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## Aroha ki te Tangata Māori Wardens Newsletter



# MINISTER WELCOMES INQUIRY INTO MAORI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

■ LAST MONTH MĀORI AFFAIRS MINISTER DR PITA SHARPLES WELCOMED AN INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF THE MĀORI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT 1962 ANNOUNCED BY THE MĀORI AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE.



Tairāwhiti Māori Wardens with the Minister of Māori Affairs at Pakiriri Marae, Tokomaru Bay. From left to right: Rita Grant, Anita Wharepapa, Ella Manuel, Leona Edwards, Katerina Te Maro, Hon Dr Pita Sharples, Lou Ella Henry, Monty Grant, Keriana Brown, Bill Bridgeman (obscured), Richard Poi.

"I am very pleased to inform you that the Māori Affairs Committee recently confirmed that they are conducting an inquiry into the operation of the Maori Community Development Act 1962 and related issues. As many of you will be aware, the Maori Community Development Act 1962 sets up and defines the powers and functions of Māori Wardens and the New Zealand Māori Council and its subsidiary bodies."

"I welcome the Committee's commitment in carrying out this inquiry. I believe the time is right to look at this Act as parts of it no longer reflect the aspirations and interests of Māori communities. I am pleased to see that as part of the inquiry the Committee will seek opportunities to improve the ability of the New Zealand Māori Council and Māori Wardens to undertake the important work they do with Māori communities."

"The Committee has released a Terms of Reference (see the back page) and is now asking for written submissions. I encourage

anyone with an interest in community development, especially Māori Wardens, to take this opportunity to have their say. The work that Māori Wardens do in the community is invaluable, and I know that the Committee wants to hear from you on ways to support your work."

"Your written submission can be formal or informal – you just need to put something in writing that sets out your views in regards to the Terms of Reference for the inquiry."

### How to make a submission on the inquiry

The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 12 February 2010**. Submissions can be made online at [www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/MakeSub](http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/MakeSub) or two copies can be forwarded to the Māori Affairs Committee Secretariat, Bowen House, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160.

For more information regarding the Inquiry, please contact the Clerk of the Māori Affairs Committee on 04 817 9506.

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa



## THE MĀORI WARDENS PROJECT TEAM – 2009 IN RETROSPECT

The Government committed \$2.5 million in Budget 2007 to increase the capacity of Māori Wardens. An investment package for one year was instigated in July 2007 and piloted in six regions. The package included: regional-based co-ordination, a funding programme, training and development, improved resources, marketing and promotions. All activities are part of an integrated suite, centred on increasing the capacity and capability of Māori Wardens to work in their communities.

The Māori Wardens Project team looks back on 2009 to acknowledge and celebrate the year's successes.

The Māori Wardens Project team includes: National Project Manager **Te Rau Clarke**, Senior Advisor Strategy **Ngapera Hoerara**, Programme Co-ordinator **Ngatokorua Miratana**, Senior Advisor Training **Mahi Paurini**, Training Administrator **Puhiaotea Thomson**, Senior Advisor Regions **Utiku Potaka**, New Zealand Police Senior Advisor **Damin Ormsby** and police trainers **Paddy Whiu** and **Wayne Panapa**.

### Māori Wardens Funding Programme

The third year of funding has seen some significant improvements to the Māori Wardens Funding Programme. The Programme now has three funding pools for Operational Assistance, Capacity & Capability and National Events.

Application forms and processes have been enhanced to improve processing times for applications. Funding workshops for Warden groups hosted earlier this year also helped to promote the revamped Programme and improve the quality of submitted applications.

The first funding round of three is complete. Due to an increased number of funding applications, the Programme is now viewed as making a contribution to Māori Wardens' costs rather than providing full funding as in the past. Warden Groups are encouraged to seek alternative funding sources to meet costs.

### Regional coordination

The Palmerston North Regional Centre will merge with the Wellington Regional Centre on 31 December 2009. Diana Kawana will take over responsibility for the enlarged Wellington Region and Jo Tarau-Parekura will return to her position as Kaiwhakarite at the Te Puni Kōkiri Te Whanganui a Tara Regional Office. We thank Jo for her efforts over the past year during her secondment to the project.

Edward (BK) Keelan, Regional Coordinator for the Gisborne Regional Centre has resigned from his position. BK has worked tirelessly in assisting Tairāwhiti Māori Wardens. With his support, Māori Wardens in the Tairāwhiti have gone from strength to strength with a coordinated work programme and a significant increase in the number of Warranted Māori Wardens. We thank BK for his two years of service to the Project.

Since April 2009 we have been busy kitting out those Māori Wardens who have successfully completed the Police Foundation Training course Ngā Akoranga Pirihimana. To date over 550 uniforms have been distributed nationally.

Each male Māori Warden receives: one single breasted black jacket with silver buttons with crown imprint; two white long-sleeved shirts with black epaulettes; two black trousers; one black jersey; one black vest; one black forage hat; one pair of white gloves and one black silk tie.

Each female Māori Warden receives: one single breasted black jacket with silver buttons with crown imprint; two white long-sleeved shirts with black epaulettes; one black trouser and one black skirt; one black jersey; one black vest; one black forage hat; one pair of white gloves and one black silk tie.

The measuring, manufacture and delivery of the uniforms was an enormous task for all involved. We would like to acknowledge staff at Deane Apparel especially Hannah, Jaylene and Cheryl, who undertook the fittings. Thanks also go to the Regional Coordinators for their assistance in achieving such a big piece of work. Finally, we would like to thank all those Wardens who came along to fittings and were patient with us while we got it right.

