

TE KUKUPA

TE KUKUPA - TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA – AUGUST 2002

Tena koutou katoa,
He mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa.
This monthly panui is about the happenings & developments of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa.
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Read and enjoy - *Jaqi Brown, Editor*

Tena koutou whanau whanui o Te Rarawa. This month's Te Kukupa once again is a feast for your eyes, and food for your soul. We welcome panui, articles, and photos about Te Rarawa people. Thanks to this month's contributors for getting their panui in on time. The closing date for September's edition is August 27th.

Hari huri tau ki a Clara Tamaho (nee Matiu) no Pawarenga. Clara is 90 this month and was originally from Waihou. Birthday celebrations are planned at Taiao Marae later this month.

Jaqi Brown, Te Rarawatanga Unit

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Rates Rebates

Application forms for rates rebates are available from the Department of Internal Affairs (see govt blue pages in phone book for your local office) or you can talk to your local Council Office, mainly for low income whanau. Also, FNDC have got an amnesty scheme for whanau who have undeveloped Maori land that they are or are not paying rates on. To get more info phone 0800 920 029 or 4081400 (locals). Who knows you might just save yourselves a few \$\$.

Stop the press! Rangatahi Awards

Nominations and Te Rarawa Scholarships open Monday 19th August, for forms ph 09 4081971

Criteria will be on the website soon.

Dates to Diary...

Orongonui Healing Hui 17-18 August
Roma Marae, Ahipara 9.30am Powhiri
Runanga Hui-a-Marama, 21 August
Matihetihe marae, Mitimiti 9am Powhiri
Tamaki Makaurau Treaty Claims Hui
Sunday 15th September, Te Unga Waka,
Epsom, Auckland 1pm Powhiri
Ahipara Landfill Public meeting
13 August 7.30pm, Rugby Clubrooms
Ahipara School Community Hui
19th August, Roma Marae, 7pm powhiri
Broadwood Community Meeting
Sunday 11th August 2002, 12 pm start at
the A&P Hall

This month's feature article is about Te Oranga Whanau Hapu Services Unit

Te Oranga is the largest unit (in terms of staffing) within Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, employing on average 35 fulltime staff and 60-80 part time staff.



Owen Lewis is the manager of this Unit and his leadership has seen some significant advances in the way we support our whanau. "Everything we do needs to be whanau driven. The support we offer needs to be led by the whanau who are receiving the support, in doing this they take ownership and responsibility for their achievements". He adds, "This is different from traditional service providers who tend to lead the service and tell whanau what they need. We don't see ourselves as a service provider, but do view ourselves as people who can support whanau at any time".

Kevin Robinson - Runanga Executive Officer is very pleased with the way the new Unit is developing, he comments. "The amalgamation of several portfolios into the one Unit focussing on the holistic needs of whanau and hapu has been a significant achievement. We had to take a hard look at all the services we were offering and the services our whanau were looking for and aim for a healthy balance, utilising the best available resources".

Te Oranga is based in Kaitia at 16 Mathews Avenue, opposite the RSA memorial park. The office is open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday, phone 09 4080141. Whilst Te Oranga support is provided through Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, staff and volunteers work with whanau from across Te Hiku o Te Ika, Whaingaroa and the Hokianga.

Currently, Te Oranga is working with multiple government agencies providing support services under contract.

The next column briefly gives an overview of the support available.

