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Iwi Chairs

Nga mihi nui te Rangatira

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga rau rangatira ma tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Further to previous correspondence, this letter is to provide a further update on the initiatives and activities that are occurring in the Tasman Police District that are relevant for Iwi. It is important to update all Iwi in Te Tau Ihu and Te Tai Poutini on these activities and the focus we have to achieve the target set for Police of contributing to a 25% reduction in re-offending by Māori by 2025. The aim is to keep Māori out of the justice system where possible, and to make better communities for the future.

I last wrote to you in March 2018 and provided a summary of a number of these programmes. Two key programmes are Te Pae Oranga (Community Panels) and the Family Harm Hub. These are summarised below.

#### The District Commander's Māori Advisory Board

The District Commanders Māori Advisory Board has met 3 times this year and has made significant contributions in operational events, such as Operation London (the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to Tōtaranui) and has provided strategic guidance and support to myself and my staff by adding local knowledge in our Treaty of Waitangi training. The Board has also been updated on the Alcohol Impairment Education Programme (AEIP) which is scheduled to commence in Whakatū in April next year, and has also supported activities undertaken during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Central to our discussions and activities is how to improve outcomes for Māori communities.

I would like to welcome to the table, Molly Luke from Ngāti Rarua and Francois Tumahai Ngāti Wae Wae/Ngāi Tahu. I look forward to working with them and "tapping into" the extensive knowledge they bring to the Board.

A key part of building this enhanced understanding is through initiatives such as being pro-active in recording Iwi affiliations in all interactions Police have with Māori, and proactively considering alternative actions as opposed to putting low level offenders before the Courts.

#### New Investments: Kaitakawaenga/Pouwhakataki

As you may be aware, Sergeant Steve Mariu was appointed to the role of Kaitakawaenga/Iwi Liaison Officer for Nelson Bays in August this year. Steve was welcomed to the District with a pōwhiri at Te Awhina Marae, which was also a good opportunity to welcome other new staff to our district. Steve has quickly become an integral part of our team and has become involved in the various programmes as outlined in this letter.

As I write to you we are in the process of confirming the new Pouwhakataki, who will work across the Tasman District and will coordinate and operationalise a number of initiatives for launch in

Tasman. One of these is the Drug/Alcohol Impairment Education programme (AEIP) mentioned above; where we will look to replicate an existing successful marae based programme that focuses on our most hardened offenders. The Pouwhakataki will also have oversight of the three Area Kaitakawaenga when they are appointed.

#### Te Pae Oranga

Te Pae Oranga (Community Panels) has landed in Whakatu with 38 participants having been through the process in partnership with our service provider, Te Piki Oranga. To date, Te Pae Oranga has been a huge success with a number of very positive outcomes for our participants and whānau. You may be interested to know that of these 38, 23 are aged between 18 and 24 and only 4 have “re-offended” or not engaged. In partnership with Iwi we will look to expand Te Pae Oranga into Wairau and Mawhera in the future, to ensure all of our communities have the same opportunities.

#### Family Harm Hub and Tupono

The Family Harm Hub has been up and running since July and has been very successful. Police and partner agencies are co-located at the Hub in the Ministry of Social Development building in Nelson, and this co-location has proved integral to its success. Police and partners meet every morning to “triage” family harm incidents that have occurred within the previous 24 hour period, and this quick turnaround and focus ensures that services can be provided to those affected in a more timely fashion by the agency or service which is best placed to deal with them. Whakatu Marae has recently joined the Hub, which is positive for our Māori community.

One of the focuses is not to double up on work being undertaken under the Tupono banner, but rather integrate it in a complementary way.

#### Top of the South Impact Forum (TOSIF)

By way of an update, I am a member of the Top of the South Impact Forum (formerly Talking Heads) which is a Governance Group consisting of the CEO’s of Government Agencies and Councils across Te Tau Ihu. The TOSIF meets quarterly. There are four work streams under the TOSIF umbrella:

- Methamphetamine and substances
- Housing
- Family Harm
- Youth

I am the sponsor for the family harm work-stream and between each meeting the sponsor leads a multi-agency work-group which focuses on their topic. Good progress is being made in each work-stream, with each work-stream lead reporting back to the quarterly Governance meeting.

#### Te Reo Māori

He Waka Kuaka, the cross-agency Te Reo classes run by Te Ataarangi has concluded for the year and have been a great success. About 20 of my staff completed the 10 week course, and I have tasked Inspector Dexter Traill with facilitating a monthly get-together of those staff to ensure the momentum is continued. In addition to this, some of my staff on the West Coast are part way through a 10 week course run through Te Tai Poutini Polytechnic – these courses will be continuing next year.

I will ensure open communication remains established and nurtured, and I therefore intend to keep you informed around up and coming initiatives and invite your commentary.

I would like to wish you and your whānau peace and joy over the coming festive season, and I look forward to meeting again in the New Year.

E tū ki te kei o te waka, kia pākia koe e nga ngaru o te wa .....

Naku noa



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