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Sir Paul Reeves to deliver Easter services at St. James on King St in Sydney 2010

Sir Paul Reeves will be in Sydney to celebrate Easter this year with Sydneysiders. As part of the Easter festivities Sir Paul will be busy delivering a services at St James Cathedral on King St in the Sydney CBD. It will be a great honour to have him here and we at MBN certainly hope that everyone takes up the opportunity to hear him speak.

Sir Paul Reeves is the second son of D'Arcy Lionel and Hilda Mary Reeves. Sir Paul was educated at Wellington College, Victoria University of Wellington (MA), St John's Theological College, Auckland (L.Th.) and St Peter's College, Oxford (MA, Hon. Fellow).

Sir Paul became a deacon in the Anglican Church of New Zealand in 1958 and a priest in 1960. He was curate at Tokoroa 1958-59, curate at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, England 1959-61, curate at Kirkley St Peter, Lowestoft, Suffolk 1961-63, vicar of St Paul, Okato 1964-66, lecturer in church history, St John's Theological College, Auckland 1966-69, director of Christian education, Diocese of Auckland 1969-71, and Bishop of Waiapu 1971-79. Sir Paul became Bishop of Auckland in June 1979 and Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand in May 1980.

He was chairman of the Environmental Council 1974-76 and

president of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand 1984-85. He was knighted in 1985.

In 1959, Sir Paul married Beverly Gwendolen Watkins and the couple have three daughters.

Governor-General of New Zealand 1985 – 1990, Sir Paul is the first churchman and first man of Maori descent appointed Governor-General. He belongs to the Puketapu Hapu of the Te Atiawa of Taranaki.

Following the completion of his term as Governor-General, Sir Paul took up a number of national and international positions, including that of Anglican Observer at the United Nations in New York, a position that he held for three years, Adjunct Professor – Awanuiarangi, Chancellor of Auckland University of Technology, Inaugural Chair of Toi te Taiao (Bioethics Council), Convenor 2005 Hui Taumata, Leader of the Commonwealth Observer Group for Ghanian-South African General Elections, and Chairperson of the Fiji Constitution Review.

Unlocking tribal land for housing

*Phil Heatley
3 February, 2010*

This news will certainly bring some hope to those families that have long toyed with the idea of living close to their marae. Hopefully it will bring many kaumatua/kuia back to the pa where they are needed to educate and enliven future generations.

Housing Minister Phil Heatley has announced that from today Maori who want to build on their ancestral land will have an opportunity through an innovative partnership between Housing New Zealand Corporation and Kiwibank.

Housing New Zealand chief executive Dr Lesley McTurk and Kiwibank chairman the Rt Hon Jim Bolger signed an agreement at the Beehive this morning to offer a new home ownership product called Kāinga Whenua.

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THE TAKI TOA SHIELD RETURNS TO WAVERLEY RUGBY CLUB.

The Taki Toa is an abbreviation of 'Te Roopu Toa O Te Takitini Iwi Maori', translated it means 'The Brave Group of the Many Maori People'. This year's tournament sees a return of the shield to Waverley Rugby who hold the record for winning the day long tournament.

Taki Toa

Cultural Festival

Saturday March 13th

Waverley Oval
Birrell St & Park Pde, Bondi
8am to 5pm

A Maori Sporting and Cultural Event

Experience a day of exciting rugby,
thrilling netball & Cultural Activities



takitoa.waverleyrugby.com.au

Mr Heatley said with the Crown stepping in as guarantor for qualifying home loans the problem of Maori not being able to provide multiple-owned (papakainga) land as collateral to the bank had been overcome.

"It is difficult for Maori to own a home on multiple-owned Maori land," Mr Heatley said.

"The special nature of Maori land means it cannot be sold, which means banks are unable to meet their standard requirements for mortgage security.

"National campaigned on exploring ways to give banks more confidence to back papakainga housing.

"I want to thank the Maori Party for their support in the development and launch of this important initiative."

Today's partnership provides a home ownership opportunity for Maori to build, purchase or relocate a house on multiple-owned Maori land.

Kiwibank is the sole lender for the product and will approve and provide home loans, which will be insured by Housing New Zealand.

