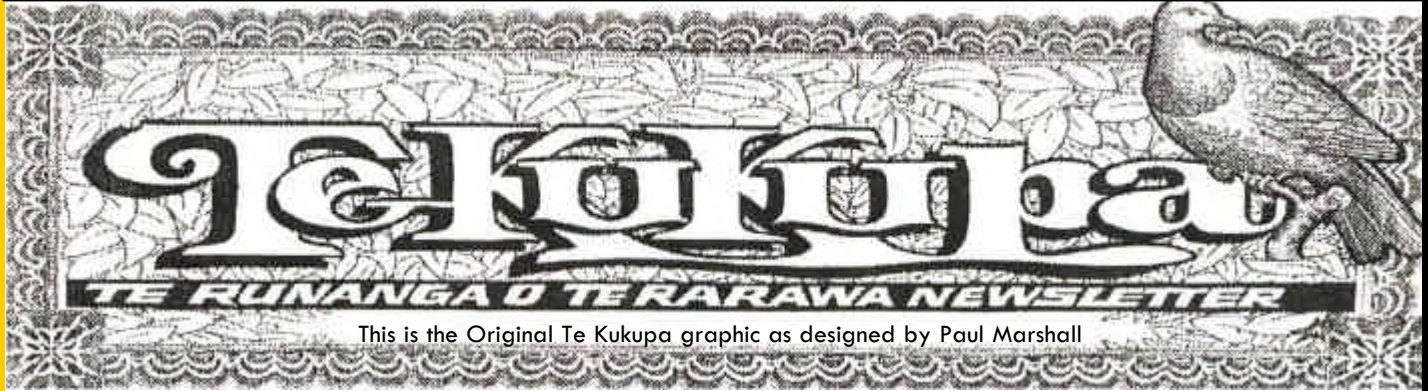




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Meri Kirihimete nga whanau whanui o Te Rarawa, me nga hoa ka-toa!

Merry Xmas to our Te Rarawa Whanau from far and near; as well as our friends who we think are so dear,

We hope you enjoy this Xmas read; we've sourced korero and panui to meet your needs,

So put up your feet and pat the dog; this months edition goes the whole hog,

With stories about the kids, the sea & the beach; we're saying everything is within our reach,

The claims are progressing ever so steady; the question is are you ready?

Ready to participate in the debate;

Ready to have your say come election day,

Ready to learn some more about the foreshore,

Make a New Year's resolution to get on board; and register yourself, your whanau, the many hoards,

This is your Iwi panui read it and share it around; it certainly will be worthy of doing the rounds,

Think of the future for your kids and theirs; they need a firm base from which they can share,

In the many benefits of working together; Practicing "Kotahitanga" now and forever,

In this season of good cheer; love one another & don't drink too many beers,

The opportunity is here to create a destiny of tika, pono and aroha; all it takes is a bit of KIA KAHHA!

So, enjoy the break, enjoy each other; This year is over, but there is always another,

"Ka kite ano" see you next year; hopefully wearing your awesome Te Rarawa gear!

Jaqi Brown

Editor, Te Kukupua

Te Korero a Iwi o Te Rarawa

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Hui and Events to note down on your Calendars

December 27th, 2003

Mixed Open Grade Touch Tournament at Kaitaia College Grounds
Registrations 9am Managers mtg 9.45
Games start 10am. Finish 3pm
\$50/Team - first 16 teams to register.
Phone Lewis 4067612

January 1st 2004, New Years Day,

Pawarenga Combined Marae Sports Day Fundraiser with horse racing, triathlon, hangi, tug-o-war, wood chopping, raffles etc... In front of Taiaio Marae on the shores of the Whangape Harbour. All welcome.

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 your Iwi developments, no matter where you live. Phone Jaqi on 4081971 for more info.

Foreshore and Seabed - Our Response...

TE RARAWA RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO LEGISLATE FORESHORE AND SEABED LANDS AS 'PUBLIC DOMAIN' AND APPROPRIATE TIKANGA MAORI TIPU WHENUA - TAKUTAI MOANA TAONGA TUKU-IHO...

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa held a meeting on December 17th 2003 where delegates from 23 of its 27 marae approved the following statements.

"Te Rarawa whanau, hapu & iwi will not relinquish their rights over their Takutai Moana;- the ancestral lands of the foreshore and seabed over which they hold manawhenua and manamoana.

