

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Tamaki Maori Village

Mike and Doug Tamaki and Richard Silver, Chief Financial Officer of Tamaki Tours, addressed the Board, introduced themselves and outlined their proposals for the Tamaki Maori Village proposed development in Heathcote.

They gave the Board information about their Rotorua village at Tumuni. It has received a number of awards for the cultural experience it offers including the Supreme Tourism Award in 1999.

Their company has been prompted as a role model for successful Maori business.

They outlined what they envisage the village will consist of. There will be a market place, wharenui, where a concert performance will be held, "The Experience" – a spiritual and educational journey, a pa and kainga and the opportunity to enjoy a hangi.

Board members questioned the Tamaki brothers about how visitors will access the site of the operation and what part of the village will be able to be viewed from the road. Board members were advised that the buildings will be low impact, and blend in with the environment.

The Tamaki brothers said they are forming a relationship with Ngai Tahu and Nga hau e wha. They intend to work in partnership with the Sir George Seymour College for training for employment. The village will create employment for approximately 120 people.

This clause also relates to clause 3.