



TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2005



Nga manaakitanga o te Atua ki runga i a tatou

From the Chairperson

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou ma, nga whanau whanui o Te Rarawa e noho mai ki o koutou papakainga o ia wa, o ia wa. He tangi tonu ki a ratou kua wehe atu i nga marama o tenei tau kua pahure ake. E nga tini mate moe mai, moe mai, moe mai. Ka huri ki a tatou te hunga ora me nga kaupapa o enei wa. Na reira tena ra tatou.

Here is an update on what has happened over the past month, where we have got to and where we are going. Briefly following are summaries.

(i) of past significant events:

June 9: The Te Rarawa Negotiation Team met with the team from the Office of Treaty settlements in Kaitiaki to progress the Whenua Ngahere concept.

June 14-15: A 2 day workshop at Tamatea Marae Motuti focusing on the final stages of the Te Rarawa Whanau Development Project

June 21-23: Amokura Conference in Whangarei promoting whanau wellbeing and preventing violence. Mereana Ngaropo (Te Oranga) honoured for her work in support of whanau.

June 28: Hui-a-Tau (AGM) of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa at Ngai Tupoto Marae, Motukaraka and presentation of the Runanga's Annual Report.

June 29: Meeting of the team leaders of Te Rarawa Whanau Development Project reporting back to the funders, Te Puni Kokiri.

July 8: Briefing session with regional and local DoC senior management re Whenua Ngahere and how it would work in coordination with DoC without compromising our principles and tikanga for our forests, lands and waterways.

July 20: July Runanga meeting at Rangikohu Marae.

July 22 Te Rarawa and Ngapuhi boundaries Hui at Waipuna Marae, Panguru

July 23-27: Treaty of Waitangi Constitutional Summit at Waitangi – a follow on from the very significant hui hosted by Tuwharetoa and held at

Hirangi Marae in 1995 when over 1000 people attended and the fiscal envelope was rejected. This is a national hui so attendance has had to be restricted to accommodate all the iwi. Mere Tau, Joe Cooper and Malcolm Peri attending for Te Rarawa.

July 27– 29: Non commercial (customary) fisheries hui Whakamaharatanga Marae Waimamaku. Powhiri at 3pm.

(ii) of future significant event:

August 10: Investment and Distribution hui at Te Runanga o Te Rarawa offices South Road at 10 am. The constitution will also be discussed at this meeting.

(iii) Where are we going?

Re Negotiations

The negotiation kaupapa of Whenua Ngahere challenges the Crown to consider a new paradigm that recognises the mana whenua of Te Rarawa over 'te katoa o nga whenua' currently controlled by DoC in a framework of shared management. For Te Rarawa, 'mana' is more important than the 'moni' – the Crown's so called quantum.

LABEL

Re The Whanau Development Project

Congratulations to the Te Rarawa leaders and team researchers who did the research and delivered on time a report that did us proud. An ongoing outcome will be the development of hapu aspirations by completing the hapu environmental and resource management plans started in 1998.

Re Customary Fisheries

The outcome of the boundaries hui will be reported in the next Kukupa. I repeat here the statement made in my Annual Report to the AGM in June of this year "Customary fisheries were the focus of several hui-a-iwi o Te Hiku o Te Ika facilitated by Te Runanga o Te Rarawa to coordinate management by iwi of the customary take of kaimoana for cultural

purposes. A lesser issue has been Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi's claim of what they consider to be disputed coastline up to Whangape Harbour. To 'resolve' this issue they have proposed that it be shared 50/50.

However the mana whenua lies with the hau kainga who occupy this coastline, who are the kaitiaki of their takutaimoana and who are affiliated to Te Rarawa. From Te Rarawa's perspective there is no dispute."

Re distribution and investment

Now is the time to discuss and decide how we will manage whatever putea Te Rarawa receives from any claims settlement. The Negotiators' Report on July 20th **proposed** the following for consideration and feedback to them directly or to the hui on August 10th.

- There is value in settling a percentage of the settlement quantum on our hapu. (recommend a third)
- For fairness this should be done on a rohe/hapu basis.
- How we define the recipient rohe will need further debate.
- An accountability framework will be needed before distribution
- The larger part of the quantum should be invested at an iwi level to ensure strategic economic advantage. (recommend two thirds)
- We need to be careful about where we invest the quantum and not put all our money in to the same type of investment.
- A small general purpose fund should be set up to compliment the iwi and hapu distributions.
- Profits from iwi investments should be split three ways:
 - o One third to hapu
 - o One third to run the iwi
 - o One third to be reinvested to grow the putea

Heoi ano mo tenei wa!

Gloria Herbert

Chairperson
Te Runanga O Te Rarawa

**“A Living Conversation”
...a space for healing
life stories to be told...
PAWARENGA**

Last month we held two Living Conversations in Pawarenga for people who had been affected by suicide to talk with and support each other. Those who came found them to be wonderfully healing. We are holding our Living Conversations every second Sunday at Pawarenga Community Trust, and the next one is on **Sunday 7th August starting at 2 p.m.** We always close with a shared meal.

Our Foundations

- We will make sure that those who lose someone (family, friend or neighbour) to suicide need no longer suffer alone and in silence.
- We will make sure that those who are feeling sad or who are thinking about harming themselves need no longer suffer alone and in silence.
- We will always have a facilitator at each Living Conversation who will make a safe space for us to share our stories of life in the shadow of suicide, i raro i te korowai aroha.
- We know that those who have lost a loved one to suicide, those who have thought about or survived it, and those who live with them, all have knowledge and understanding that can support healing.
- We welcome and expect a whole range of feelings, including tears and anger. We only ask that these be expressed without endangering others.
- We know that everyone's grief is different and have found advice, comparisons and simplistic explanations have little value. Some things might seem the same, but we are all shaped by our own life experiences.
- We know that our Living Conversation is only one kind of support. We will help put you in touch with other kinds of support if you need it eg: counselling.