It is the intention of Te Rarawa to erect a continual line of 'Pou-whenua' along its coast-line from Hokianga to Te Oneroa –a-Tohe (the Ninety Mile Beach) as a visual statement of its rights, and to promote this proposal to all the iwi of Te Hiku o Te Ika to extend the pou whenua on both coastlines.

If the government persists with its policy to confiscate by legislation the rights of Te Rarawa to all its foreshore and seabeds, **it is the intent of Te Rarawa** to withdraw from current negotiations with the Crown of its historical treaty claims.

Te Rarawa will begin negotiating with other Iwi the intent to conduct another land march similar to the land march led by Dame Whina Cooper in 1975 .

Te Rarawa will continue its policy of open access to their coastal beaches by people of the general public with the proviso that they respect the pou whenua and the tikanga of Te Rarawa.

Te Rarawa will continue to discuss its position with Maori representatives in government with the challenge that they take the lead from their two 'Wahine-toa' colleagues".

This statement was provided by Gloria Herbert, Chairperson Te Runanga o Te Rarawa.

Te Rarawa Chairperson for next 3 years decided...

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Triennial Elections were held on October 29th, 2003 at the Kaitia Runanga Offices. Most of our marae delegates were present for this important occasion. The Elections were widely discussed and debated throughout Te Rarawa in the weeks leading up to this date.

Gloria Herbert retained her position as Chairperson of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa for a second term. 90% of the Runanga Marae delegates and many kaumatua from the hapu of Te Rarawa crowded into the large Runanga Bay Room to witness and participate in the event.

Voting papers had been distributed in the months prior to the election day, with Marae Committees and Trusts being asked to choose who they would like to lead the organisation for the next 3 years. Deciding who will lead and speak for the Runanga was a crucial decision for the marae and hapu to make, as it proceeds towards the possible settlement of its historical Treaty Claims, the completion of the Constitutional Review and any resultant organisational changes that may bring, Te Ohu Kaimoana decision making and the many other activities that a chairperson must attend to.

The preferential vote system was once again employed as it had proved to be a very clear way of reaching a decision. Brother Brian Stanaway of Panguru was the Returning Officer and explained the proceedings to the anticipatory room, and introduced the 2 scrutineers Louise Marshall and Carol Berghan. Questions about process and eligibility were asked and any concerns allayed. They



Gloria Herbert and Mere Rawiri Tau at the Elections

then took the voting papers box away to be counted and this process took almost 1 hour to complete. During this time many of our kaumatua took the opportunity to pass on panui and views on a wide range of current matters and to hear about some of the upcoming activities that Runanga Staff were engaged in.

When the trio returned to the room there was a hushed silence as Brother Brian wrote up the results on the white board. Out of the 58 possible votes 52 had been received and of those only 2 were invalid. This left 50 valid votes to be counted. A majority of 26 would be needed to secure victory.

The candidates Malcolm Peri, Puni Makene, Katie Murray and Gloria Herbert waited in keen anticipation as the results were written up on the Board. (continued on page 6)

Resource Management, Treaty Claims—a report by Cat Davis

If you have any questions on the matters reported below, please contact the Resource Management Unit Manager, Cat Davis, ph: 4081971, fax: 408 1971, email: cat@terarawa.co.nz, or check out the Resource Management Unit page on our iwi website at www.terarawa.co.nz.



Conservation and Natural Resource Management Conservation Awards 2003

On 21 November the 14th Annual Conservation Awards Ceremony was held in Whangarei. These tohu are awarded by the Department of Conservation to acknowledge contributions made to the conservation of New Zealand's natural and historic heritage. This year, the Resource Management Unit of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa was proud to be one of a dozen or so Award recipients. A small Delegation from Te Runanga o Te Rarawa attended the ceremony, and the Award was presented to our Chairperson Gloria Herbert and RMU Manager Cat Davis. The Award acknowledges Te Rarawa's efforts in raising awareness about the Kukupa as a threatened species (with particular reference to the Kukupa Mural Project at the Panguru Runaruna Road/Pawarenga Junction). It also recognises the collaborative working relationships that Te Rarawa is building with DoC in order to address shared environmental concerns.

This Award truly belongs to all community members and Runanga staff past and present, as it is a culmination of all their collective passion and contributions: nga mihi rawa atu ki a koutou katoa!

Christmas Carol Competition!

