# **Tuhoe embrace Austin Powers**

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TUHOE will honour its stars tomorrow night and pay homage to those who have passed on.

The tribe will hold a celebration at its headquarters in Taneatua to formally close three boards that helped propel Tuhoe into its post-Treaty of Waitangi settlement era.

Tuhoe-Waikaremoana Maori Trust Board, Tuhoe Fisheries Charitable Trust and Te Kotahi a Tuhoe Trust were made obsolete when the tribe settled its Treaty grievances earlier this year. Many of the organisations' responsibilities were transferred to the new entity, Te Uru Taumatua.

Te Uru Taumatua chairman Tamati Kruger, said the tribe wanted to recognise the work of those who helped reach this point.

Te Uru Taumatua is responsible for administering a net worth of \$250 million and a \$7 million surplus from the 2013-14 financial year for the benefit of 35,000 people identifying as Tuhoe.

Mr Kruger said none of this would have been possible without the work of those who served the three boards during the past 50 years.

"The return of Te Urewera to Tuhoe governance, the matching of what would have been the most the Crown would pay out for Treaty settlements, Tuhoe and the Crown agreeing that Tuhoe govern Te Urewera ... and then the skilled management plans to move the iwi deliberately toward self-determina-

"It has never ever changed; what Tuhoe negotiated with the Crown was the same thing we were negotiating in the 1890s.

"This time we have succeeded in keeping the Crown to its promise, a promise first uttered in 1896."

Mr Kruger said self-determination



Tamati Kruger Te Uru Taumatua chairman

goal and the three boards helped achieve that aspiration.

Tuhoe-Waikaremoana Trust Board was established in the 1950s under the Maori Trust Board Act 1955 to receive compensation from the Crown, preserve Tuhoe lands and manage assets for its beneficiaries, the tribe. Tuhoe Fisheries Charitable Trust was formed to receive, hold, manage and administer the tribe's fisheries trust fund.

And Te Kotahi a Tuhoe Trust achieved the mandate to negotiate the Tuhoe settlement.

Mr Kruger said some members and self-governance was always the of those boards had passed on but fun, we are looking forward to it."

they would be represented by their families. He was expecting about 80 people to attend the event.

"I think there is a need to recognise service and effort that people put in for the betterment of others; I think it is very important that that be recognised in some way. It is no different to how the councils or other organisations celebrate their citizens' service to their community."

Mr Kruger said the evening would be a fun celebration including a range of presentations and a "hearty dinner" provided by the staff of the MouMou Kai café, situated on site.

He said the evening's theme was Austin Powers and attendees were encouraged to dress up.

"The over-70s might not know who Austin Powers is, but they have been told to go and find [out about him] and see how to dress up. We are hoping everybody will have

# Another monthly migration record

NEW Zealand had a seasonally adjusted net gain (more arrivals than departures) of 5200 migrants in October 2014.

This surpasses the previous highs of August 2014 (4800), September 2014 and February 2003 (each 4700).

Monthly net gains increased over the past year, mainly due to more arrivals of non-New Zealand citizens.

In the October 2014 year, New Zealand recorded its highest net gain of 47,700 migrants.

Migrant arrivals (107,200) reached a new high in the October 2014 year. The annual increase was led by more student arrivals, particularly from India, and more New Zealand citizens arriving from Australia.



two suspected victims of covert inappropriate filming that took place in The Warehouse last month.

Whakatane police Senior Sergeant Yvonne Parker said the woman pictured in this security footage wearing a pink dress visited the store at 11.15am on November 29 with a friend in a blue

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