Our Guidelines

- Always share from your own heart, starting your korero with “I” or “for me”.
- You have a responsibility to pick a friend or buddy who you can call on for extra support and safety between Living Conversations. If you do not have someone like that, please see the facilitators before you leave.
- Some of the stories shared in our Living Conversations might make you feel sad. If you are feeling unsafe, please do not leave without telling one of the facilitators.
- Those who come to a Living Conversation and the things shared in it are confidential. You can share your own korero as you choose, but honour the korero of others by not sharing what they have said.
- Any questions from the media about the Living Conversation are to be directed to the facilitators.
- We are a “living” group and our guidelines might change.

All enquiries contact Anahera on 4095 598
Nau Mai Piki Mai Kake Mai

**“Living Conversations”
Support Group
AHIPARA**

**A place of support for those who have experienced
the loss of a loved one to suicide**

Meets at Ahipara School Library on the
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
(except school holidays)
3:30-5:30pm - All Welcome

about the group

“Living conversations” is a newly formed group of people who have lost loved ones that have decided to take their own life. The group believes and are finding that sharing their own experiences and listening to others helps them through their own journey towards healing. Everyone is invited to attend the group, held within a confidential setting, to share their stories and provide support to one another.

Shared stories un told of life in the aftermath of suicide
A space for the healing life -stories to be told
I raro i te korowai aroha
Nau mai, haere mai

For further details ph Teina Piripi or Errol Murray at
Te Oranga, 09 408 0141.

Tena Koutou katoa!



**...is seeking prospective talent for a documentary on
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Ao Maori via different means.
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He Panui He Panui He Panui Nau Mai Piki Mai Haere Mai

He tono tenei ki te katoa kia haere mai ki te
tuwheratanga o te wharehui hou o Ngati Haua ki Te
Rarawa.

Rahoroi 6 o Iho Matua, (Akuhata)
4 karaka o te atapo, Whangape
Karakia
Te Tomonga

A warm invitation is extended to all
To attend the opening of the new wharehui of Ngati
Haua ki Te Rarawa.

Powhiri Friday 5th August, 5 pm.

Saturday 6th August

4am, Whangape.

Karakia

Te Tomonga

Manukau Marae will accomodate manuhiri for the
opening of the Whangape Marae.

The marae will be open all hours for late nite
travellers.

Contacts:

Herepete Hokai, Chairman, 4093 037

Anthony Murray, Coordinator, 4093 406

Accommodation at Manukau Marae, Friday 5 August, 5 pm

Email: kawariki@xtra.co.nz

Box 546, Kaitaia

The original wharehui Te Kotahitanga was
pulled down at Queens Birthday Weekend 2005

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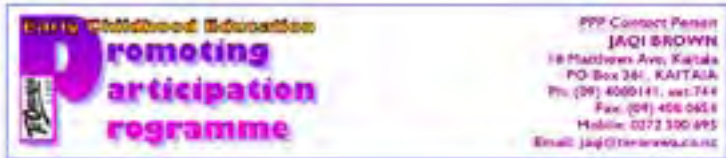
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Are you and your whanau on the Te Rarawa Iwi Register? Download a form from www.terarawa.co.nz or phone us and we will send one out to you.

All marae (through their delegates) have been given a pack of 100 forms. This is one way to stay in the play with Iwi developments, no matter where you live. Freephone Victoria on **0508 4TERARAWA** for more info.

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Promoting Participation In Early Childhood Education

Let us help you get started

Te Oranga offer this free support service to whanau/families with children under 5 who are planning to enrol their child in either a Childcare Centre, Te Kohanga Reo or Kindergarten.

Background

The Promoting Participation Programme has been developed by Ministry of Education (MoE) in response to the lower than expected participation rates of under 5's into pre-school and kohanga reo in the Far North. It is widely accepted that tamariki who are into some sort of structured learning before they head off to mainstream school and kura kaupapa at 5 years old, have an advantage over those who just start their 'formal' learning at school or kura. Getting into learning early is important for their development, not just in terms of their education, but also for their social, communication and language skills.

The Programme – what we do

We offer support to whanau/families to help make the best choices for you and your child about early childhood education services. We have identified that for many whanau/families one of the barriers to starting is having the basic equipment like a suitable bag, lunchbox and drink bottle. So, as an incentive and to reduce this barrier, we give each new enrolled child a FREE Starter Pack with these items, some 'freebies' and healthy lifestyle information to help get you started.

We also help whanau/families identify and overcome any barriers that might prevent your child from participating, and help you to work through any issues that might stop your child from attending for up to 3 months after enrolment. By working closely with whanau, we endeavour to ensure that placements are sustained over a 3 month period, so communication is an important part of this service. This service is free, however the free backpack offer is limited to the first 100 enrolments.

The Programme – what we don't do

We do not make judgement calls on which ECE service is best for whanau/families and your child, we only help whanau/families to explore what is best and most suitable for your lifestyle and your child. We do not pay or cover any childcare fees, although we can assist with filling in a WINZ subsidy application and help with budgeting to ensure any costs can be met. We do not generally transport children to and from childcare/kohanga/kindy, except in exceptional circumstances, although we will assist whanau/families to explore alternatives. We will work with whanau and other relevant services should you wish to change centres or kohanga, or help relocate to another centre or kohanga should you move out of the area.