With a Kāinga Whenua loan, Kiwibank can lend 100 per cent of house building costs or the purchase price of the house, up to \$200,000, as long as the borrower has a right to occupy the land, a valuation from a registered valuer and a

satisfactory building contract. No deposit is required for a loan below \$200,000.

Kāinga Whenua is available to first home buyers, or people who have previously owned a home and are in a similar financial position as a first home buyer.

The borrower must earn less than \$85,000 or three or more borrowers can earn less than \$120,000. This multi-borrower option, which allows three or more borrowers in a single household to apply for the loan, makes a loan more feasible for multi-generational households.

Mr Heatley said demand for the product was likely to be modest, but noted that for many years Maori had been frustrated by their inability to get bank funding for papakainga development, and that Housing New Zealand was dealing with a number of Maori groups interested in helping their people to build on ancestral land.

Kāinga Whenua: combines the concepts of home/homestead (kāinga) and attachment to the land (whenua)

Q&A

Why is Housing New Zealand working with Kiwibank?

Building on multiple owned Maori land can be a long and complicated process. A partnership with Kiwibank enables Housing New Zealand

and Kiwibank to test/pilot the processes to ensure they are meeting the customer's needs. The product may be extended to other lenders in the future.

Housing New Zealand is also partnering with a number of iwi around New Zealand to do larger developments on papakainga land. Kāinga Whenua will make home ownership possible on that land.

How do people apply?

Information will be on Housing New Zealand's website - www.hnzc.co.nz. The first step for prospective borrowers will be to contact Kiwibank to see if they qualify and if so how much they can borrow.

What can I build/relocate with a Kāinga Whenua loan?

Under a Kāinga Whenua loan, the house needs to be:

- built on wooden piles
- one storey of at least 70 sq m
- located on mainland North or South islands
- have reasonable road access

What are the eligibility criteria for a Kāinga Whenua loan?

To be eligible for a Kāinga Whenua loan a borrower needs to meet all of the following requirements:

- Earn up to \$85,000 a year as a one or two income household. For three or more joint borrowers, the household can earn up to \$120,000
- Meet Kiwibank and Kāinga Whenua lending criteria
- Provide satisfactory proof of income to Kiwibank
- Live (or intend to live) fulltime in the house
- Be a first home buyer, or if you are not, be in a similar financial position as a typical first home buyer in terms of assets and income
- Have a licence to occupy the land you wish to build on
- The land needs to be Maori land that can't be mortgaged, and either owned by four or more beneficial owners or have the land ownership vested in trustees of a trust or incorporation, created under the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993
- Have a good credit history that is acceptable to Kiwibank

Are there any exceptions to the criteria?

There may be. For instance, properties could be built with concrete floors where alternative security is offered or the lending cap of \$200,000 could be increased in special circumstances to allow for larger families.

People should call Housing New Zealand if they want to discuss this further.

How long will it take to get a Kāinga Whenua loan?

While getting a loan is usually a simple process, there are complexities involved in securing a licence to occupy multiple-owned Maori land, which can make the process longer.

There will be support along the way from Housing New Zealand and the Maori Land Court.

The Taki Toa Challenge Shield

There are two Maori Rugby sporting competitions in Australia that are renowned for their traditional rituals,

pure passion for competition and for the showcasing of Maori tradition: the Harry Bartlett Memorial and the Taki Toa Challenge Shield. Taki Toa is an abbreviation of 'Te Roopu Toa O Te Takitini Iwi Maori', translated it means 'The Brave Group of the Many Maori People'.

The Taki Toa Tournament is an annual, invitation only, rugby competition which first started in 1983, with this year being its 26th year.

It was Manu Sutherland, a former Waverley Rugby Club Player, who helped create the format and ensure that the competition got off the ground. It was Manu's Father (Henare) who carved the distinctive and very impressive shield, which stands over a meter high and requires two people to move it!! Teams not only play for rights as the best Maori team in the area but also to keep the strong Maori tradition alive and well.

This year the competition is being held at the Waverley Rugby Club who have held the shield many times over the history of the competition.

The contact for stalls is Sharron Dick on 0411 826 279 or email at Sharron.dick@perpetual.com.au

2010 Taki Toa Rugby and Netball Tournament
8am – 5pm Saturday 13th March 2010
Waverley Rugby Grounds, Bondi

Maori Healer to conduct workshop in Sydney

Are you looking to make a shift in your life and body? Are ready to let go of what has been holding you back?

