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## **CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS – IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

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### **TE TAKAWAENGA REPORT**

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This report provides an outline of Iwi activities and issues for Waipa since the last Iwi report dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The Iwi Consultative Committee then met at Waipa District Council Chambers in Te Awamutu on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

I attended the Koroneihana hui on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, (the annual Coronation celebrations of King Tuheitia). This was the day for Tainui and later in the day a good-will delegation of Canadian Indigenous Indians were received.

I returned to Turangawaewae Marae later that week on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This was to accompany the Mayor to the historic occasion of the signing of the Co-management agreement for the Waikato River between Tainui and the Government.

I have attended the September & November meetings of Ngá Iwi Tópú O Waipá, (NITOW), during this period. The October meeting was missed once again due to a clash of dates with a Civil Defence exercise.

I accepted an invitation from Opus Consultancy on 27<sup>th</sup> August and attended a one-day pilot seminar on Iwi Inventory & Heritage mapping. It was held at Kirikiriroa Marae in Hamilton and proved interesting.

During this period, two members of NITOW attended the annual national hui of the Local Government Organisation for Maori 'Te Waka Awhina O Aotearoa. Gaylene Roberts & Jenny Charman attended the hui at Porirua where it was hosted by five Councils from the greater Wellington Region. It was held over the period 30<sup>th</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, I accompanied the General Manager & staff to Maungatautari Marae. This was to discuss arrangements for cultural input to a proposed Community Events Centre which is to replace the present Rowing Club at Lake Karapiro Reserve.

A further two Citizenship Ceremonies have been attended, one on 11<sup>th</sup> September & the other on 18<sup>th</sup> November where once again a mihi of welcome was given to new citizens & their guests on behalf of Council.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of another of our Waikato Kaumatua, Hare Puke of Ngati Wairere. When Waipa was establishing an Iwi Liaison Process in the early nineties, Hare was very supportive with help & advice. He will be missed throughout Tainui. Moe mai e koro.

I was also in attendance at the naming ceremony of the John Rochfort Park in Kihikihi on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There was good representation from the Emery whanau who are descendants and others with historical interests.

At a morning tea following, a certificate was presented for the inclusion of John Rochfort in the Te Awamutu Walk Of Fame. Mrs Wai Emery accepted this as a grand-daughter on behalf of the whanau & the presentation made by Community Board Member Richard Hurrell.

### **Recommendation**

*That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 be received.*

**Chuck Davis**  
**Te Takawaenga**