How can Parents and children/tamariki participate in this programme?

We are seeking whanau/families who may need, or would benefit from assistance and support with getting your child established into a pre-school learning environment.

Maximum paid parental leave payments increase from 1 July 2005

Maximum paid parental leave payments will increase from 1 July 2005, Associate Labour Minister Ruth Dyson said recently.

Eighty seven per cent of people on paid parental leave currently receive the maximum rate, which will increase from \$346.63 to \$357.30 a week. The new rate will apply both to new applicants and those already receiving parental leave payments. People already receiving payments will be advised of the increase by the Inland Revenue Department through their regular payments letter.

Under the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act, the maximum rate is adjusted each year to reflect any increase in average weekly earnings as determined by the Quarterly Employment Survey.

Current information shows that:

- the majority of employees are taking the full 13 weeks' paid leave entitlement; about 17,000 people accessed the scheme last year;
- about 4,400 people are receiving parental leave payments at any one time.

"More than 45,000 people have accessed the scheme since it began," Ruth Dyson said. "Our Labour-Progressive government is committed to making a positive contribution to family life by continuing to support new parents in this way. As well as increasing the amount of money that people receive, we extended the duration of paid parental leave from 12 to 13 weeks last year, and will increase it again to 14 weeks in December 2005."

The government plans to introduce legislation to Parliament this year to extend the paid parental leave scheme to the self-employed from 1 July 2006, Ms Dyson said.

The Department of Labour will also evaluate the parental leave scheme over the next year, including looking at the experiences of women, those ineligible for parental leave, their partners and employers.

More information about paid parental leave can be found at www.ers.govt.nz or call the Department of Labour's Infoline on 0800 800 863.

You may be thinking about enrolling, or have just enrolled in a service, but are hesitant or unsure about what is expected of you and your child; or you may not know about all the options open to you; or you may have a few financial or transport issues to consider; or need help with a new bag and resources prior to enrolling your child.

If any of the above sounds a bit like your circumstances, then give me a call, Jaqi Brown, phone 408 0141, extn 744 or email jaqi@terarawa.co.nz

Whanau - for each child that is referred to Jaqi for possible enrolment in July and August, you will receive a FREE MINI FIRST AID KIT - There are only 20 to give away! So get in quick!

Te Rarawa tamariki successful at speech competitions

Ten Te Rarawa tamariki participated in the inaugural Hokianga Primary Schools Speech Competitions held recently.

The competition, hosted by Rawene School, was an opportunity for our young people to gain experience in public speaking and six Hokianga schools participated.

The MC for the day was the local principal Para Meha and the panel of judges were Keri Ihimaera-Milne, Moerewa Primary School; Mere Wilson, National Auahi Kore Manager; and Dennis Barnes, Hokianga kaumatua.

Te Rarawa students performed well gaining three firsts and three second placings. These included:

- Sophia Thomas (Waipuna) 2nd Year 6 Maori - Kohinemataroa
- Anahera Henare (Waipuna) 1st Year 6 English – My wish is to be like my Auntie Lexie.
- Te Hau White (Ngai Tupoto) 1st Year 7 English – The Turkish Campaign
- Michelle Daniels (Motuti/Waipuna) 2nd Year 7 English – I have a gift that was handed down by my ancestors.
- Tawini White (Ngai Tupoto) 1st Year 8 Te Reo – Takutaimoana
- Sherry Pomare (Ngatimanawa/Waipuna) 2nd Auahi Kore Year 8

Other Te Rarawa speakers included April Leef, Loren Wihone, Rehina Abraham and Ngaria Noho-Hotere. All students did their iwi proud.

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa sponsored the event and gave a prize for the Best Te Rarawa Speaker overall. This prize went to Tawini White for her korero, Te Takutaimoana that included;

- The political events that led to the Foreshore & Seabed Legislation.
- The protest action taken by her iwi in Te Rarawa and Kai Tahu and the resulting hikoi to Wellington.

Executive member, Rongo Makaua, who made the presentation on behalf of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa, chose Tawini as the overall winner because her speech was relevant, delivered in te reo and certainly reminiscent of other Te Rarawa women who have spoken out about Crown injustice.

All students who participated should be congratulated for having the courage to put their best foot out on the stage, because at the end of the day they were all winners.



Some of the winners at the recent Hokianga Primary Speech Competitions



Tawini White,
Winner of Best Te Rarawa Speaker

OFF DA HOOK

OOZING STYLE

“Boombastic”: it may not feature in the everyday modern dictionary but it’s a word that summarises the recent week-long Hip Hop dance camp put on by the youth events crew at “Te Oranga”.

Dance auditions were held at 24 different schools throughout Te Hiku O Te Ika and from each audition 1 person was selected to be a part of “Off Da Hook” a Far North representative dance troupe, they were invited to be part of a week long all expenses paid Hip Hop dance camp where, under the guidance of 5 local dance tutors and choreographers, they learnt a range of new Hip Hop dance moves and routines.

The “Off Da Hook” troupe are set to depart on a school tour within Te Hiku O Te Ika where they will unleash their routines within mini Hip Hop dance concerts, the tour is scheduled for the month of August and the entire troupe are anticipating the day where they will be reunited as many friendships were developed and solidified during the week long camp.

