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Red sox and medal for young leader

THREE Eastern Bay students have been recognised with Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Awards for showing leadership in their respective schools.

Yesterday, during Sir Peter Blake Trust Leadership Week, Matthew Hynds, from Allandale School, was presented with a medal, a certificate and a pair of lucky red sox by Whakatane Westpac manager Darrin Hannah.

YOUNG LEADER: Allandale School's Matthew Hynds was presented with a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award by Whakatane Westpac manager Darrin Hannah at an assembly yesterday.

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Next term, Mr Hannah will present the same award to one student from Otakiri School and another from Te Kura o Te Paroa.

Sir Peter believed in the potential of young Kiwis to achieve great things and this year was a particularly special year to receive an award, given that it was the trust's 10th anniversary, chief executive Shelley Campbell said.

"Over the last 10 years the trust has encouraged young New Zealanders to demonstrate positive leadership in their schools and communities, and to work hard to make their goals and dreams happen.

"The young leader award celebrates those young people who have displayed leadership traits such as teamwork, drive and commitment, which are qualities that

Sir Peter Blake was known for too," she said.

According to his fellow leaders at Allandale School, Matthew does a lot of jobs around the school, is always 100 per cent committed, is respectful and responsible and "walks the talk".

"He isn't one of those leaders that puts anyone down," they said.

Principal Rex Wilson said the school was very proud of Matthew and what he had done at Allandale.

"We have wonderful leaders at Allandale School and you (Matthew) are standing out as an exceptionally good one."

Mr Hannah said he hoped receiving a young leader award would help Matthew develop his self-confidence even further and inspire him to keep on achieving.

Ngati Manawa comfortable with outcome

THE chairman of an iwi trust, a winner in the Central North Island mana whenua process completed last week, says his iwi is comfortable with the outcome.

The adjudication process, begun in December 2013, credited Ngati Manawa with a "substantive interest" in seven of the nine Crown Forest Licence areas where mana whenua (territorial rights) was adjudicated.

Te Runanga O Ngati Manawa Trust chairman Peter White said his iwi was "comfortable" with the outcome.

The adjudication had pro-

vided an "audit tool" for the CNI Iwi Holdings board to use to calculate ownership percentages for each block.

For the nine blocks, the adjudication panel declared a three-step hierarchy of mana whenua interest.

Iwi gained "substantive" interest through a clear exercise of mana whenua in a clearly demarcated area.

The next level was defined as "medial" interest, achieved through mana whenua in a smaller area that might overlap with others.

The lowest measure – "limited" interest – was defined as a clear and recognisable

exercise of mana whenua but limited in extent and reach.

The adjudicators linked weightings to each level of interest. Substantive interest is worth a four; medial, two; and limited, one.

In April 2013 Ngati Manawa threatened court action over the mana whenua process and yesterday Mr White said this had been prompted by a belief things were taking too long.

"But we still have a long way to go. All we have done is establish a footprint; we still have to decide the percentages."

Prosperous outcome from mana whenua process

Geoff Mercer
Editor

THE eight iwi comprising the Central North Island Iwi Collective have completed a mana whenua (territorial rights) process to establish a land ownership agreement that will take effect in 2044.

"The journey to this moment has been long and not without loss, so while the CNI Iwi Collective looks forward to a prosperous future, we must acknowledge those who are no longer with us yet were instrumental in helping to achieve our aspirations," CNI Iwi Holdings chairman Matt Te Pou said.

Mr Te Pou said the process of working together over the past six years since the settlement, worth more than \$400 million, had made the collective stronger and more unified.



Matt Te Pou,
CNI Iwi Holdings
chairman

The mana whenua process was unique in its own right, he said.

"Nothing like this had been done before. It was a ground-breaking settlement in 2008, with unique structures and ambitious plans put in place. Our framework has allowed us to create a robust foundation on which to grow."

He said the mana whenua process used to determine which iwi belonged to which areas of land was unprecedented.

Of the 23 Crown Forest Licence blocks vested in the company, the

mana whenua of four had already been agreed between the iwi.

Further negotiation to recognise mana whenua was required for 10 blocks and the adjudication process had resolved the issue for nine – the Kaingaroa Forest and half the 176,000 hectares of settlement lands.

Moana Jackson, Wayne Ngata and Tahu Potiki performed the adjudication from December 2013 to June 2014.

"The iwi have all had immense respect for the panel," Mr Te Pou said.

"All iwi members know that the process has been fair. All iwi have had the opportunity to put their korero on the table and be heard, and now the adjudicators have made their decision."

The final allocation agreement for the Central North Island forests land is effective from July 1,

2044. Meanwhile the company will continue to manage the land and receive and distribute income it to the eight iwi according to their agreed proportions, defined in the CNI settlement legislation, until 1 July 2044.

"Since 2008, when the settlement was agreed to, we have all faced challenges – not only the company directors but also our iwi members. Those challenges have not beaten us, and we have all become stronger and more determined to safeguard these taonga. Ultimately, it's been about understanding how effective collaboration can lead to successful partnerships."

"Having witnessed this process, I'm inspired by what our iwi can achieve when they are committed to working together," Mr Te Pou said.

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