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, RMU has been running a competition on our local Youth Radio Station, TAI FM. The kaupapa for the competition is to raise awareness, facilitate education about 'at risk' Flora and Fauna, and en-

gender an ethic of Kaitiakitanga/stewardship among our Tai Tamariki while making it fun. Some great prizes have been won, including T-shirts, native trees, carry bags, posters, calendars, colouring books, and a huge assortment of informative and educational materials from booklets to fridge magnets. Thanks to all those who took part. TAI 92 FM now broadcasting over the internet, even more whanau took the opportunity to take part!

If you would like to know more about Conservation and other promotions coming up, please contact Resource Management Project Officer, **Sari Masters**, on (09)4081971; or sari@terarawa.co.nz, listen in to TAI 92 FM, or TAI FM's website: <http://www.tehiku.irirangi.net/> RMU would also like to thank the following Competition sponsors/ contributors: Department of Conservation; Bushlands Trust; CBEC; Ministry of Fisheries; Far North District Council; Northland Regional Council; Te Puni Kokiri; 'The Experiencing Marine Reserves Programme'; Te Oranga, and our three Far North Idols kaiwaiata: Aramaera Wiki, George Tatana and Shian Murphy.

Mining and Biodiversity Report

"Mining and biodiversity: towards best practice" (The World Conservation Union & the International Council on Mining & Metals, 7-9 July 2003) - Economic development, social equity and environmental protection are the essential elements of sustainable development. One of the most visible and controversial issues has been the impact of the mining industry, whose products are essential for society's development needs, but whose activities also have impacts on the environment and thus biodiversity. This Report responds to increasing concerns by society and the mining industry itself - this report is timely as such concerns are becoming increasingly relevant to Te Rarawa. Check out the Resource Management Unit Section on www.terarawa.co.nz for more on this issue.

Seabed & Foreshore...

Te Ope Mana a Tai are filing reports of all Government consultation hui on the foreshore and seabed. Regular reports from the many hui are up on the TOKM website at www.tokm.co.nz.



Refuse and Recycling

This mahi is jointly shared by RMU and the Runanga Business Development Unit. 'Clean Stream Northland' (or 'CSN' - the name of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and CBEC's joint venture) is now into its third month of operation. CSN was awarded the Far North District Council's 'Refuse and Recycling Services - Northern' contract in August. Since then, we've had numerous community meetings around the District, many of them attended by Council representatives and staff. It has been very valuable having all three stakeholders - Ratepayers, Council, and CSN as the Service Provider - in the meetings at the same time kanohi ki te kanohi, so each can hear everyone's concerns. As a result, clarity is increasing about who in fact is responsible for the many waste management issues communities have. Council has agreed to make some positive changes in light of needs the communities have voiced themselves. This is a great little victory, but as we all know there's always room for more improvement!

CSN's priority right now is to get the Refuse and Recycling Stations ready for the anticipated Christmas holiday period. But we will continue to advocate community concerns directly with Council. For example, we've requested meetings with Council Engineers and the Mayor to discuss Council's possible return to a 'Global' Waste Contract for the year beginning 2004 - CSN agrees with ratepayers that such a move will be to this District's detriment.

CSN is also grateful for the 'grassroots intelligence' and feedback about the Transfer Stations and the service we provide, as this keeps us in touch with you - the end user. In many respects, you are the eyes and ears in the community, so keep it coming!

If you would like copies of notes from the community liaison meetings, in particular the latest one held on 12 November, contact Sari or Cat.

Business Development Unit

2003 - What A Year!

A report by Vance Winiata—Manager Business Development Unit.

It is with pleasure I report on the activities within the Unit for the year ending 2003.

The Business Development Unit includes the Housing, Fisheries, Possum Control, Land Use and Business/Employment opportunities portfolio's.

Housing

The main focus of work for the Housing Team has been the Essential Repairs (improving the sub-standard homes within the rohe of Te Rarawa) and new developments for individually and communally owned housing projects.

The Essential Repair work currently has 481 whanau on our database with only 40 still waiting to be assessed. 31 repair jobs have been completed to date, 6 of these by Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Team. We have another 27 which have been approved and either have work in progress or have been scheduled for work to be completed, 6 of these 27 will be undertaken by Housing New Zealand contractors and rest by Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Team. The total work/approved to commence to date has been in excess of \$1.3m.

The new/community home developments take some time before commencement as a consequence of land and debt servicing issues being resolved first. Having said that we are pleased to advise we have a



7 units. Kuia/Kaumatua development well progressed to almost building consent application stage situated in Kaitaia anticipated to commence construction in March 2004. In addition we are also working on a marae community development in Motuti which is pending the consent of the marae trustees for the project to proceed otherwise all other preliminary work has been completed to this point.

