



A CHAT WITH OUR CEO



Delegation for NAIDOC Week 2018 New Zealand 'Because of Her, We Can'.

I had the pleasure of being invited back to New Zealand to attend their NAIDOC Week 9-13 July 2018. I was one of three Aboriginal women invited and I am delighted to say it was a very rewarding week – Donna Odegaard, Sandra Creamer and myself.

During our three days in New Zealand we visited a number of NZ Government departments, businesses and not for profits.

Our first day in Wellington we were invited to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and welcomed with a Whakatau an informal traditional Māori welcoming ceremony.

(The theme of a whakatau is all about the bonds of family and welcoming family back home.)

From there we visited the Te Wharewaka Walking tour. Here we were welcomed with the Mihi Whakatau, introduced to the staff, tour guides, building connections, walking tours, background and connections of Nga Waka – waka (Māori) canoes plus the 'Story of Kupe – First Polynesian voyager to discover Aotearoa 'significance'. (Aotearoa is the Māori name for New Zealand).

We had lunch with an amazing lady '**Liz Mellish Chairperson Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust**' at the **Karaka Café**, which is owned and operated by the Trust along with the Te Wharewaka Walking Tour and other businesses operating within the Frank Kitts Lagoon.

After lunch we were invited to the '**Māori Women's Welfare League Inc.**' This organisation is a not for profit and the Māori Women's Welfare League (Te Ropu Wahine Māori Toko i te Ora) was established in September 1951 to give Māori women a forum to facilitate positive outcomes for Māori by empowering Māori women and whanau. Today the Māori Women's Welfare League continues to promote activities that improve the social, spiritual and economic wealth of Māori - particularly women and children.

The women of this League deal with women in domestic violence, foster parents, encouraging more Māori families to become foster parents; Māori women and children in the justice system and single mums and dad's families. We had dinner with the **Australian High Commissioner, Ewen McDonald** at his residence and talked about many subjects that effect the Māori and Aboriginal people across both countries. Not a lot is different, although the Māori people really embrace their language, culture, heritage and elders, whereas the Australian Aboriginal culture, language, heritage and respect for our elders is slowly deteriorating.

On to our second day after much needed sleep we were welcomed by the **Māori Women's Development Inc.** organisation whom assists and enables Māori women already in business or wanting to start a business through providing loans, networking opportunities and training programmes. They also encourage Māori women in to business and supports their development of ideas.

Australia has indigenous Business Australia (IBA) or the major banks, but nothing like this organisation that actually provides loans to women in business or wanting to start a business.

From this great encounter and wanting to hear more, we were shuffled off to the Australian High Commission to be apart of the Women in Leadership Panel Event hosted by the Australian High Commission.

Donna, Sandra and myself were only too happy to let the audience know the challenges we faced along the way, what we do now, what barriers we have faced, and where we are today, '**Because of her, We can**'. It was quite emotional for all three of us, as none of us had ever really told our story until this day. A healing process has begun.



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We were given an opportunity to be interviewed by the only Australian Journalist in New Zealand about NAIDOC week and our professional and person experiences along with recording a Podcast for the Australia High Commission. This podcast can be heard at www.buzzsport.com.

After departing Wellington, we flew to Auckland to attend the 'Huihuinga Wahine 2018 Māori Women's Leadership Summit.'

'The Huihuinga Wahine – Māori Women's Leadership Summit 2018' was opened by Ms Traci Houpapa Chairperson FOMA, who stated:

"Where women can influence change, we should and where difficult conversations need to be had we should stay at the table."

The Māori Women's Leadership Summit is convened annually by the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA). Huihuinga Wahine is a mainstay event on the Māori economic calendar.

Each year FOMA welcomes Māori women Chairs, Deputy Chairs, CE's, GMs, Directors, Trustees and Governors to a one-day summit to discuss economic and commercial matters of interest and importance to Māori women leaders.

The speakers were uplifting, inspiring and challenging. They were people who are unapologetically focused on achievement and success of all New Zealanders, with a special commitment to Māori economic development.