- Te Kaitautoko I te Tino Rangatiratanga o te Whanau me nga whakatupuranga; Te Oranga Whanau Hapu Support
- Community Liaison - whanau support: Providing advocacy and social services support to tamariki, taitamariki and whanau
- Parents as first teachers; Offering regular information and support to whanau in their role as their child's first teachers, starting from newborn to 3 years
- Family Start; Providing intensive ongoing support to parents and their new born child for the first 5 years of the child's life
- Mana Wahine: leadership support
- Home Support: care of the elderly Provision of caregivers into homes of our kaumatua and kuia
- Kotahi Tatou: A community Action Project aimed at reducing cannabis use amongst young people and the community
- Tuturu Tangata: A Maori perspective health education programme in schools
- Counselling: 3 counsellors are available
- Tu Maia - Support workers in schools: Addressing student achievement in schools through community support
- Kia Piki Te Ora: suicide prevention, Youth suicide prevention programme taking a community development/ action approach
- Puawaitanga - Drug/alcohol treatment A youth alcohol and drug

treatment programme, includes counselling

- He Ara Tika - Youth mentoring; Supporting and building self esteem of our young people towards succeeding in school or higher education
- Training & development : Training aimed at enhancing your employment opportunities

TREATY CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS HUI

In July, our whanau in Te Rarawa participated in the first round of Treaty Claims Negotiations hui with our elected negotiations representatives Joe Cooper, Paul White and Haami Piripi. The hui were very interesting & full of questions and korero about the processes, timeframes, post settlement planning etc... The next hui will be held in Tamaki Makaurau on Sunday, September 15th and is the only Auckland hui planned this year, so please encourage as many of our Te Rarawa whanau to attend. If you did not receive the 8 page buff coloured info pack last month, let Lee know at the Te Rarawatanga Unit. Other hui are being planned for Whangarei, Wellington & Christchurch. Watch this space.

KEI HEA TE RARAWA? Where are our Te Rarawa whanau living?

In 2001, NZers participated in the 5 yearly Census. From the responses we are now receiving some detailed information about ourselves and our Iwi, where our whanau are located, how many of us acknowledged Te Rarawa as our principal Iwi, how many Maori still speak Te Reo, average ages of Te Rarawa people etc...

In 1996 just over 8000 people acknowledged Te Rarawa as their principal Iwi, in 2001 this figure rose to 11,532, a jump of 42%. Either our whanau made a huge number of babies, or more people are now looking at their whakapapa and seeing what Iwi they are closely connected to. Once upon a time, many of you will recall, if you came from North of Wellsford you were Ngapuhi or "Ngabush".

According to the 2001 census figures: 3708 Te Rarawa live in Te Tai Tokerau; 5334 in Tamaki Makaurau and 621 in Waikato. 633 (combined) live in the BoP, Gisborne, Hawkes Bay region; with 747 (combined)

living in the Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui and Wellington region. The whole of the South Island has 897 Te Rarawa living on that motu. We reckon that these figures are not a true reflection of the size and strength of our Iwi and we are actively seeking to prove them wrong.

Our Iwi register is growing daily, with whanau keen to connect back to the ahi kaa and be involved in some way with their roots. Te Rarawa is entering an into some very serious business with the Treaty Claims on the horizon, and we need to ensure that all Te Rarawa whanau are informed of the developments as they come to light.

The best way to keep in contact is through the Iwi register, which is now maintained by our Te Rarawatanga Unit. By the end of this year each person who is registered will receive a letter detailing all the information we have about that person on our records, and they will be asked to fill in any gaps, and if they would like us to register other members of their whanau.

Some common questions and answers:

Am I registered? Are my children registered? How do I find out?

Contact the Te Rarawatanga Unit and we will look for your details on the database
How do I register? What does it cost?

It is free to register with Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and forms can be mailed or faxed to you or you can download and print a copy off the www.terarawa.co.nz website. You will be sent or emailed regular information about Te Rarawa, including Te Kukupa every month. Registered whanau are also able to apply for scholarships and other benefits as they become available.

Is my information safe? Who has access to my records?

All information is held on an internal database with restricted access, no details will be released without your permission. We do print the database periodically, however this is only for Te Rarawatanga Unit Staff to check records.

Can my application be turned down?

Yes, if you do not supply information that connects you to a Te Rarawa whanau, hapu or marae. We can assist you with finding out more about your whakapapa.

How do I get in touch with Te Rarawatanga Unit staff?