Fisheries

The Fishing Company (Te Rarawa Fisheries 2000 Ltd) is currently being reshaped. We are pleased to announce the appointment of 2 new fishermen who operate the St Antonio vessel – Heta Conrad and Cliff Parker. We look forward to a profitable season for the fishermen and Te Rarawa starting fresh in this regard.

The Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) for Deepwater and Inshore has recently been allocated which will be put to the market in order to obtain the highest and best price for Te Runanga O Te Rarawa.

Possum Contract Work

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa were successful in 9 blocks to treat within the Warawara and Raetea ngahere which we have subcontracted to a hapu trust (Te Herenui O Te Uri O Tai) to undertake the Warawara work. The Raetea blocks (of

which there are 2) will also be sub-contracted out.

We see the sub-contracting to Te Herenui Trust as a significant step in the hapu development of both the Runanga and the hapu benefiting out of this arrangement. It is time for this activity to be progressed to the next level which is looking at the by-product trade (meat and fur).

Waste Management

In August 2003 the Runanga entered into a joint venture with CBEC and were successful in obtaining a contract for a one year period for the waste management of the Northern Zone which includes Hokianga, Kaitaia, Mangonui and Cape Reinga rohe. CBEC are responsible for the operational arm and the Runanga has a vested interest in the management of the resource and spin off employment opportunities that may come out of the contract. The future of this arrangement will be dependent upon the Far North District Councils decision whether or not to extend the contract or look at an alternative contractor to provide this service. Going on our current performance we see no reason why council would deviate from the current arrangement.

Treaty Claim process

The Business Development will also participate in the commercial redress assisting the Treaty Negotiations Team in their negotiations. This will involve scoping the properties which the Crown has land banked for settlement purposes which are within the rohe of Te Rarawa and categorising these properties with regard to their desirability with regard to their current use and potential highest and best use. This exercise is to be undertaken over the next 2 months and will involve inspection of all properties, the kerb side valuation and subsequent report to the Negotiations Team.

Te Rarawa Carpentry Training Course

In March 2003 Te Runanga O Te Rarawa in partnership with Unitec initiated a carpentry training course here in Kaitaia which after 36 weeks we still had 25 registered students on the course. If the course success is measured by improving student self esteem and upskilling whanau then it would be fair to say this course has been a huge success. We are also pleased to advise that 8 of the students will be incorporated within the wider housing initiative employed as apprentice carpenters through to March 2004 prior to the second year of the course commencing. It is likely a number of these students will stay on and it should coincide with our Kuia/Kaumatua development where at least 4 of the students will be employed on that development.

At time of writing we also had one of the students likely to be employed by an outside carpenter which is encouraging to see graduates from this course are now in a stronger position to obtain employment in the wider market as opposed to what they were able to do prior to coming on to the course.

In summary I would like to thank all members of my team for their commitment throughout 2003, namely Turi Te Hira, Noeline Tua, Margaret Wright, Doc Cassidy, Kevin Pilbrow, Malcolm Bellette, Heta Conrad, Clifford Parker, Bobby Proctor and his possum gang and Whaea Ellen Graham.

Whakawhetai nui, heoi ano, na

Vance Winiata, Manager – Business Development

Te Hui Ahurei o Te Rarawa—Te Rarawa Festival April 9-28th, 2004

Things are certainly looking promising with our first ever Te Rarawa Festival!

The timeframe for our Hui Ahurei is being stretched out over almost 3 weeks to fit in all the wananga, cultural events and other activities.

We will be launching the Festival on Good Friday, April 9th at the Far North Community Centre in Kaitaia.

On Easter Saturday, 10th April, we are holding in and around Kaitaia the "Hapu of Origin Sports Tournament". We are looking at outdoor sports such as netball, touch & tennis; indoor sports such as pool & darts; and maybe even tug-o-war. The type and range of sports offered at the festival will depend largely on the amount of people keen to play and help organise the events.

Also planned is an indoor Kai and Entertainment Festival at the

Community Centre with wananga on the claims, and other information about the mahi of the Runanga and wider issues. We will also be having rolling entertainment throughout the day with kapa haka performances and other Te Rarawa talent on show.