In its sixth year, the Huihuinga Wahine programme included:

- o Wahine Taking the Step Away from Government: Being Bold and Courageous;
- o Wahine in Business – Standing at the Helm of a Multi-Million Dollar Business;
- o The Huihuinga Wahine Powder Room – Wahine Doing Amazing Things;
- o Wahine on the Sports Field: The International Stage;
- o Pop up Speakers such as:

Kahurangi Dame Naida Glavish DNZM JP - Highly respected politician and Māori leader who has dedicated her life as an advocate for the people, Dame Naida (Ngati Whatua). She came to national attention in 1984 for greeting her callers with 'Kia ora' as a NZ Post telephone operator. Threatened with dismissal, the Prime Minister Robert Muldoon supported her stance, making Kia Ora NZ the national greeting. Since then Dame Naida has continued to shape the direction of Aotearoa.

Hon Georgina Beyer - is an artist, actor, New Zealand politician and former Labour Party Member of Parliament. She is the world's first openly transsexual mayor, as well as the world's first openly transsexual Member of Parliament. Georgina's contribution to government policy and strategy on diversity and inclusion was instrumental to current focus on people, culture, gender and ethnicity.

Rahiri Makuini Edwards - (Ngati Kahungunu i Te Wairoa, Taranaki, Ngaruahine) is year 13 at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngati Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa and finishing her first BA at Te Wananga o Raukawa. In 2016 she participated in the Amua Ao programme and learned design thinking in Silicon Valley. Rahiri Makuini and business partner Pahemata Robinson are part of a new wave of Māori entrepreneurs with their start up Project Rangatahi 'Poipoiā nga rangatira o apopo', a social enterprise that matches professional opportunities with Rangatahi to help them succeed in business and the community.

AND

Season-Mary Downs – is passionate about her local communities. She is an accomplished lawyer, a director of Tukau Law and co-founded Tukau Community Fund and Legacy Clothing with her best friend Chelsea Terei in 2017. Tukau aims to enhance rangatiratanga and empower the Moerewa and Kawakawa communities in the Far North. Season Mary and the Tukau team have joined forces with MyCup NZ in a campaign to end period poverty by converting all women and girls to menstrual cups.



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Our last day was meeting with Traci Houpapa and her colleagues who is the Co-Chair **Australian New Zealand Leadership Forum - Indigenous Business Sector Group** to discuss and approved the 'Terms of Agreement for ANZLF Trans-Tasman Indigenous Women's Business Network', which is a key strategic initiative, the ANZLF Indigenous Business Sector Group has created.

The objective is to acknowledge the significant work already underway on Indigenous economic development, that more work is required, and that we will achieve more by operating together in a cooperative and collaborative manner. For these reasons we need to focus on the following objectives:

1. Building a supportive environment for indigenous women to develop their professional capabilities, competencies and skills, as well as explore business and investment opportunities;
2. Encouraging and assisting indigenous women to assume roles on private and public boards;
3. Provide indigenous women with opportunities to build networks domestically and internationally; and
4. Increase the representation of indigenous women in leadership and executive management roles on private and public boards, organisations and entities.

I want to thank my Board of Directors who have supported me in this journey; Minister Nigel Scullion whom has believed in me, along with his staff from PMC Economic Policy Business and Economic Policy Branch, Community and Economic Development Division; Mr Ewen McDonald Australian High Commissioner; Ms Sophia Knight, Ms Lindsey Sanger and Ms Aimee Sanders Australian high Commission Wellington; Traci Houpapa Chairperson FOMA; Liz Mellish MNZM; Ngawini Keelan; all the wonderful Maori/NZ people I have meet and most importantly my partners in crime Donna Odegaard and Sandra Creamer.

Susan Murphy CEO WNAC



Getting to know WNAC employees

Wallace Pikia



I grew up in small Township called Turanganui a Kiwa on the East Coast of the North Island, New Zealand, population of about 35,000. There are 5 siblings in the whanau-family, I'm the second youngest, Pier is the oldest.

I worked at Derby Aboriginal Health Services when I first arrived in Derby 2016 before starting at Winun Ngari 3rd of April 2017. The best part about any job is helping participants to get a positive outcome.

In terms of hobbies, I'm useless at fishing so don't bother asking me haha. I chill to music every weekend, I'm pretty sure my next-door neighbour is sick of listening to the same playlist. I video call my whanau-family every weekend, they live in Melbourne.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ms Di Phillips-Zito being spoilt with a cake on her birthday by Ms Lousia Shovellor and Ms Marlowra Neliman. All 3 women work in WNAC's Corporate Service's team.





Farewell to Jason Ryder and Ian Riley

Ian Riley has been employed at RSAS for 2 ½ years and Jason Ryder returned to RSAS for 1 year, Jason commences employment at Derby District High School as an AIEO and Ian Riley commences employment at Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation as a Housing Officer.

