



TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA, JANUARY-MARCH 2006



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 kua pahure ake o tenei tau hou. . E nga tini mate moe mai, moe mai, moe mai. Ka huri ki tenei ripoata tuatahi a te tau 2006 ki a koutou katoa. Na reira tena ra koutou.

From a personal perspective I was not sorry to see the end of the year 2005 and to move on into what surely will be a better year from every which way. However there was one notable event at the end of last year; on December 17 to be precise. It was the investiture held at the Waitangi national marae where the Governor -General Dame Sylvia Cartwright formally honoured Ossie Peri as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM). She also awarded the Queen's Service Medals (QSM) to Pona and Lizzie Matenga.

It is a measure of the esteem that Ossie is held in for his services to the well-being of people within the court system as well as in the community, that there was a significant presence of the New Zealand Police there headed by the retiring Commissioner Rob Robinson who himself was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2006 New Years Honours list. It is equally a measure of the rangatiratanga of both Ossie and Pona that the Waitangi Komiti took over all the responsibility for the ceremonial protocols and the manaakitanga of manuhiri within the context of Tikanga Maori. He mihinui hoki ki a koutou o nga iwi whanui mai o Te Rarawa huri noa ki Te Tai Tokerau; - koutou katoa i tae mai hei honoretia Ossie raua ko Pona me ona hoa rangatira. . It was a wonderful day the memories of

which I am sure will always be treasured by Ossie and Tess, and by Pona and Lizzie.

On the last day of the year 2005 (i.e. New Year's Eve) Pawarenga held its biggest-ever-yet and hugely successful sports day with all the usual sponsored events (with good prizes) of horse races, wood chopping, team tug-o-war, athletics etc too numerous to mention plus children's activities, lots of kai and cold drinks. Approx 1000 people came. Kia ora Te Uriotai! I mention it because Ngapuhi have just finished a hugely successful festival weekend at Kaikohe. This was their 2nd annual festival and I have heard that there were at least 10,000 there. Kia ora Ngapuhi!

Engari he patai ki a tatou; - *How about having a Te Rarawa annual festival?* If Te Uriotai can do it for a day every year surely Te Rarawa could organise a trial effort for a weekend next year. . I don't think the Runanga should own this project and make it happen. The Runanga's role should be to support the initiative of a steering group or committee of movers and shakers who can plan, liaise and put together a festival proposal. . He take kia korerotai pea a te Runanga hui a Pepuere 15th? I will put it on the agenda.

LABEL

The Christmas - New Year period was a welcome interlude between the end of the old year and the beginning of the mahi for this year that includes the claims negotiations, the constitution, the restructuring of the governance, the allocation of TOKM assets, customary fisheries issues, working with local government, relationships with our iwi within Te Hiku o Te Ika. Lots of hard

yards to cover e hoa ma but we can do it by working together, being transparent and communicating well.

A good start has been made with a hui of the Chairpersons and deputy chairs or their representatives of all of the iwi authorities of Te Hiku o Te Ika held at our South Road offices on January 26th The purposes (in no order of priority) were to explore the common issues, to share good factual information (and correct wrong information!), to consider joint proposals or ventures and to support each other, especially where the collective mana of all the iwi can be far more effective in making sure concerns are heard .

The really rewarding response was that everyone at that hui felt it was time to come together, time for kotahitanga, time to practice the concept of whakatapu whakaaro. Another meeting will be held to allow each of the iwi of Ngatikahu, Ngati Kuri, Te Aupouri Ngaitakoto and of course Te Rarawa to get feed back from their respective people. My appreciation goes to Raymond Subritzky the chairman of Te Aupouri Trust Board who sowed the seed of the idea that Te Rarawa watered and that all the other iwi are now nurturing to make it grow. What a great beginning and a good omen for the year 2006! . May this New Year be one of growth and good omens for all of us.

Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki, e tiaki.

Naku noa,
Na
Gloria Herbert
Chairperson
Te Runanga o Te Rarawa

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Ossie Peri
with his wife Tess,
proudly wearing the New
Zealand Order of Merit
medal at Waitangi

Te Rarawa Cuzzies Graduate Marine Studies

Two Te Rarawa cuzzies have recently graduated with a Diploma in Marine Studies and Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Studies. Celia Kay Witehira and Tersha Lee Erickson-Perry have spent the last couple of years studying at Bay of Plenty Polytechnic in Tauranga and managed to come away with degrees and diplomas.