Phone 09 4081971; fax 09 4081998; email jaqi@terarawa.co.nz; PO Box 361, KAITAIA

Te Reo o Te Rarawa

For some time now Te Rarawa kaumatua, kuia and whanau have been concerned about the state of our Reo Maori. Earlier this year Te Runanga o Te Rarawa decided to take some action and applied to the matere fund of Te Taurawhiri i te Reo Maori for putea to assist development of a Te Reo plan for Te Rarawa. The application was successful and we are now engaging 5 takiwa coordinators over a 6 week period starting 16th August to korero with whanau and the wider community. The project will focus on places (domains) where reo used i.e whare, marae, kura, schools, kohanga reo, early childhood centres, radio and organisations i.e. Hauora, Runanga, Resource Centres.

The success of this project will be dependant on the support from whanau and the wider community to share their concerns and ideas for improving Te reo Maori me ona Tikanga. If you would like to participate in this planning project contact Jaqi or Lee the Te Rarawatanga Unit Ph 4081971 and we will pass your details on to your Takiwa Coordinator.

Kia kaha ki Te Reo Rangatira!

Orongonui Healing Hui

The sixth Orongonui Healing Hui will be held for all people interested in holistic and traditional healing methods. Available throughout the weekend is mirimiri, massage, reiki, wairua/energy healing, neurolink therapy, reflexology, rongoa Maori, readings, crystal healing, numerology and palmistry.

The hui is being held at Roma marae (Te Ohaki), Ahipara on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of August, powhiri is at 9.30am. This hui features Guest Speaker, Makuini Tai she will be discussing Rongoa - Te Aroha Way and Rangi - The universal energy of Reiki.

Pictures of previous Orongonui hui are online view at:
<http://communities.msn.com/Orongonui>

Orongonui operates on a koha basis, for more information phone 021 170 6242

Te Rarawa People

This section is for any Te Rarawa whanau or whanau from Te Hiku o Te Ika who are out there, making a difference. If you want to celebrate the achievements of someone in your whanau, all you need to do is write a few words about them and either email it to jaqi@terarawa.co.nz or post it to PO Box 361, Kaitaia or fax it to 09 4081998.

We will acknowledge any person in any field making a difference in their lives or the lives of others.

This month we have received information about a number of sportseople.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Commonwealth Games Competitors Kahukura Bentson (boxing), Shelley Kitchen and Lara Petera (squash) for making the NZ squad.

Up and coming Tall Black - Lance Baker, mokopuna of Walter and Ahu Baker of Whangape made the reserve bench of the NZ Tall Blacks. Go Lance Go!
Young basketballers Puawai Halkyard (15), Heeni Brown (15) and Chelsea Terei were selected and played for the NZ under 16 basketball team that recently toured Australia. Also Francie Wiki made the Koru Basketball Team. Tino pai!

Beau Dickens, from Ahipara made the Northland Under 13 rugby rep side.

Huge congratulations to the Mangonui Womens Rugby Team for their very credible 3rd in the Northland wide competition. This was their first year as a team and they travelled far and wide to represent Te Hiku o Te Ika. The team started out the season with 30 players and several fill-in coaches. Mahu Rawiri of Rangikohu finally took on the job of coaching the team. For many of the women this was their first time playing rugby and Mahu had to coach them from scratch, but women being women listened well and learnt quickly the finer points of the game. Several women were sidelined due to the onset of pregnantitis, (including the editor, due Feb) but with a healthy reserve bench the team were able to field a full team every game. The team would like to thank their host club Kaitaia for the use of their clubrooms and will be holding their

prizegiving on August 31, at the Kaitaia Rugby Clubrooms. All welcome.

Waiata and Whakatauki

Every month we receive several requests for Te Rarawa waiata and whakatauki from whanau. Usually I refer these requests on to the appropriate kaumatua or kuia from the rohe that the querent is from. It got me thinking about: What will happen when these kaumatua and kuia are no longer around to refer to? Are these whakatauki and waiata recorded anywhere?