The “ODH” troupers worked hard all week to not only prepare themselves for the tour but also an exclusive VIP concert scheduled for the last day of camp at the little theatre. Whanau members and a selection of key supporters were invited to preview the fruit of the troupe’s labour, as the curtains drew open the troupe was greeted to a full house, raptures of applause and cheers of support and pride. The VIP concert also featured additional performances from 2004 Junior Far North Idol “Taimania McMath” and local beat-box exponents “EMCs” (Entelligent Machine Crew).

Following an Encore performance, a graduation ceremony was held where all 24 dancers received certificates as acknowledgement for their positive



off da hook troupe styles

attitudes, commitment, dedication, work ethic, natural dance ability, support toward others, participation level in all activities and individual X-Factor.

To add incentive to the work ethic at dance camp the troupe were also striving toward receiving higher honors and being named as one of the Top 8 performers at camp, ultimately concluding with the most prestigious honor of all, MVP (Most Valuable Performer) awarded to the most outstanding dancer named in the Top 8.

All 5 dance tutors (Ina Adair, Michael Waru, Shonelle Carr, Queenie Baker, Olly Ifopo) and event coordinator Boycie Tawhara kept a vigilant eye on all the dancers throughout the duration of camp, and following a heavy and difficult deliberation process the following dancers were selected for the Top 8: Loren Wihone (Te Kura Taumata O Panguru), Alice Nathan (Kaitaia Intermediate), Angel Pera (Pukenui Primary), Leuka Christensen (Oruaiti Primary), Chance August (Ahipara Primary), Antonia Rollinson (Te Kura O Hata Maria), Pooja Lingam (Taipa Area School) and Merenia Halkyard (Te Rangi Aniwanawa).

The overall MVP (Most Valuable Performer) was awarded to 12 year-old Leuka Christensen from Oruaiti Primary School.

At the conclusion of the Far North school tour, the Top 8 dancers will receive further tutorials and will continue to perform at all future 2005 “Te Oranga” organised youth events, so for more info on all up and coming events – WATCH THIS SPACE!

SHOUT OUTS

“Teamwork makes the Dreamwork” so big azz shout outs to:

- “Te Oranga” massive
- “Te Runanga o Te Rarawa” massive

North Team on stage



- Admin crew (Rachel, Leeanne, Fred, Karen, Aki and last but not least Viv)
- Area supervisors (Tony, Tomo, Awhi, Peti S, Bronny and Maryanne)
- Cultural advisor (Bob "I used to break dance in my day" Pirini)
- Camp Mother and MC (Peti "Mrs. don't make me angry" Murray)
- Head Chef (Mereana "Mrs. mmmmm" Ngaropo)
- Head Breakfast Chef (Hine "I got here first" King)
- Kitchen staff and helpers (Georgina, Tracey, Tomo, Bronny, Moewa, Paula, Tony, Brendon and Karen)
- Last day cleaner uppers (Tracey, Tomo, Peti M, Hine, Mereana and all the others whom I have forgotten to name... aroha mai)
- Paaparore marae committee (can we come back?)
- Sasha & Marcia (Tu Maia in da house)
- Audition crew (Tomo, Awhi, Brendon, Tony, Katarina, Peti S and Lewis "The incredible vanishing man" Norman)
- Concert crew (make sum noise)



In training, Paparore Marae



the whole crew, with dance tutor Olly Ifopo at back

- Dance tutors/choreographers (Ina Adiar, Micheal Waru, Shonelle Carr, Queenie Baker, Olly Ifopo)
- EMC crew (dynamic duo)
- Taimania McMath (vocal local)
- DJ "I got game" Venom (vinyl spinner)
- Tania "shut up now ...or else" Tawhara (sleepy time boss)
- Yana and Tarnz (plastic surgeons)
- Jeff Walker (sound system)
- Tai 92 FM and my mans Dale Stephens (phat beats)
- Northland Age (promos)
- Te Ripo crew (united we stand)
- Cecily "I got your back" Mantell-Puku (conceive, believe, achieve)

- Errol "What Time is Dinner" Murray - Cultural Advisor
- Vivienne "you better ...or else" Mete (crossin the eyes an dottin the tees)
- All our Wives, husbands and Children (wots their names again?)
- The school principals (faith)
- The parents (trust)
- Tony Cook and Vaniva Lewis (original Idea creators)
- Sir Owen Lewis (just a good lookin individual)
- Mr Kevin Robinson (an even better lookin individual than Owen)

I hope you all enjoyed being part of the "Off Da Hook" dance experience, as for me both my heart and soul are full of joy and pride for what we as a team have achieved and for what the Tamariki and Rangatahi we have worked with have become, once again we have touched the lives of our children and their whanau through a unique and creative medium. The journey is not yet over, and from the words of The Carpenters "it's only just begun".

Peace out.

Boycie Tawhara (that bald guy)



Grand Finale

Young Guns

*An initiative that supports Tama Toa
An initiative where Tama Toa support Tama Toa
A program about peer-mentoring
Where the Student becomes the Teacher
Kia Ora*

This programme began back in February 2005 while I was waiting in town for my ride out to Awanui for preseason rugby training. Instead of my usual ride, I was picked up by a member of the squad

History

Early 2004 Jardon was 16yrs old and attending Kaitaia College. He knew I was coaching the Northland Secondary Schools Rugby Squad and he also knew he had a very good shot at making the team. He came to me early in the season and explained his predicament. He had just been offered a Carpenters apprenticeship. Up north apprentices are like winning lotto tickets. His exact words: "I really want this, but if I take it I will have to leave school. If I leave school I can't make your squad." My exact words: "Bro, this is something you need to talk to your parents about. I am the very last person you bring this to." A young man should never have this type of problem thrust upon him. He was in tears. He felt his working career was starting but his rugby career was ending. After lengthy discussions with his family he decided to finish school and chase the apprenticeship. While Jardon struggled with his studies all his old school mates were travelling around the country side playing representative rugby.