Both of these young women are the mokopuna of Aroha and Keith Erickson of Ahipara. Celia is also of Ngapuhi decent and her grandparents on her father's side are Mahu and Tare Witehira. Celia completed her Diploma in Marine studies last year in 2004. In 2005 she went on with the support of Te Rarawa Scholarships to complete the Degree in Applied science. Celia has also received support from Te Ohu Kai Moana with her studies. She hopes to continue on with her studies to a Masters Degree and then secure work in the Marine field, and is keen to work with iwi in maintaining health marine life in Aotearoa.

Tersha packed up her family of three young children two years ago and moved down to Tauranga to undertake the Marine Studies course offered at Bay of Plenty Polytechnic. Tersha-Lee is the daughter of Moana Erickson and Tina and Bill Perry of Diggers Valley. She is pictured here on Graduation Day 14 December 2005 with her cuzzie Celia and Auntie Teina Piripi who works for Te Runanga O Te Rarawa. Tersha has moved back to Ahipara and is looking for work locally with her new learnings. She said she wants to be a part of making sure there's going to be places left for her mokopuna to dig their feet in the sand of Te Oneroa a Tohe and gather kaimoana.

From left: Celia Witehira, Tersha Erickson-Perry and Teina Piripi



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Dates to Diary...

February

10-12: Wananga Mau Rakau (p11)

15: Hui-a-marama, TROTR South Road offices

March

15: Hui-a-marama, venue TBA

29: Early Childhood Expo (p14)

April

19: Hui-a-marama, venue TBA

28: Treaty of Waitangi Commemorations (p16)

Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards & Scholarships

The winners for Te Rarawa's Ruapounamu me Tarutaru Scholarship for 2005 were Joshua Bensemam & Mihiarangi Piripi. Congratulations to these two young people who received their scholarship during the last Te Runanga o Te Rarawa delegates hui held on Monday 12th December 2005.

Te Rarawa Taitamariki Awards for 2005 were postponed as the number of nominees were too low to proceed. Therefore a new notice is put to the Uri o Te Rarawa to nominate taitamariki who have achieved in the sporting, academic, leadership and team worlds. The trophies are a memorial to the various whanau of Te Rarawa and are a honour for any whanau to win. Schools are once again invited to nominate someone and we hope to come to a decision about the Award date after March 31st.

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Conservation & Community Development

Training Courses

2005 was a full-on year for the Horticulture Courses, currently running in 4 locations; Kaitaia, Peria, Mangamuka and Pawarenga. The Peria Students became the first to step up to Level 4 so a big Kia Ora to them for their achievements; according to their tutor, Alistair Newman, they are doing very well and are all expected to pass. Mangamuka will be next to go onto Level 4 in March, with Pawarenga and Kaitaia expected to follow suit in April.

The Horticulture Courses give the students skills and knowledge to grow organic vegetables, so that they can feed themselves and their whanau, instead of having to rely on buying food. Growing your own food is a viable and realistic goal for economic development in our rural communities where there are limited opportunities to generate an income. Through looking at our own daily needs in vegetables and what are suitable products for the whenua and the climate, we see what we can grow for ourselves - then it is just a matter of gradually increasing the volume for the greater market, something that will be more the focus with Level 4.

Each Horticulture Course is also establishing its own Native Tree Nursery; in Kaitaia this is where the most emphasis has been made rather than on gardens, and gradually the stock of native seedlings have increased to where Tuia Nursery now have hundreds of native tree seedlings ready to be planted out this winter.

There is a need for Horticulture Courses in other communities - but there is also a real shortage of tutors so that is another employment possibility for some of the current students to consider. Landscaping and gardeners jobs are also on the increase. Although becoming a private gardener for some wealthy person over in Kerikeri or Paihia may not be everybody's cup of tea, it is never the less an employment prospect that is becoming more common as more wealthy people are moving north. Students with an interest in conservation will be encouraged to continue studying on environmental courses, including the Trainee Ranger Course in Nelson which is the main recruitment centre for Department of Conservation, and the only course of its kind in the country. In order to get more people qualified to Tutor level (what ever their skills), we aim to set up a part-time Adult Teaching Course in Kaitaia.

Other Courses that we also hope to set up includes Carving and Tourism. Carving is a taonga that needs preserving, like te reo, so it is important that we create opportunities for people with a talent for carving to learn from recognised Carvers in a properly resourced environment. Tourism is another area where there is potential for economic development for at least some of our communities and where we hope to kick off very soon is in Motuti, which is already well on the way to developing Marae based tourism. We need to keep in mind that all Training Courses are dependant on the availability of tutors and sufficient number of students to make it viable. Employment opportunities are apparently increasing, according to WINZ, and unemployment rates are falling so WINZ are putting more pressure on people on the Unemployment Benefit living in the rural communities to get a job - even if it means moving into town. This is not always in the best interest of the community and for Te Rarawa. As a result of people moving out of the communities, services that these communities are dependant on often decline, e.g. school numbers drop and it becomes harder to keep the schools going. What we need is to create employment or the potential to generate an income in our rural communities so that people don't need to move. Training and upskilling is essential for any economic or social development and we will do our best to bring the appropriate courses required; it is also equally important that the communities help us identifying the training needs for their particular community.