We are planning a Celebrity Debate, Rangatira Ball and Prizegiving for Saturday evening

Easter Sunday will be a day for marae, hapu & whanau to come together and hold their own events.

From Tuesday, 13th April, weekdays until 28th April an exhibition, daily wananga and retail outlet are planned. We are aiming to secure a Commerce St position for the duration of the festival with interactive activities for our tamariki to do over the holidays, as well as daily wananga and workshops for

older whanau members.

So, there you have it, an overview of our first Hui Ahurei. What is needed now are people who can commit to making all of this happen, we need organisers, arts and crafts people, sports administrators, marae and hapu key people and anyone else who thinks they have something to offer to come to a planning meeting in Kaitaia Friday 23rd January at 10am; Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, 28 South Road.

Remember this festival is our first one ever - making it happen together will ensure its success!

Primary Teachers Graduate

Te Reo o Te Rarawa



The final intake for Te Rangakura ki te Aupouri primary teacher training programme graduated late last month with the National Diploma of Primary teaching. From the left: Lorraine Paraone, Bella Nathan, Alice Wiki, Lavinia Kopae, Ethel Hunia, Kathy Popata, Ngauru Heka, Karen Phimester, Kate Atkinson, Riria Rewi-Maaka, Frances Herbert and Romolo Hotere.

Many of these students have made tremendous sacrifices to achieve their Diplomas and we would like to acknowledge them for commitment to education and to their whanau, hapu and Iwi.

Te Reo Project heads out west to Panguru, Mitimiti, Pawarenga and Kohukohu in 2004.

The Panguru Development Trust Board and Te Runanga o Te Rarawa are working together on ensuring Te Reo me ona Tikanga wananga and development occur.

Early in 2004 Waiata and Reo wananga are planned as well as support for the development of Kapa Haka roopu.

Contact Wayne Tetai or Rongo Makara at the Trust Board on 4095013 for more information.

This project has been resourced through Ma-tereo.

Te Hui Ahurei o Te Rarawa

**Te Rarawa Festival
9-28th April 2004**

**"Te Kotahitanga o
Te Rarawa"**

Sports and Activities
Wananga and Debate
Treaty Commemorations
Rangatira Ball
Arts and Crafts etc...

*Register your interest now
and receive regular updates
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*Contact your marae, whanau
or delegates to find out
more about how you can
participate in this event and
what activities they may be
planning to hold. Go to
www.terarawa.co.nz for con-
tact information for your
marae and delegates.
Only 4 months to go!!!*

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rangianiwaniwa Excellence

Te Rangi Aniwaniwa students excelled in sports, academic subjects and performing arts during 2003. Six third formers and 100% of the fourth formers have passed NCEA Level 1 this year. Fourteen students completed their national certificate of computing and 8 students completed their Waikato University Level 1 papers, (Ngahua Harawira with an A average). The newly formed sports academy fielded 10 students who represented Te Rangi Aniwaniwa in 2 national sporting codes: Wiremu Ratana, Bobby Jay Morunga, Anaru Ratana, Rex Mare, Rawiri Robinson, Rangi Moses, Ngahua Harawira, Harata Brown, Leonie Murray and Waimarie Halkyard. Four girls represented Aotearoa internationally in basketball (Merenia Halkyard 10 years, Waimarie Halkyard, Harata Brown and Rangi Moses). 95% of the seniors in wharekura passed level 4 performing arts and the junior kapa haka team were selected to represent Tai Tokerau in the national primary kapa haka.

Outgoing principal Hilda Halkyard-Harawira is pleased by the results. "Great staff, a strong whanau and board have made good things happen for our Muriwhenua children. We have a computer network for the senior kura and a "hakari model" which allows our students to bank their credits for studies from Form 3. The highlight of the year has been the opening of Te Puna Wai which has proved to be a valuable community resource. Within six weeks our children have learnt to swim thanks to swim safe coordinator Esther Hone. The powhiri for new students, staff and the new Ngati Kahu principal will be held on the first day of school Jan 27 at 10 am. Whaea Hilda has been appointed Tumuaki of Te Wananga o Te Rangi Aniwaniwa. Next year she will lead the Raukawa Bachelor of Maturanga Maori course which is aimed at senior wharekura and adult students in the area. Special thanks to all who have supported Te Rangi Aniwaniwa over the last 10 years.

Thanks to Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rangi Aniwaniwa for this report.