As part of the Te Reo o Te Rarawa plan, we will be promoting that these taonga need to be preserved and (even better) utilised everyday by our whanau. 2 hui will be held in early October to discuss this and other Te Reo me ona Tikanga including the results of the Planning Project. September's Te Kukupa will have the dates/venues of these hui.

He Pukapuka Hou

The Tribes of Muriwhenua - their origins and stories by Dorothy Urlich Cloher, Maori translation by Mermeri Penfold
We will have some copies available at the Te Rarawatanga Unit - \$35.00 ea.

You can also get one sent to you directly from the Publishers:

Send a cheque and your details for \$35.00 (incl p&p) to:

The Administrative Secretary
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We have been receiving a steady stream of whakapapa enquiries and to help us respond to some of these enquiries, we have established an email group of Te Rarawa people who have a keen interest in whakapapa, if you are not on this email list and would like to be, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

Our website: www.terarawa.co.nz has a notice board and a guest book where whanau post messages about all sorts of taake, but the main requests that come through the website are whakapapa enquiries. If you have access to the web, check out these pages and see if you can assist some of our whanau with their search.

This month's enquiries...

Abraham or Aperahama - Information sought about Matire, her parents were Atiria & Rapaere Aperahama.

Information sought about Ketu Mata Paora who was married to Hone Tana, the querent has lots of information about Hone, but very little about Ketu.

Information sought about Ada Endres, whose maiden name is Davies or Davis, links to Rawene or Rawhiti.

Te Rarawa Housing now has offices in most rohe throughout Te Rarawa: Mondays, Panguru Resource Center
Tuesdays, Broadwood Clinic Wednesdays, Herekino Comnty Hall
These offices are open 10am - 3pm

Thursdays and Fridays are based in the Runanga offices, 28 South Road, Kaitaia, from 8.30am to 5pm.
The telephone number is (09) 408 1971 and the fax is (09) 408 1998. Speak to Turi Te Hira in the first instance, then Sam or Pat.
Our email address is turi@terarawa.co.nz
More next month...

The last word... Rongo Bentson

In June, I attended a Waka Kai Ora Hui at Waimirirangi Marae at Te Kao. Te Waka Kai Ora is the National body of Maori Organics which is also seeking to become the Certification Agency.

This Hui was very well attended by between 100 to 150 people, mainly from Wanganui, Tuhoe and Tai Rawhiti. I was surprised to

see how many kaumatua and kuia came up to support this taake.

Betsy Young, Lydia Smith, Peter Harrison and myself took the hui to Te Oneroa A Tohe to demonstrate how we were planting Pingao and Toheroa as part of our mahi Kaitiaki, they were most impressed.

Also in June, Doc Cassidy and I attended a workshop in Whangarei set up by the Biodynamic and the Soil and Health Associations who currently have a Sustainable Farming Fund project (through MAF). This project was developed to bring together the wealth of accumulated knowledge among existing organic producers. It was noted that successful organic producers are neglecting their own farms to help others, and there is a need to make the information more widely available. The solution is the development of a user-friendly manual and a series of workshops. Percy Tipene from TOPIS, John Squire from MAF and mainly conventional farmers who had converted to organic farming attended this hui. Very interesting and informative.

I also attended a Maori Land Use Seminar in Kerikeri organised by TPK.

This seminar started with an update by Fiona Vessey (Research Analyst FNDC), on a Soil & Climate Study done by FNDC and Kaipara DC in Kaipara and Hokianga. Several important meetings had already been held on this study without Te Rarawa input and this was unfortunate especially as we are connected to this study. However, a meeting is being held in August, which I will attend.

Amokura Panoho (Regional Manager CEG's) gave an update the development of a national and regional Maori Land use Option Resource Kit. This Resource Kit would no doubt benefit Te Rarawa.