Today

18 months later he has made it into the Northland rep rugby, Under 18's and is half way through his studies. On our way out to Awanui we discussed how he could help his old school mates who are trying to get into apprentices now. *This was the beginning.* We have had some real success stories. Some not so successful. The successful ones are willing to work as a group. They have study sessions and are helping more and more of their friends into a career. We meet most Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons around 5:15pm in the Plaza. We usually have a quick catch up and discuss any exams coming up. When we have time we sit outside the 4 Square/Employment Plus on the seat and chat. The Plaza is the appropriate place because one of the boys catches a ride home with someone who works in the Laundry. I meet up with the boys after 5pm mainly because these guys do not want the "Counsellor" to catch them at their work. I also meet with them over three nights because not all the boys can make it on the one night. There are more guys arriving but are just starting in their apprentices. Saturday 23rd July we celebrated our breakup. We went to Snow Planet in Silverdale where we witnessed some new ways to ski. After Snow Planet the boys put the competitive skills to the test in the Indoor Go Karting centre, also next to the motor way in Silverdale. I didn't win, so I am not telling who did.

Ultimately these boys have one common goal:

To try and make it in Rugby

By gaining a certificate in their chosen career, this should set them up when they retire from professional rugby. Over the summer months we have planned training sessions as well.

This is the beginning of Kaitaia's first 'Academy'.

New programme to intervene in family violence cases

A new government initiative resources income support plans for victims of family violence

"Family violence is one of the most pressing issues we face as a country," Steve Maharey said. "Every year, 12 women and 10 children die in New Zealand as a direct result of family violence - this cannot be tolerated in our society. "We need immediate, concrete actions to address this serious issue. The programme I'm launching today is a further step in our work to support victims of family violence."



The \$18.9 million programme will see Work and Income case managers trained to better identify and support families affected by violence. Case managers will develop an income support plan for victims of family violence. In addition, referral processes will be streamlined to make sure clients can more easily access community-based violence prevention services. Work and Income will not record any information or make referrals without the consent of their clients.

The programme will be launched in Auckland, Canterbury and the East Coast this year. By 2007, it will be in operation in every region in the country. Since the 2002 publication of Te Rito - New Zealand's family violence prevention strategy - the government has made significant progress in addressing the issue of family violence.

A number of initiatives have been implemented, including:

- * \$12 million service for children who witness family violence
- * New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse website
- * Establishing Family and Community Services within the Ministry of Social Development, providing leadership and co-ordination of government and community services to families
- * \$3 million elder abuse and neglect prevention programme
- * Family Violence Funding Circuit Breaker to streamline funding and auditing processes for service providers

Steve Maharey said initiatives like the Family Violence Intervention programme would remain significant aspects of the effort to eliminate family violence, but deeper cultural change was needed to truly make a difference. "Cultural change to end family violence will require strong community leadership. This initiative has been developed with guidance from a number of community-based agencies."

**We cannot solve our problems
with the same thinking we
used when we created them.**

**Te Runanga o Te Rarawa
is pleased to announce that
Nominations for the 2005
Taitamariki Awards are now open**

**Awards Ceremony:
November 12th, 2005 at
Te Uri a Hina Marae, Pukepoto**



Last year's winners at Roma Marae, Ahipara

It is hoped that the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our young people will be taken up by as many whanau, kura, and/or sports organisations as possible. For categories check the Te Rarawas website.

A 10-minute panel interview (per nominee) will take place between Tuesday 17th - Thursday 20th October. One interview at Broadwood School on the Thursday 20th and two days at the Runanga South Road office on the 19th and 21st of October. An appointment time will be given for each nominee closer to the date.

The purpose of this panel is for the nominator and nominee's family to give their reasons for the nomination. All support people are welcome and encouraged to contribute and support the nominee but please keep within the 10-minute time frame.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on November 12th, 2005 at Te Uri a Hina Marae, Pukepoto. A big thank you to last year's hosts at Roma Marae for the lovely kai and ahua.

All finalists will be notified and expected to attend (exceptions are possible for distance applicants). Prizes include vouchers, trophies and certificates.

Scholarships

Te Rarawa offer two Tertiary Scholarships to Te Rarawa descendants, who are engaging in Tertiary Study in 2006. The scholarships application process involves seeking support from Kaumatua and your marae - apply early! Scholarships will open September 1st.

Iwi Registrations

Each nominee must be registered with Te Runanga O Te Rarawa on our Iwi Register to be eligible.

Application Forms

Are available from our website www.terarawa.co.nz or at our South Road office, or telephone (09) 408 1971.

Matihetihe Marae Hui

The Trustees of Matihetihe Marae would like as many beneficiaries as possible, affiliated in any way with the marae, to attend a Hui Charter Wananga on 20th August, 2005.

Powhiri 4pm,
Kapu ti, Wananga.

The Trustees would like the input of all whanau.
Contact kapai@xtra.co.nz or phone - 09 404 1009

Taiao Marae Closure

**Taiao Marae in Pawarenga is currently
undergoing DIY facelift**

Work has started on renovating the Ablution block to upgrade the facility.