*Te Rangi Aniwaniwa
Head Girl and
Te Rarawa Female
Leader of the Year
- Angelique Hughes
Te Rarawa / Tainui*



*Te Rangi
Aniwaniwa
Head Boy and Dux
for 2003
- Toia Karaka
Te Paatu / NgatiKahu*

TRIENIAL ELECTIONS 2003... continued from page 2

The atmosphere was electric as the first results went up. Gloria Herbert and Malcolm Peri were clear leaders with 18 and 14 votes respectively. Puni Makene and Katie Murray received lesser equal votes thus canceling each other out to progress further in the voting process. This meant the scrutineers had to count the second choices on Puni and Katie's ballot papers to find a result. They had already done this and wrote the next and final decision up on the board, 28 votes to Gloria and 22 to Malcolm, there was a atmosphere of completion followed by spontaneous applause and cheers of congratulations that rang throughout the room. (continued on page 6)

The other Candidates and Executive members were first to offer their congratulations, fol-



Scrutineers Carol Berghan & Louise Marshall

lowed by many speakers, who acknowledged the many people involved in making the day happen.

Gloria responded to the many speakers, and said that the next 3 years were one of consolidation and hard work to complete many of the works started. She spoke of finalizing the Whole of Government Mahi, the Constitutional Review and hopefully the settlement of the Claims. The hui was followed by a beautiful lunch, catered for by Runanga Staff.

Panguru Prizegiving

Te Kura Taumata o Panguru Senior Prizegiving was held on Saturday 6th December. It was well attended by whanau, staff, and tamariki; many of whom had been performing at the Te Rarawa Awards earlier in the day.

The Award for Best All Round Male Student went to Hohepa Matthews. Margaret Ngaropo received the Jill Paaka Trophy for Best All Round Female Student as well as picking up the title of Dux of the School; Te Whakaiti Trophies and the Most Hardworking Trophy which she shared with Jessica Dunn.

There were too many results to fit into our little newsletter, so we have posted all the awards on:

www.terarawa.co.nz

Thanks to the Kura for their support of our Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards, they were AWESOME!

Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards and Scholarships

This year's Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards were once again a huge success and we would like to acknowledge all the nominees, whanau, teachers and the wider community who put forward your talented, smart and positive young people for one of our Iwi awards.

We received 36 Nominations for the 14 Awards, the majority being local with a few nominations from whanau who live afar.

There were 4 main categories: Sports, Academic, Leadership and Team each with male and female categories, as well as most promising and leading Awards. We also presented 2 very special Awards for the Male and Female Finds of the Year, 16 Awards in total.

The Awards were held at the Waipuna Marae in Panguru on Saturday 6th December. Over 300 people were in attendance throughout the day. The Awards presentations were supported with some



Lance Baker & Ngahuia Harawira

awesome entertainment by some of the Far North Idol finalists and Kapa Haka performances by Te Kura Taumata o Panguru and Matihetihe School.

A special presentation was made to Tai FM by the Minister of Youth Affairs John Tamihere and our Taitokerau MP Dover Samuels. The presentation was an International Award for youth business entrepreneurship, they will be travelling to abroad to compete internationally for the premier award in 2004.

Special guest was Tamati Paul whose presentation on the perils and damage that can be caused by drink driving moved the audience. He was invited to

share this korero and the SKWOSH message at the Awards on behalf of RoadSafe Northland and Far North REAP.

We also announced the Te Rarawa Ruapounamu me Tarutaru Memorial Tertiary Scholarships. Logan Murray and Celia Witehira were awarded the 2 Scholarships. We also had a new Scholarship this year offered by Bell Gully Barristers and Solicitors of \$2,500, which was split between Meshweyla Alexander-MacDonald and Ngapiu Harawira who are both studying Law at Waikato next year.

All winners received Te Rarawa / Roadsafe Northland / Far North REAP miniature trophy each as well as the Whanau Trophies as listed below. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, workers, whanau and their young people for making the Awards a tremendous success.

This year we focused on meeting the nominees before making any decisions. We heard from whanau, schools and the wider community why they nominated their young person, this was a moving experience for all involved. **The winners of each category are overleaf on page 8. Full results & photos are on www.terarawa.co.nz**

News from Te Aurere—Te Waka

We here at Aurere have been busier than ever this past year. The new Waka seems to have taken up a great deal of the time with progress being made from two enormous logs to two beautifully shaped hulls. Hekenukumai great knowledge has meant that a huge

amount of timber has been saved that will be used in the construction of the new Waka. David Nauer, James Eruera and John Harding have shown massive devotion to the job all year and I'm sure will be looking forward to a bit of r and r! Hekenukumai has been in demand

from one end of the country to the other. He has also been to Hawai'i twice this year, once again creating his magic at the International Festival of Canoes in Maui.

