

## Chairperson's report

E nga uri whakaheke whai panga kia Parahirahi tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Ko te whakaaro nui ko te wehi ki Te Matua - nui te Rangi me ana manaakitanga ka tau mai marunga matou te Whanau o te taonga tuku te Parahirahi ara nga Waipuna o te Ngawha. Ka tau enei mihi kia ratau nga maatua kua wehe ki te Po Uriuri, te Po Tangotango, te Po i auee ta ratou nei moe. Ko koe ra tena e te Rangatira Himi Taituha, Heeni Tane-Parks nga uri o Marupo, koutou kua mene ki te Po. E moe, e moe, moe mai i roto i te Ariki. Kahuri kia tatou te hunga ora, tena koutou ara tena tatou katoa.

We are well into 2009, however, I want to reflect back on the AGM was held on 8 November at Oromahoe Marae. It set the scene for the work the Trust is progressing. At the AGM I provided an overview of the Trust activities of the past year that will continue this year - further detail is provided in this newsletter. The hui was very positive and a number of the attendees stood and provided positive feedback on the hui, the trustees and the work that has been undertaken to date. They and the trustees felt positive and excited with the progress that is beginning to be made.

As you will appreciate there is a lot to be done. If you have skills and experience that you believe will be useful to assist with this work, please give your trustees a call and let them know how you are interested in helping. Consistent with korero from the AGM this will enable us to draw on our own expertise to achieve our vision for the springs.

## Current trustees

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The Trust also has two advisors – Alan Wihongi, Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi and Te Kaiarahi Hui.

**Springs development** - As we have outlined, one of the key activities to fall out of the strategic plan is a plan for the redevelopment and enhancement of the Ngawha Springs complex. We see the project comprising three phases:

1. Concept development and planning
2. Design phase
3. Implementation

We have discussed the importance of ensuring that we have the right expertise to move forward with. We have been consulting with an architect on the necessary requirements to get the project started. We will also be bringing on a project manager to manage phase 1. Phase 1 of this project requires work to be co-ordinated and completed across a number of work streams:

- Concept development
- Programme for maintenance
- Feasibility study
- Management and governance
- Communication and relationship management, and
- Funding and investment

The initial focus is on the concept development, a programme of maintenance for the Springs, and the management and governance. What we are looking to achieve here is provided in further detail below.

**Concept development** – this involves developing concept plans that reflects the Trust's vision for the redevelopment and enhancement and future development options. Once drafted these draft plans will be communicated with beneficiaries.

**Programme for maintenance** – this involves developing a plan of works to enable the Springs to continue to operate while future plans are progressed. It will involve identifying a maintenance schedule and a practical solution to the flooding issues.

**Management and governance** – this involves setting up an appropriate governance entity of the springs and addressing the management (and ownership) of the Domain side, which the Trust currently manages

**Monthly trustee meetings** - The monthly trustee meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 6.00pm. They are generally held at Tene Rankin's home in Oromahoe (unless otherwise advised). These are open meetings and beneficiaries are welcome to attend. As the venue can change at short notice, if you wish to attend, give your trustee a call to confirm the time and place.