Therefore Taiao Marae is currently closed until the work has been completed.

The floor has been raised and new plumbing is being installed, all our old crusty doors and windows have been replaced as well as the toilets and best of all the ceiling has been reconstructed and will have a skylight installed on each side for both.

Finally the ablution block will re-roofed and repainted inside and out.

Another notice will be published in Te Kukupa when the marae is once again open for use.

Signing of the Treaty in Kaitaia Memorial Plaque

There was some interest shown for a plaque to be placed at Te Ahu, Mission Place, Kaitaia to formally acknowledge the Signing of the Treaty in Kaitaia at this year's April 28th Treaty Signing Commemorations. A meeting is being held on Tuesday, 9th August at 10am to discuss the erection of a plaque or memorial to this event, please contact Jaqi Brown at Te Oranga on 408 0141 ext 744, or call in to 16 Matthews Ave, Kaitaia or her email jaqi@terarawa.co.nz if you are planning to attend this meeting, or wish to tender your apologies.

She hopes that the meeting will see a wide cross-section of interested persons, descendants, historians etc...

Human Rights Indigenous Fellowship 2005 - Update Report

Catherine Davis

Kia ora koutou e te whanau o Te Rarawa!

I hope everything's well at home. This is just a wee note to update you about how my Fellowship is going so far.

The first week in Geneva (from Sunday May 1st to Sunday May 8th) was mostly about getting to know the other 4 Indigenous Fellows, settling into our accommodation and getting to know our way around the office and the city. The Fellows are:

- Ms. Catherine Davis, Maori (New Zealand)
- Mr. Morse Caoagas, Ibanag/Kalinga (Philippines)
- Mr. Tommy April Busakhwe, Khomani (South Africa)
- Ms. Trina L. Landlord, Yupik Eskimo (Alaska)
- Ms. Maria Anabela Carlon, Yaqui (Mexico)

The Fellows are really nice people and all different in their own way due to our respective cultures. For example, Tommy is very soft spoken and speaks slowly and methodically so I had to learn to listen hard when he speaks! He's also very polite, like he always opens the door for us girls and if we're standing in line for something he will insist that we go before him.

We live in a Hostel just 5 minutes walk from work, and the public transport system is really awesome anyway – you can catch buses, trams or trains to anywhere in the city. This is lucky for us because the different United Nations Bodies Offices are spread out over certain parts of the city – it's not located all in one big building – each Body or UN Branch/Division has its own super huge building! The WIPO

for example (World Intellectual Property Organisation) has 1,000 staff, and almost all of them work right here in Geneva. So the UN system is a huge HUGE organisation.

The first week at the office we had briefings about the United Nations (UN) organisation or "UN System" as we call it. I've attached a copy of the organisational chart of the UN so you can see how big and complex it is! The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is where I work with the other 4 Fellows, and the OHCHR reports directly to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). And of course, there are UN offices all over the world – the headquarters is actually New York! Geneva is just another base for the UN, but a very important one. A lot of important meetings are held here regularly every year.

The second week we prepared for our trip (the following week) to New York (NY) for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII). This is an advisory body to the ECOSOC on all manner of economic and social issues facing indigenous peoples such as poverty, health, education, the environment, etc (see also UN organisational chart).

The Third week we flew to the PFII in NY. If anyone's interested to know kind of what it's like, go see the movie: "The Interpreter" with Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn – it's just come out in Geneva and it's very good! Below is a personal view of what the PFII was like (each Fellow had to draft this on our return to Geneva):

My whole experience as a Human Rights Indigenous Fellow of the Fourth Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) in New York was mind-blowing. The Fellows wore their traditional indigenous costumes to the PFII opening ceremony, which meant I ended up walking the streets of Manhattan, New York, with a piupiu (dried flax skirt) on! I do not think that many Maori in the world have done that! I was very self conscious as I left our Hotel to walk out into the street, but became more comfortable as I noted that people on the streets did not really make a big deal about it – people hardly batted an eyelid! New Yorkers must be used to different looking people in town. On arriving at the United Nations (UN) buildings



Catherine with Karen Waaka, WIPO



United Nations Headquarters, New York

for the opening ceremony, I observed the many other indigenous PFII participants who were also wearing their indigenous costumes. I felt happy and proud because it actually felt normal to look Maori in this environment. In fact, I imagined that those who were not wearing indigenous costumes probably were feeling like the odd ones out! There was so much colour and beauty around, I felt very privileged to be present among these people.

As the ceremony got underway, I had to utilise the language interpretation services available to participants so that I could understand what was being said. It is funny to reflect on the silly little things that have special meaning in life, but the act of putting on the headset so I could hear the language interpretation of the various speakers made it finally sink in that I was actually here participating in the UN PFII in New York!

It was valuable to hear particular terms used over and over again: Millenium Development Goals, references to different UN Agencies and procedures, references to different individuals and their role and function within the UN system, the rationale behind and importance of protecting indigenous human rights. Before arriving in New York, the Fellows had received briefings back in Geneva on several of these topics. It was only now, however, that these terms were being used 'in action' and in context that I really began to understand how they all related to one another. The more those terms were repeated, the more they stuck in my head which in turn freed my mind up to take in other new information.