We invite you to meet the Maori healers from New Zealand who will be in Sydney to offer a Limited number of bodywork sessions that have been described as *Empowering, Soulful* and *Life-Changing* from previous clients.

In these stressful times, we often neglect our bodies causing unprocessed emotions, toxins and tension to lock into our body systems. Even worse we can go out of structural alignment affecting the body's ability to heal and repair. Often when this happens, we push through the day carrying mental, emotional and physical pain with us, rarely seeking the help we need and desire.

The Maori Healers bodywork is deep and they work with you to clear out

old energies that no longer serve you. They practice a powerful ancient healing art passed down from generation to generation in New Zealand.

For this short trip there are three highly experienced healers working together alongside each other. They are ready to help you release and align your body so it can return to its natural state of joy, peace and grace.

Sessions and times typically book quickly so please call well in advance.

VENUE AND BOOKING INFORMATION:

When:

17 March - Wed 10.00 am 5.30 pm
18 March - Thurs 12.00 pm 7.30 pm
19 March - Fri 10.00 am 5.30 pm
22 March - Mon 12.00 am 7.30 pm
23 March Tues 10.00 am 5.30 pm
24 March Wed 12.00 am 7.30 pm

Where: Church of Te Wairua Tapu (Maori Anglican Church)

587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern (Sydney) NSW

Near the Central Train Station just south of Cleveland on Elizabeth Street.

Cost: \$80.00 for one hour session

To book one of these limited sessions, please call Angela at 0425 295 833 or email at angela_gaare@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in learning Takahia te Tinana there is a two day workshop Saturday and Sunday March 20 and 21. Contact Angela as above.

Ngaitu Host Fundraiser Dinner for end of year hui

The hapu o Ngaitu in the far north regions of the Hokianga hosted a Polynesian Dinner to help raise funds for a end of year hui in Otatau. The hui will be a coming together of peoples from all over the region to discover the reasons why their ancestors settled in the area and to find family ties.

It's also a pathway back for youth who were born outside of the region or who have never had the opportunity to visit the area due to parents moving away.

This is a great time to be connecting back with our roots, to the very heart of our being.



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KiwiTV promotions more about letting people know about the service.

KiwiTV is set to promote the service by promoting the products and services of other Kiwi owned and operated businesses. Early in March the KiwiTV promotion wagon rolls out into a full calendar year of promotions beginning with one just to let people know that we are here.

Apart from being seen around the country covering sporting and music events, KiwiTV has not really had any exposure. This first promotion is really just the tip of the iceberg with

Businesses will soon be able to promote their products with a unique 'do-it-yourself' advertising portal that will allow the advertiser to choose exactly how often they want their product or service to be displayed. The genius of this idea is that our audience is very targeted towards Kiwi viewers.



Maori Business Network builds new website

We've been working on our new website for some time now and the developers have given us a quick preview of the functions and layout of it.

Over the past year we have asked members what aspects work for them and how we can improve the overall functionality for them and their organisation. Three very clear messages were delivered to us, and we are now in the process of building these tools so that our members can benefit. Thank you all those members who provided feedback!

The first is to have a comprehensive calendar of events. This will allow organisations to plan and advertise their events a calendar year ahead. There are widgets that will go some way to providing what we require but to be a central point of reference for everyone our developer has made this calendar a little special.

The second is to have an internal forum that allows organisations to share, ask and interact in a way that directly targets their audience. A simple log in to a forum goes a little of the way to providing this. Having direct access to powerful business templates that have proven results is what our new platform will provide.

Advertising and promotion of products and services is a must for all business and organizations. On our homepage we will be able to do just that. Throughout the year every member will have the opportunity to showcase a product or service on our site but also have it displayed in our purpose designed window.

Our development team expect the new site to be operational sometime at the end of March.



KORERO MAI

Let us know what is happening in your neck of the woods or, simply submit a written contribution. Photos are also welcome in support of our written submission.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

- 13 Taki Toa Tournament
- 17 Maori Healer in Sydney
- 28 1.00 pm Monthly Council Meeting
- TBA Sir Paul Reeves in Sydney

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