We wish these men all the very best in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and commitment throughout their time working at Winun Ngari's Remote School Attendance Strategy Program.



Thanks Ian and Jason





GOOD NEWS STORIES!

Copy of email sent to Susan Murphy from Tony Mosley

"The MRWA Kimberley and DAC staff and Winun Ngari recently worked together on the Derby Depot/Office records archiving project.


The success of the Kimberley region's Derby Depot /Office records archiving project was due to the collaboration between business units and leadership support for the project which has been a major achievement in sorting, cleaning, repacking, TRIM Scanning and arranging the logistics of transporting up to 900 archive boxes of MR Kimberley to 700 approx. to DAC for scanning and 200 boxes to Broome for disposal process - some hardcopy records dating back to the 1960s - some of the attached photos tell just part of the story – which includes unpacking the odd dead snake and other discoveries.

There have been lessons learnt from this project that the Kimberley region and the DAC Information Management are happy to share with other regions who may wish to do a similar exercise in the future towards achieving the requirements of the MRWA Record Keeping Plan as part of the WA Records Keeping Act and the State Records Office (SRO) records keeping standards. The somewhat technical archiving requirements required the Kimberley region worked collaboratively with our DAC Information Management colleagues and we very much appreciate their valued assistance.

This was a project major effort that took significant planning by a number of staff and physical effort by many. Those in DAC Information Management being many staff but most of all included the assistance in planning and a lot of hands on in the Kimberley Derby Depot and back in the DAC basement being Maree Brennen and Sam Naguian, in our region a big thanks to Dave Hoath our Regional Assets and Depot Officer for a huge cleanup of the work area in the old stores shed and even fixing a pump in an industrial air cooler, and others who also had considerable effort being Chantelle Hampton, Amy Radzevicius, Candy De Boer, Michael Combe and Kim Burns who did the required risk assessment of the work site prior to work commencing. Winun Ngari provided a huge assistance in physical assistance to Maree and Sam with sorting, repacking and a lot of lifting so a big thanks to those Winun Ngari staff being Kevin, Ben and Syed. Of course, all this needed the leadership support for the project of our RM Gerry Zoetelief, CIO Carmlo Naso, Manager Information Management Shane Culbertson, and CEO Winun Ngari Susan Murphy.

Thanks to all and we in the Kimberley look forward to the next phase of the Kimberley continuing to achieve its recording keeping and archiving requirements with Maree Brennen and Tammie Meldrum already working on the plan for the records located at the Kununurra Depot."

By Tony Mosley
Business Manager
Kimberley Region
Central and Northern Region



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The Derby Depot/Office records archiving project.



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To Susan Murphy
CEO
Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation

Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre would like to thank you supporting the two back to country trips which were held at Walada (Mount Hart) and Moonaroo (Mitchell Plateau) both trips were hugely successful with unexpected amount of participation from people from those areas.

The Walada trip was attended by 48 people and at Moonaroo 48 people attended it was anticipated that only twenty people would attend each trip.

At both locations we were able to record a wealth of cultural material which comprised of recording 3 traditional performances that were relevant to each area and language group on there traditional lands.

We would especially like to thank Winun Ngari for having Rona Charles available who contributed enormously to the success of both trips with her cultural knowledge and assisted with the facillitation of the traditional performances.

Yours Thankfully

Peter Croll
Cultural projects officer
Mowanjum Art and Culture centre

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WNAC's Speedway Car By Rocco Zito

Many of our guys have been involved over the last 12 months assisting Jason Gault one of our CDP participants in the re shelling and setting up the roll cage into a Commodore.

Unfortunately for us – but great for Jason - he secured full time employment with Buckleys earthmoving.

The project came to a halt for a few months until Luke Neeson my son in law arrived in town.

Luke has given up many hours of his time to get this car on the track -The Men's Shed boys have been assisting Luke with various aspects of the rebuild. Kevin Ross kindly gave up his time to spray paint the car a couple of weeks ago using paint that was donated to us from Dave Millar from Mitre 10.

We are hoping that we can have a couple of our CDP ladies and guys will be game enough to get behind the wheel.

This car will be eventually covered in Cancer awareness stickers – hopefully it will be on the track long enough to get the message out there.

Check out the before and after photos of the car WNAC entered for its first race on Saturday 4th August 2018.