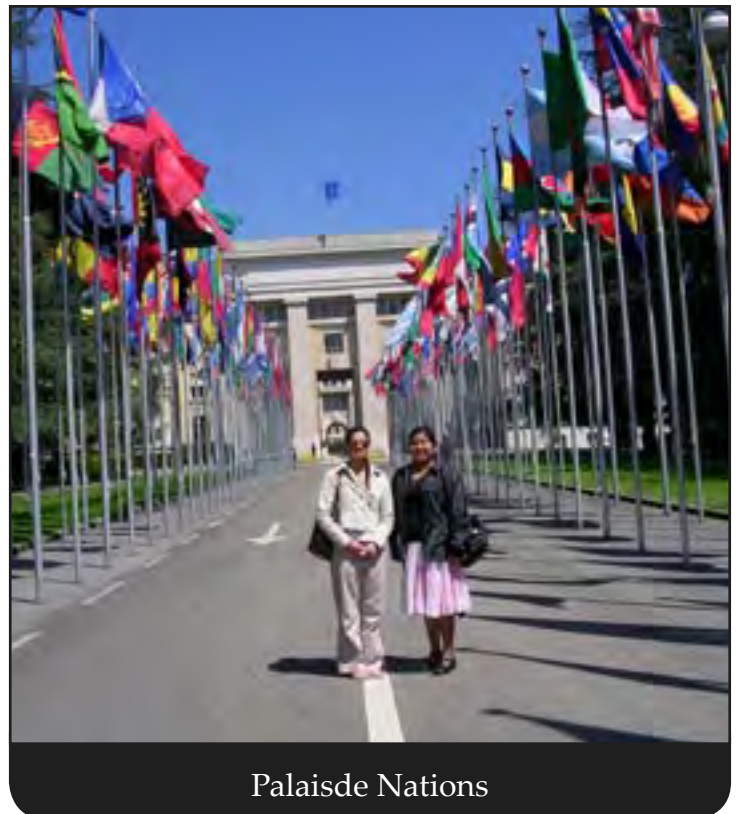
I was also thrilled to meet Mililani Trask for the first time, a well known indigenous peoples' rights activist in the Pacific Region. Through my email networks at home, I had followed Mililani's activities enough to know that she was a very valuable person in terms of the promotion and protection of indigenous peoples rights. I also met Sarah,

a member of the Ngati Kuri iwi back home in Aotearoa working for the NZ Permanente Mission in New York! Catherine was so relieved to finally meet another Maori at the PF, because all the other fellows had met indigenous people from their countries, but Catherine had not yet!

It is not often that I use this expression, but I felt especially "blessed" meeting and participating in the Youth Caucus at the PFII. Here were these indigenous youth who had so much energy, heart and emotion, youth who were desperate to make a difference. However, they had limited knowledge and experience with the culture and operations of the PFII or the UN System generally. Moreover, there appeared to be little or no organised support for youth attending the PFII, including the fact that the caucus were often shunted from hallway to room to café because they had no permanent place to meet. As the Youth Caucus we often responded to stressful situations like these with humor: for example, we joked that we were the 'refugees' at the PFII because we did not belong anywhere and we often felt lost and ignored! Humor aside, however, these factors at times made it extremely frustrating for us all, and it was to the caucus' true credit that they were able to make the impact with their interventions that they did despite all the challenges they were faced with. I look forward with keeping in touch with these beautiful people long into the future.

Meeting past Human Rights Indigenous Fellows was another highlight of the PFII. I expected some attrition rate in terms of Fellows' attendance over the years at successive events and meetings, so it gave a sense of hope to see there were still Fellows participating in this work.

On the Fourth Week, we were mostly working on completing our diaries and follow up work from the PFII, but we also had briefings on more the Treaty bodies, how they operate and the relevance to indigenous peoples' rights protection.



Palais de Nations

Broadwood Golf Club Junior Program

The Broadwood Golf Club recently expanded its activities to include the creation of a junior golf program, under the auspice of the Northland Golf Association and New Zealand Golf Association's 'First Tee Program', supported by Michael Campbell. After just three weeks 27 young golfers from the Hokianga have joined.



Introduced by BGC members Shane Edwards, Andrew Cassiday, the young charges, many of whom had never swung a club, have been taken to the course each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock where they are coached in golf fundamentals. The Junior Club Pro is Anthony Rollinson from Pawarenga, among the best of the club's golfers.

On July 31st, Northland Golf's Representative Denise Pilbrow will make a gift of cut down clubs for the youth as well as initiating a coaching program and regimen of drills. The young boys and girls taking part in the program will each receive individual instruction and equipment as well as a free membership to the Broadwood Golf Club. Donations from the community and members of the club ensure that each of the tamariki enjoy a hot lunch before going home. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to show up at the Broadwood Golf Club on Sundays at 10am. Those wishing more information can contact the Broadwood Golf Club at 409 5788 or Andrew Cassidy (Sports Coordinator, Broadwood Area School) at 409 5878.



Top Left: The junior golfers gather on the first tee at Broadwood Golf Club with their parents and instructors.

Bottom Left: Broadwood Club Pro Anthony Rollinson holding the flag while Hohepa Stephens demonstrates his putting stroke for young Hori Proctor.

Above: ...And while Anthony Rollinson was at golf, wife Jane was with the kids on the horse trek. Here she is giving one of our tamariki a ride.

Below: Cook it and they will come...Charlie and Jake Dunn clean up the kai after the Wild Bunch enjoy lunch...somewhere on the West Coast.



Wild Wild West

Tourists visiting the North Hokianga were slack-jawed at the sight of 50 mounted youth and adults taking part in the Wild Wild West Kid's Holiday Program between July 17th and July 21st.

