Briefing Note: Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board Annual Report 2019

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Purpose of Report

This report provides you with information about the Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board's Annual Report for 2019 and relevant legislative requirements.

Summary

- The Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board (NWEETB) is a statutory board with Charitable Trust status. It was established in 1880 by the people of Ngāti Whakaue (Te Arawa) for the purpose of supporting the secondary education of Ngāti Whakaue uri (descendants).
- NWEETB administers a range of education grants to Ngāti Whakaue uri, including individual learners, kura, schools and organisations, from primary to tertiary education level.
- In accordance with Section 11 of the Reserves and Other Lands and Disposals Act 1995, NWEETB has provided you with the Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board Annual Report 2019. This includes financial statements and an audit report.¹
- In total, the NWEETB allocated $1,318,034 for education grants and projects in 2018.
- As Minister of Education, you have a legislative requirement to present a copy of the report, including financial statements and the audit report, to the House of Representatives no later than 10 working days after the receipt of the report.

¹ Note that the financial statements reflected in the 2019 annual report are in reference for the year ended 31 December 2018.
There are no issues arising in the report and it is recommended that your office work with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to arrange for the tabling of the report.

Proactive release

Agree that this Briefing will be proactively released.

Agree / Disagree

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24/07/2019

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Background

Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board – Function and Composition

1. The Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board (NWEETB) is a statutory board with Charitable Trust status. It was established in 1880 by the people of Ngāti Whakaue (Te Arawa) for the purpose of supporting the secondary education of Ngāti Whakaue uri (descendants).

2. In October 1995, the Reserves and other Lands and Disposals Act 1995 (the Act) vested all the assets of the former Rotorua High Schools Board in the NWEETB. To give Ngāti Whakaue control of the transferred assets for the general purposes of education, the composition of the NWEETB and purpose of the endowment were amended.

3. Six board members are appointed by the trustees of Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust (a prominent Ngāti Whakaue land trust) and reviewed every three years in accordance with the Act. A further five members are appointed by the Boards of Trustees of five local secondary schools in Rotorua.

4. The board members include: Malcolm Short (Chairman), Pita Anaru (Deputy Chair, resigned December 2018), Violet Pelham, Jane Savage, Beatrice Yates (deceased), Fred Whata, Aramoana Mohi, Monty Morrison, Alec Wilson, Bella Tail, Herby Ngawhika, Wynel Raureti-George and Colin Bennett.

5. The purpose of the NWEETB is to apply its net revenue for the general purpose of education. Revenue is generated from 94 perpetual ground leases in Rotorua.

Education Grants and Eligibility

6. NWEETB administers a range of education grants to Ngāti Whakaue uri, including individual learners, kura, schools and organisations, from primary to tertiary education level (refer to pages 15 and 16 of the Ngāti Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board 2019 Annual Report to view an index of the grants).

7. Many of the grants provided to kura and schools are focused on improving achievement in literacy and/or numeracy.

8. An education consultant employed by the NWEETB works with kura and schools to co-construct the education project. In turn, kura and schools must demonstrate how funds have been spent and the outcomes achieved from the project.

9. To be eligible for a grant, NWEETB will recognise only those individual applicants who are:
   - Ngāti Whakaue descendants of one of the original owners in the Pukeroa Oruwhata Block; or
   - A descendant of one or more of the six principal hapū of Ngāti Whakaue; or
   - A member of other related hapū/iwi of Ngāti Whakaue who reside in the Lake Rotorua Basin.

10. For group applications, NWEETB requires that organisations are recognised providers of education services and have a significant proportion of participants that fall within the above categories.
Requirements in accordance with the Reserve and Other Lands and Disposals Act 1995

11. In accordance with Section 11 of the Reserves and Other Lands and Disposals Act 1995, NWHEETB must provide the Minister of Education a report of its proceedings and operations for the previous financial year, a copy of its financial statements for that year, and a copy of the audit report.

12. As Minister of Education, you must present a copy of the report, the financial statements, and the audit report to the House of Representatives no later than 10 working days after receiving those documents.

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13. NWHEETB provided you with the annual report for 2019 within the legislative timeframe.

14. NWHEETB’s 2019 annual report states:
   - Revenue for the 2019 totalled $3,028,987
   - Expenses were $663,464
   - Net surplus before education grants were distributed was $2,363,523.

15. According to the report, the amount allocated for education grants and projects in 2018 equalled $1,318,034. This amount was divided into the following areas:
   - The total number of tertiary education grants allocated to individuals was 169. This equated to $321,576. There was also an additional $38,663 spent for tertiary education purposes.
   - NWHEETB and the Rotorua Electricity Charitable Trust (RECT) entered a joint venture to provide a total of 38 kura, schools and organisations funding for education projects worth $750,000. The NWHEETB contributed $500,000, with RECT contributing the remaining $250,000. The report states that over 1000 learners have been involved in these projects, the majority of whom are Ngāti Whakaue descendants.
   - Ngāti Whakaue Taumata, an entity focused on achieving the aspirations of Ngāti Whakaue iwi in the areas of education, te reo and wellbeing, received a total of $200,000.
   - $257,795 was also spent for educational purposes.

16. According to the report, education grants and projects have made a positive impact for Ngāti Whakaue descendants’ educational endeavours.

Next Steps

17. As previously mentioned, you must present a copy of the report, financial statements, and audit report to the House of Representatives no later than 10 working days following receipt of the report. We have no concerns about the report and it is recommended that your office coordinate this with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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2 Based on Ministry of Education iwi profiles 52 percent of school students affiliate to Ngāti Whakaue within the Ngāti Whakaue rohe.