

District Māori Council sends Application and photo to Te Puni Kōkiri

District Māori council

Under the Māori Community Development Act 1962 only the District Māori Council (DMC) can nominate a person to be a Māori Warden. To nominate, the DMC sends the approved Application Form and photo to Te Puni Kōkiri for processing.

Māori Warden Project

The Māori Warden Project team within Te Puni Kōkiri will only process approved Application Forms.

Step 4: Approval

New Appointments are sent to the Minister for Māori Development
Re-appointments are sent to the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri

Minister or Chief Executive approves Application

Te Puni Kōkiri processes approval and sends to the relevant District Māori Council

District Māori Council sends approval to the Submission Group

Submission Group informs the successful Applicant.
Māori Warden begins 3 year term

Approval Process

Under the Māori Community Development Act 1962 the Minister for Māori Development is the only person who can approve a new Māori Warden appointment. The Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri approves all Māori Warden re-appointments.

Processing successful applicants

The Māori Warden Project will:

- produce badges
- produce warrant ID
- provide a uniform (subject to requirements)
- send all material to the District Māori Council

The District Māori Council will formally distribute all material to the Submission Group.

Confirmation

The Submission Group will inform the applicant of their appointment.

For an appointed Māori Warden to receive training, be provided with a uniform and carry out specific tasks within their community, they must be affiliated to a Māori Warden Group within the District they reside in.

Three year term

Each warrant is valid for a three year term. Māori Wardens are welcome to re-apply before the end of the three year term.

Joint Advisory Group



Sir Taihākurei Durie
Chair – New Zealand
Māori Council



Owen Lloyd
Deputy Chair –
New Zealand
Māori Council



Matarora Smith
Māori Warden –
Tāmaki ki te Tonga



Haki Wihongi
Māori Warden –
Tai Tokerau



Tina Drummond
Māori Warden –
Waikato



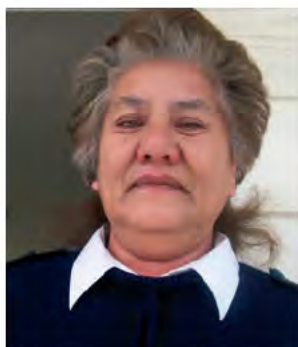
Harvey Ruru
District Māori Council/
Māori Warden –
Te Tau Ihu



Mihi Jacobs
Māori Warden –
Tākitimu



Norm Dewes
District Māori Council/
Māori Warden –
Te Waipounamu



Mere Devine
District Māori Council/
Māori Warden –
Waikato



Carol Te Huna
Māori Warden –
Aōtea



Jordan Winiata
Māori Warden –
Raukawa



Linton Sionetali
Māori Warden –
Waikato



Constance Hughes
Māori Warden –
Tāmaki



Marama Apelu
District Māori Council/
Māori Warden –
Tairāwhiti



Joe McLeod
District Māori Council/
Māori Warden –
Pōneke

FAQ's

Why we developed an easier Māori Warden Warranting process?

Warranting has been a problem for years and there have been many complaints. Complaints include delays in the process, information going missing, districts implementing their own processes to suit themselves and people not following a standardised process or system. We are changing the warranting process because the current process is not working.

On top of this, the Waitangi Tribunal Report in 2014 also recognised this and recommended that a new process be implemented.

What are the main benefits?

The benefits will be:

- getting a warrant faster without the hassles;
- a standardised process; everyone will use the same forms and there are simple to understand steps in the process to guide people through it. The same process will be used no matter if you are from Kaitaia in the North or Motueka in the South

Will we be trained in using the new forms?

Training will be provided to those members who are involved in the Māori Warden Warranting process.

Why do I need to have community support?

You need to show that you have the support within your community to carry out the duties and role of a Māori Warden. This indicates your connectedness to the community and the faith the community has in you.

Why is there a Privacy Statement on the Application Form?

The Privacy Statement on the Application Form is to show applicants that Te Puni Kōkiri must act responsibly and within the requirements of the Privacy Act when handling their personal information.

Information will be held for no more than three years (the duration of their warrant) and will only be used for the purpose it was requested.

How long are warrants valid for?

Māori Warden Warrants are valid for a term of three years. A new Māori Warden Warranting Application Form and vetting must be completed at the end of each term if a Māori Warden wishes to be re-appointed

Who is a NZ Police Vetting Agent?

Police Vetting is only available to approved agencies, not for individual or personal use. In order to be considered for approval to access the Police Vetting Service (on the basis of an individual's consent), New Zealand agencies must meet criteria. Further information on the criteria and how to become a registered vetting agent/agency can be found on the NZ Police Website <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/businesses-and-organisations/vetting/register-new-zealand-police-vetting>.

Can I go directly to the local Māori Warden Group?

Yes you can. An existing Māori Warden group will take responsibility for your development, training and support as a Māori Warden.

What is the role of the District Māori Council?

The Māori Community Development Act 1962 provides the NZ Māori Council, the District Māori Councils and Māori Wardens with the authority to carry out their duties. Only a District Māori Council can nominate (endorse the Application Form to be nominated) a person to become a Māori Warden. The role of the District Māori Council is to ensure the individual meets all of the requirements to become a Māori Warden e.g. passes the vetting process.

How will I get help?

Training will be provided. Workshops will be held across the country to make sure Wardens and Council members understand the process and their responsibilities at every stage throughout the process. Regional Coordinators will also be available to support you following the workshops.

Can a Māori Warden apply for a warrant in another district other than where they live?

No. Under the Māori Community Development Act 1962, No person shall be appointed or reappointed a Maori Warden in respect of any Maori Council District unless he is residing in that district and has been nominated for appointment or reappointment by the District Maori Council for that district.

Later in 2018...

In the longer term, an online warranting system will be introduced. This will allow anyone wanting to become a Māori Warden the opportunity to access the warranting process easily. If you have access to a computer, you will be able to access the online Māori Warden warranting system process.

Just like how you can apply for a NZ passport online, the Māori Warden warranting system will be very similar. As you work your way through the online system, you will be 'prompted' at each stage to provide certain information. You will not be able to move to the next stage until you have completed fully what is required at every stage.

**"AROHA
KI TE
TANGATA"**