### Training and development

Between April and November 2009, the Māori Wardens Project had facilitated training to around 411 Māori Wardens. A summary of the courses and total numbers are shown in Figure 1 below:

Police Foundation Training, Ngā Akoranga Pirihimana	257
Advocacy	16
First Aid	68
Hauora/Visual Sobriety Management	23
Literacy & Numeracy	18
Conflict Management & Negotiation	13
Workplace Assessors Training (Security)	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>411</b>



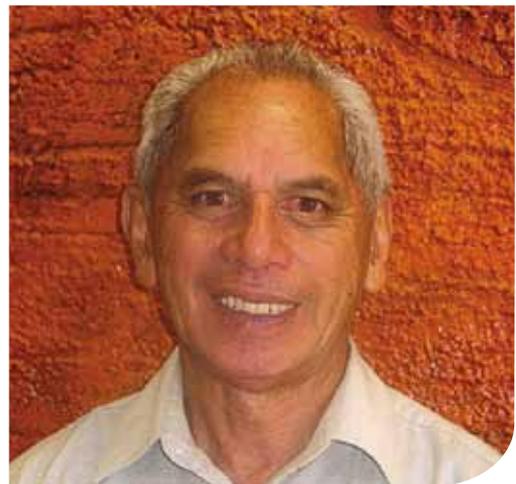
Of the total number of wardens who complete training modules during this calendar year, 24 percent would have completed two or more unit standards on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). A priority for 2010 is to increase the total number of Māori Wardens accredited against the NQF to around 50-75 percent. This will ensure in the immediate future that opportunities for further study and higher qualifications, is realistic and immediately accessible for Māori Wardens.

All training was delivered nationally stretching from Dunedin to Nelson, across the Cook Strait to Wellington and Porirua, heading east to Gisborne, Bay of Plenty/Tauranga and Auckland.

## AWHI A ROHE, MĀORI WARDEN PROJECT REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Richard (Dick) Shepherd, of Ngāpuhi decent, is the Regional Coordinator for the Whāngarei Regional centre encompassing Te Tai Tokerau and is based in Whangārei. He has been in the role for around two years and comes from a community development background.

As Regional Coordinator he believes in helping Māori Wardens sub-associations build capacity and capability within their own rohe to eventually put him out of a job. "Māori Wardens are a wonderful service to our communities and are sometimes undervalued and over-used. I believe that Māori Wardens will be part of the whole social development of Māoridom."



## MEET THE MĀORI WARDENS

The title is self-explanatory, but in each edition of *Meet the Māori Wardens*, we profile a Warden and learn a little bit about them.

Waea mai on the Māori Warden call-free number 0800 991 882 to nominate a warden you would like to see featured in this column.

### Junette Rielly

<b>Region</b>	• Tāmaki Makaurau	
<b>Iwi</b>	• Ngāti Hine	
<b>Hapū</b>	• Mahurehure, Te Uriroroī, Parawhau	
<b>Marae</b>	• Maungarongo	
<b>Age-ish</b>	• 60ish	
<b>Years with Māori Wardens</b>	• 21 years	
<b>Best part about the job</b>	• Assisting whānau with problems	
<b>Worst part about the job</b>	• Picking up neglected tamariki	
<b>What's the main mahi you do?</b>	• Matapihi Tirohanga Project in partnership with the Auckland City District Police	





## INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF THE MAORI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT 1962 AND RELATED ISSUES

The Māori Affairs Committee is calling for submissions on its inquiry into the operation of the Maori Community Development Act 1962 and related issues.

The terms of reference for the broad-based inquiry are to inquire into:

1. the underlying intent and objectives behind the Maori Community Development Act 1962, and to determine what extent they are clear, relevant and consistent with contemporary needs and priorities;
2. what "Māori community development" actually means and entails in 2009, whether it is happening now, and what legislative change (if any) is needed to support and enable successful community development today;
3. how the functions and structural model of the New Zealand Māori Council and its subsidiary bodies can be improved to better meet the needs and priorities of Māori today;
4. how the functions and governance of Māori Wardens can be improved to better meet the needs and interests of Māori today;
5. whether Community Officers are appropriate and relevant to the needs and interests of Māori today.

For more detail on the inquiry, please go to [www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/Details/MaoriAffairs/](http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/Details/MaoriAffairs/).

## FINAL WORD - MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

As the Project winds down for another year, I look back at the past 12 months with pride. I get a real sense that Wardens Groups all around the motu have grown and developed this year.

This is a great place to be, particularly as 2010 brings the review of the Maori Community Development Act 1962 by the Maori Affairs Select Committee (MASC). It is absolutely important that you have your say on how Māori Wardens continue to serve their communities.

The Māori Wardens Project is made up of five key areas designed to build capacity and capability. They are:

1. Developing a Māori Wardens training package;
2. The appointment of Regional Coordinators to support regional development;
3. The distribution of resources to enable wardens to continue to carry out their work (this includes uniforms, vehicles, safety equipment etc);
4. The development of a dedicated Māori Wardens fund that supports regional initiatives and finally;
5. Reviewing how best to support and govern Māori Wardens nationally.

Though we didn't know it when we first embarked on the Project, perhaps a review of the Act was always going to happen. I definitely sensed from the many Wardens I have met that a review was something they wanted to see happen.

If you support the inquiry, you have until 12 February 2010 to make your submission. Make it count!

**Te Rau Clarke**, Manager, Māori Wardens Project

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