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Te Poari Putea Maori

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ACTS ADMINISTERED

The Maori Purposes Fund Board was constituted by the Maori Purposes Act 1934-34.

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board's functions are defined in section 4 of the

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- a) the promotion of Maori health, education, social
- b) the encouragement and teaching of the Maori art
- c) research and publications;
- d) the preservation of the Maori language; and
- e) the financial assistance of societies or institutions formed to carry out any of the four above-mentioned objectives.

Practically the Board currently has two main tasks, to protect and manage a substantial and very significant collection of original documents that were collected by Sir Apirana Ngata, currently held in the Turnbull Library, and to disburse income it receives from a fund it controls as grants. The grants the Board makes are usually for the publication of books using Te Reo Maori.

Also the Board is the only authoritative supplier of "The Coming of the Maori" by Sir Peter Buck.

STRUCTURE

The Board is an amalgamation of three former Boards namely:

- a) The Maori Ethnological Research Board 1923
- b) The Maori Purposes Fund Control Board 1924; and
- c) The Maori Arts and Crafts Council Board 1931.

The capital funds of the three Boards were amalgamated and their capital resources combined into the one account.

Board Membership

Section 7 of the Maori Purposes Fund Act 1934-5 provides that the Board shall consist of:

- a) the Minister of Maori Affairs (who shall be the Chairperson);
- b) the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Maori Development or his nominee;
- c) the members of Parliament for the Maori electoral districts;

d) one New Zealand Maori Council nominee appointed by the Governor-General; and

e) not more than six other persons appointed by the Governor-General in Council.

Currently there are no members appointed by the Governor General pursuant to section 7(e).

RECORDS

Various records are held by Te Puni Kokiri relating to *inter alia* the Board's Administration, funding, Board meetings, application to access the Board's manuscript collection.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

The Boards policies and procedures are prescribed by resolution at its annual general meetings.

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