

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Whanganui Iwi Representation on Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua

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Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust is seeking expressions of interest for suitably experienced and qualified Whanganui Iwi members who wish to express interest for appointment as the Whanganui Iwi member on Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua, the Te Awa Tupua Strategy Group.

Background

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust (the Trust) is the post settlement governance entity for Whanganui Iwi that leads the implementation of Ruruku Whakatupua – the Deed of Settlement for the Whanganui River which was signed on 5 August 2014. The Trust is charged with the responsibility to receive, grow and develop the financial assets held by the Trust to contribute to the health and well-being of Te Awa Tupua and to benefit of all uri, whānau and hapū of Whanganui Iwi.

Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua

Kōpuka is the white Mānuka and is the raw material used to build the Pā Auroa, the extensive framework of an eel weir. The name Te Kōpuka symbolises the connection, co-operation amongst the hapu and iwi and other communities of Te Awa Tupua to maintain and uphold the Te Awa Tupua framework.

Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua (Te Kōpuka) is a collaborative strategy group that is charged with advancing the environmental, social, cultural and economic health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua by developing and approving Te Heke Ngahuru ki Te Awa Tupua, the Te Awa Tupua strategy. In exercising its function, Te Kōpuka must have particular regard to the Te Awa Tupua status and Tupua te Kawa. Apart from the strategy, the other functions of Te Kōpuka are to:

- Lead, monitor and review the implementation of Te Heke Ngahuru;
- Provide a forum for discussion of issues relating to the health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua;
- Exercise any function that may be delegated to it by a local authority; and
- Take any other action that is considered by Te Kōpuka to be appropriate in relation to achieving its purpose and exercising its functions.

Members of Te Kōpuka hold office for 3 years and comprise up to seventeen (17) members as follows:

- A. one (1) member appointed by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui;
- B. up to five (5) members appointed by iwi with interests in the Whanganui River;
- C. up to four (4) members appointed by the relevant local authorities;
- D. one (1) member appointed by Fish and Game New Zealand;
- E. one (1) member appointed by the Director-General of Conservation;
- F. one (1) member appointed by Genesis Energy Limited;
- G. one (1) member appointed to represent environmental and conservation interests;
- H. one (1) member appointed to represent tourism interests;
- I. one (1) member appointed to represent recreational interests; and
- J. one (1) member appointed to represent the primary sector;

Whanganui Iwi Representation

Expressions of interests are being called that will lead to the appointment of the Whanganui member to Te Kōpuka. Potential candidates will hold mana within Whanganui Iwi and demonstrate that they have the knowledge, experience and skills to effectively lead within a collaborative environment and contribute actively to the achievement of the purpose of Te Kōpuka. Those expressing interest will therefore be capable of demonstrating one or more of the following attributes:

A comprehensive understanding of Tupua te Kawa – A common-sense approach and the practical application of Tupua te Kawa within the context of Te Awa Tupua.

An extensive range of networks throughout Whanganui – Proven experience in successfully networking with Whanganui hapū and Iwi as well as local communities. Knowledge of relevant central and local government processes would be advantageous.

A broad understanding of environmental planning and management – Demonstrated experience and skills in the environmental sector with the ability to analyse complex environmental issues and to monitor environmental strategies.

Expressions of Interest must be made in writing and supported by a Curriculum Vitae outlining relevant experience, past and/or current governance roles and personal future aspirations. Please include letters of support from at least two referees.

Sitting Trustees of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust are eligible to express interest in appointment. In such cases the Trustees concerned will not participate in the selection process.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – 17 October 2018 at 12pm

Applications should be forwarded to the General Manager at any of the contacts below:

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- Postal Address: PO Box 544, Whanganui 4500
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