



TE RUNANGA O MOERAKI INC.
OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, CNR. TENBY & HAVERFORD STS.

NOTICE TO ALL MOERAKI WHANAU

**Tena koutou te whanau,
Haeremai ano i raro i te korowai o te rakimarie
Nau mai ,mauria mai ka taimahataka ote ao
Haere mai koutou ki to marae no Moeraki.**

On Saturday 31st March 2007 at Te Waipounamu House in Christchurch, your Upoko and Chairman of our Runaka, supported by whanau members, took the rather bold step of removing our Runaka from the TRONT table for an unspecified period.

The decision was made after much consultation with Moeraki whanau either in person or by telephone, following a day fraught with frustration after more than three years of watching representatives at the TRONT table fail to perform their respective duties in a proper and respectful manner.

Our action does in no way jeopardise our status as a member of TRONT, as membership remains forever.

Moeraki has stepped aside to reassess our position in relation to the ongoing leadership feud and accompanying unacceptable behaviour presently being witnessed at the TRONT table. We will inevitably return to the table when our whanau believe that it is safe for us to do so.

Those present during the two days of the TRONT meeting were subjected to having to remain outside of the Boardroom for part of Friday and all but 1 hour on Saturday.

The Kaiwhakahaere (Mark Solomon) at one time during the weekend forced the issue of whether the whanau, the majority of who were Kaumatua, should be invited to have afternoon tea.

Since our decision, Moeraki has been applauded for our stand against the deplorable manner in which our Kaumatua and Kaiwhakahaere have been continually treated by the tight nine at the TRONT table.

It is unfortunate but true that our present TRONT representative has consistently acted against the wishes, and on occasion, the instructions of our Runaka and is a determined member of the group described as the tight nine. The list of those representatives who supported and opposed Mark Solomon was published in the ChCh Press a number of weeks ago and Moeraki was seen to oppose Mark. As we all know, this is not the Moeraki Runaka position on this matter.

This brief explanation is to assist you all to better understand the significance of our withdrawal from TRONT and the hugely important step of removing our Rakatira, Tiramorehu from the wall of the boardroom to take him home for a rest away from the disgraceful conduct at the table, signified to all present that we were deadly serious about our intent.

Other Runaka are dealing with their respective representatives in different ways.

As a result of all of this recent activity, the Chairman has called a Special General Meeting of Moeraki Runaka scheduled for 10am on Sunday 29th April 2007 at Moeraki Marae.

The sole purpose of the meeting is:

- To tautoko the decision taken by the Upoko and Chairman on Saturday 31st March 2007.
- To determine the period that Moeraki will remain unrepresented at TRONT.
- To decide who should represent Moeraki once a decision has been reached as to when we will return to the TRONT table.

We therefore humbly ask that as many Moeraki whanau as possible, who may not be able to attend the April 29th hui, please sign the enclosed proxy form as your mandate in support of your Upoko and Chairman's actions.

Kia kaha koutou te whanau o Kati Hateatea no Moeraki
No reira e taku whanauka,ma te Atua koutou e tiaki,e manaaki i ka wa katoa.

na, David Higgins (Upoko)

Wayne Tipa (Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Tipa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.