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Many, many people are greatly concerned about the loss of 1.1 hectares of Otito Reserve at Matapouri to private ownership. This area of beach front land contains significant wahitapu that should have been protected forever as a condition of sale to the Crown in 1969.

Using the value of neighbouring land as a guide, the 'lost' land is worth about \$11million. The facts of the loss of land have been put to the Department of Conservation (DoC) and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) repeatedly. We have asked for meetings to negotiate an acceptable outcome. We have pushed for DoC and LINZ to retrieve the land by supplying them with research and new surveys supporting our claim.

Now, after 10 months of trying to be heard Te Whanau O Rangiwhakaahu Hapu Charitable Trust (TWORHT) and Friends of Matapouri (FoM) have been left with no choice but to take the matter to Court.

We now need to raise funds for court action and a dedicated team of individuals are working hard at organising this effort. We will be sending around details of fundraising activities as they develop.

Our first big fundraising effort is the sale of the painting (on the right) by Matapouri artist Jovian Parry who created this wonderful work when he heard about the loss of the land at Otito Reserve. Those who know and love Matapouri beach will recognise the view looking south to Mangataniwha with Wahitapu Creek in the foreground.

Jovian will donate all the proceeds from the sale to our fighting fund. If you are interested in purchasing this important artwork visit our website or use the contact details under the painting.

Many thanks to Jovian for his incredible generosity.

Your donation will help restore Otito Reserve boundary to the correct survey, to protect the wahitapu and give all New Zealanders the right to enjoy our Crown reserve.

Donations go directly to our legal fund.

Bank account: ASB Whangarei, Friends of Matapouri Inc 12-3099-0880004-00

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*Jovian Parry's painting, "Golden Skies, Matapouri" was painted specifically with a view to raise funds for the Friends of Matapouri campaign to restore Otito Reserve boundary.*

*This painting is currently being marketed by: Parua Bay Gallery 143 Te Rongo Road Parua Bay Ph/Fax 09 436 5985 or [paruabaygallery@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paruabaygallery@xtra.co.nz)*

*or Julia and Chris Parry, 12 Waetford Road Matapouri Bay. Ph 09 4344107 or email [chris@caldersw.co.nz](mailto:chris@caldersw.co.nz)*

### AN IMPORTANT EVENT

On **Saturday August 16 at 3pm** a special ceremony to mark the start of the next phase of our campaign will be held at the southern end of Otito Reserve near the Morrison Road carpark.

Te Whanau O Rangiwhakaahu Hapu Charitable Trust with the support of Friends of Matapouri will be marking out the approximate boundary of the southern end of Otito Reserve as defined in the 1877 survey.

Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

The members of the FoM executive that includes representation of TWORHT, would like to extend thanks to all those who have given generously of their time and donated funds to help us get back our Reserve. We are determined to have this wrong righted and to make sure the wahitapu is respected and preserved for all New Zealanders now and for the generations to come.

*Leonie Molloy, Chair Friends of Matapouri. Aug 2008*