Thanks to Michael Harding for his most informative reports.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



At their November meeting the Runanga Executive acknowledged the contribution and commitment of our matua Puni Makene, who had held the position of Vice Chair alongside Gloria Herbert during her first term as Chairwoman of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa. They presented Puni with a tokotoko handcrafted by Jim

Herbert and acknowledged his ever supportive wife Peggy with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Although his mahi with the Runanga will continue as a delegate for his marae Te Arohanui.

He mihi aroha ki a korua...

Websites to watch out for this summer...

If you're looking for online information about 'Starting Your Own Business' go to the [Business Information Zone](#) (BIZ) which features a great step-by-step guide.

Māori Astronomy [Tatai Aorangi](#)

www.astronomynz.org.nz

A website for the Birds...

www.newzealandbirds.co.nz

Below: Broadwood Area School perform their haka at the 25th Annual North Hokianga Performing Arts Festival in Panguru. The day was a feast of talent and innovation with schools from both sides of the Hokianga represented.



www.terarawa.co.nz

Xmas Parade, Xmas Hours, Xmas Shopping...



HO! HO! HO! This is just the tail end of the Te Rarawa Santa Parade Float that was part of our Annual Xmas Carnival here in the Far North. Thanks to Kaitaia Transport for their truck and all the carpentry team for helping make the giant shoe! We had two themes this year with "Whangai U—Breast is Best" coordinated by Waireti Walters our Breastfeeding Advocacy Coordinator and for our youth the "Live Your Dreams" trailer by Te Oranga.

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and Te Oranga Holiday Hours

Te Runanga o Te Rarawa South Road Offices which includes: Housing, Treaty Claims, Resource Management, Strategic Services, Executive Officer and the Te Rarawatanga Unit will be closed from the 23rd December 2003, reopening on the 5th January 2004. Some of the Units will not be fully operational until after the 19th of January, 2004. However the Administration Offices and Te Rarawa Merchandise will be available after the 5th January 2004.

Te Oranga Whanau Hapu Services 16 Matthews Avenue, Kaitaia will be operating with a skeleton staff over the Xmas period and will be closed after the 23rd of December, reopening on the 5th January. All staff on board from the 19th of January.

TE RARAWA MERCHANDISE - gear to be seen in!

We will be having a stall at the Kaitaia Market on the 27th December and the 3rd of January for whanau who want to take home a Te Rarawa tee-shirt (\$20-25); Polo shirt (\$25); Tamariki tee (\$15); Number Plate surround (\$15); Te Rarawa Matariki Calendar now only \$10.



Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards—and the winners are...

MOST PROMISING CATEGORIES

Most Promising Female Sportsperson of the Year	Lyvonne Waipouri
Most Promising Male Sportsperson of the Year	Robert Murray
Most Promising Female Academic of the Year	Ngahuia Harawira
Most Promising Male Academic of the Year	Rawiri Robinson
Most Promising Team of the Year	Mangonui U'13 Rugby Team
Most Promising Female Leader of the Year	Mae Henry
Most Promising Male Leader of the Year	Wiremu Ratana

LEADING CATEGORIES

Female Sportsperson of the Year	Christina Cameron
Male Sportsperson of the Year	Lance Baker
Female Academic of the Year	Halen Grbich
Male Academic of the Year	Nick Pirini
Team of the Year	Outatune
Female Leader of the Year	Angelique Hughes
Male Leader of the Year	Joshua Carmichael

Tarutaru me Ruapounamu Trophies—Te Rarawa Finds of the Year

Female Find of the Year	Jesikah Pawa
Male Find of the Year	Joshua Carmichael

Other finalists:

Shayelah Clark Hobson; Philippa Murray; Chase Herbert; Margie Hughes; Darling Manihera; Maia Marino; Hohepa Matthews; Rochelle Skyla Millett; Rangi Moses; Freda Michelle Riwai; Chelsea Terei; Nohmi Rose; Darryl Smith; Lennox Stones; Thomas Vela; Karaitiana Vette-Welsh; Chrissy Wijohn; Luke Yates; Logan Howell; Puawai Halkyard; Te Rangi Aniwaniwa Girls
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