Nineteen youth set out from Pawarenga and were met by seven others who swam their horses across from Whangape. Together the troupe met up with another fifteen riders from Panguru and Rangi Point for four days of riding, fishing and history. The Wild Wild West has been run for the past three years during the school holidays. The idea came from a number of adults from Te Rarawa Rohe who felt that young people needed an activity for the holidays.

After trekking across the moana from Pawarenga to Mitimiti, camp was made at Te Matihetihe Marae where volunteers prepared a massive hangi to feed the desperados. Locals donated adjoining paddocks to house the horses. The next day the group set off for Rangi Point for a two day stay at Waipareira Marae. Days were spent with barrel racing on the beach or fishing at the heads near Rangi Point. The third day featured a trek to the Pou Whenua at Rangi Point, a spectacular view of the Hokianga Harbour. On the fourth day, the group made their way back to Mitimiti, for a last night's award ceremony before returning home the following morning. Thanks to the many adults who accompanied the riders and sponsors for the Trek. Special mention to Hori and Brownwyn

Proctor, Janeen Pittman, Jake Dunn, Chaz Leefe, Grant Davan and many others who road the trail with the youth and supervised them. Thanks to the homepeople from the two Marae and others who helped with preparing the kai for the group. Lastly, the many sponsors including, The Caring Foundation, Te Herenui O Te Uri O Tai, The Pawarenga Community Trust, Topmilk, The Pangaru Tavern, Northland Bakeries, Bell's Produce and Pac N' Save made the Wild Wild West happen.



The climb almost vertically up the side of the maunga was heart-stopping, but worth it as the riders experienced a sight few espied, the whole of the Hokianga revealed in a panorama. From this pou whenua students were told about Maori settlement of the Hokianga. The 'W' emotes their pride in being from the West Side.

Below Left:
Lindsay Proctor came all the way from OZ to take part in the ride with his two nephews. Here, he is photographed by Helen Adams, a student with Te Rarawa's carpentry program.

Below Right:
Tea out of the way, the west side kids check out the scenery along the coast one last time before riding off into the sunset.



TE RARAWA HOUSING

Recently the Students visited the Northland Polytechnic campus and hosted by the Carpentry Faculty. This visit corresponded with the wet weather that we have been experiencing in the North and it was an opportune moment for the students to use other equipment and machinery that is not available at their Kaitaia Campus.

We have received the approved building consents from FNDC to build two more homes this year. The students have commenced construction and the floor frames and subfloor structure is now clearly visible from South Road boundary. There has been a great deal of interest in these new homes.

The Carpentry team is nearing completion of the sunshine house in Panguru. We have commenced the process to relocate a further two homes to Panguru, Whangape and Mitimiti shortly.

We have commenced our negotiations with HNZA for the delivery of the Rural Housing programme for this year. Initial discussions with HNZA looks promising as the Housing Team were concerned that our numbers may have been reduced this year to cater for other needy areas. However due to our strong representation to HNZA and the work we have been able to complete we are expected to keep the same numbers with the possibility of a further increase if we can complete our numbers before the end of the financial year that ends on June 2006.

We are currently putting a project together to look at alternative construction techniques to reduce the overall cost and mortgage commitment to our Te Rarawa whanau. We will bring you more information when it is available. The Housing Team has visited a number of alternative homes in Waitakere, New Lynn, Kaipara, Warkworth, Taheke, Peria and Takou Bay. This has been a learning experience and we are intending to visit one of these homes again with our Executive Officer, Kevin Robinson.

The 7 Kaumatua and Kuia houses in Kaitaia have been approved. The next stage will be to finalise the financial commitment by HNZA and Te Runanga O Te Rarawa to this project. The site has been cleared by a local contractor. We will keep you informed of the progress.

The Retrofit Programme has been finalised and Noeline will be contacting you shortly to those who expressed an interest last year. We will do as many as we are able to do by HNZA. If you are interested to install insulation within the roof space, under the floor and to seal leaky windows and doors, please contact Noeline Tua, 408 1971 for further information.

The Housing Team presented a housing report to a number of researchers as part of their input into the Te Rarawa Whanau Development Project. Our special thanks to Kevin Robinson and Matua Bob Pirini for their assistance with the presentation and to Whaea Ellen for her waiata.

We have a Pawarenga whanau who will be receiving their home on 31 August 2005. This whanau has been waiting patiently since 2002 for this to finally happen. Although it has been a long process with a number of hurdles the final

Te Rarawa Registration Freephone

Anyone not currently registered with Te Rarawa will be pleased to know we now have a freephone number available to make it even easier for you to get registered.

You can call the freephone number to enquire about registering or to ask for a registration form to be sent to you. This year it is more important than ever to get as many Te Rarawa whanau registered as we can. As we move into the final phases of our Treaty Claims negotiations, our total number of registered whanau will play a vital part in the settlement process.

The number is 0508 4TERARAWA (0508 4837272) and please note this number is only to be used for registration enquires, not general business. You cannot call the freephone number from a mobile telephone, but it can be used from anywhere in New Zealand.

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August-October, November/December

outcome will be exciting for this whanau. We wish them all the best for the future.

We are doing carpentry work for a number of Te Rarawa whanau who have applied for a mortgage/loan to pay for additions and internal alterations. If you would like us to take a look at your project, please don't hesitate to contact Turi Te Hira 408 1971 for more information.

All information and queries can be forwarded to either Noeline Tua or Turi Te Hira at 408 1971.

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turi@terarawa.co.nz



**In matters of principle,
stand like a rock; In matters of
taste, swim with the current.**