Left to right:
Kevin Robinson, Pat Campbell, Jon Maxwell, Gloria Herbert,
Rongo Bentson, Tim Rudolph, Chris Jenkins

Many of us wish that we had done better at school than we did, as we now know that it would increase our employment opportunities or make it easier to take on courses or studies. Well, we have a course coming up that can help and it is called the Foundation Course. This 17-week course offers 2 days tutoring per week in literacy, communication, study skills, real-life maths, sciences - social/physical and practical computing. Child care assistance is available on these 2 days and extra tutoring help on the other days are also available if required. This is an excellent course if you want to get into any kind of studying but are aware of shortcomings going back to your school days. A similar course featured the graduation of its students on TV recently after it was held in South Auckland. Many of the Students that graduated had through the course succeeded in making real lifestyle changes and turned their lives around. Just goes to shows, it is never too late so grab the opportunity when you can.

Te Kukupa - Te Korero a Iwi o Te Rarawa - January-March 2006

Department of Conservation Tai Tokerau Conservation Awards Co-hosted by Te Runanga O Te Rarawa

For some time now Te Runanga O Te Rarawa and Department of Conservation have made an effort to work together wherever possible, in line with the Whenua Ngahere proposal for the Treaty Claims in regard to the Conservation Estates within Te Rarawa rohe.

When we were told that the Conservation Awards held by DoC annually around Tai Tokerau were scheduled to be held in Kaitia we suggested that Te Runanga O Te Rarawa becomes the Co-Host as Tangata Whenua, and so we embarked on an interesting joint-venture which resulted in a very good day at the Kaitia Community Centre, on the 9th of December.

The event started with a formal powhiri followed by korero from the Tai Tokerau Conservator Chris Jenkins and Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Chairperson Gloria Herbert. DoC also had a special guest speaker, Paul Jensen, who gave an interesting speech on conservation. Te Rarawa too had a special guest speaker; Haami Piripi. Haami's korero was both stirring and entertaining but also very well received. A beautiful lunch catered by Riverside Café followed while entertainment was provided by Francis Tipene and his wife Kaiora. After lunch the DoC Awards got on the way in which, for the record, Te Runanga O Te Rarawa had no input.

Awards were given to:

1. Ahipara Primary School - Group of 8-15 students formed to promote the clean up of the Wairoa River.
2. Te Hapua School for Children for achieving excellent results growing and planting threatened coastal plant, Atriplex hollowayi.
3. Clinton Rameka, Project Manager and driving force behind Takao Were-Te-Mokai Landcare Group, for weed and predator control work. Clinton was involved in organising these operations and campaigning for funding. He obtained toxins, traps, pesticides, safety equipment, and plants-also provided 'hands on' help.
4. Pat Durham, businessman who believes in conservation being part of the business mix. He recently sold Paeroa/Knuckle Point to the Crown for reserve purposes, taking a financial loss in the interests of conservation.
5. Carter Holt Harvey for positive efforts to manage pest control in their forests to benefit kiwi and also kauri snails. As a result of extensive surveys, a strategy has been developed for protecting kiwi. This involves predator control/monitoring and a range of statutory and advocacy management.
6. Samara Sutherland who has blossomed from school girl to professional marine advocate. Inspiration came after involvement

in a 1998 Kamo High School proposal to establish a reserve in the Whangarei Harbour. Completed an Environmental Management diploma at Northland polytechnic and was given the opportunity to create and design a marine education programme. She became a marine educator starting an 'Experiencing Marine Reserves' programme, resulting in receiving the Sir Peter Blake Award. Member of a variety of local marine conservation groups and has coordinated many special events with a focus on marine conservation. She has written and published the Experiencing Marine Reserves 1st and 2nd edition resources which are available nationally

7. Warren Farrelly, energiser and motivator of the Kamo High School student's application for the marine reserve proposal in the Whangarei Harbour. It was through him that an awareness and interest was stimulated in the pupils. A forward thinker who has recently retired and can be proud of his legacy.

8. Dawn Nelson-Jones who truly follows the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle concept in her everyday life. Keen organic gardener using permaculture and other natural farming methods. She has been involved on countless community garden initiatives as well as assisting with the Horticulture Course run by Te Runanga O Te Rarawa in Kaitia. She puts in many hours of service on the Trust Board for the Far North Environment Centre and volunteered at the Kaitia DOC office, selecting and taking care of native and exotic plants that help to purify the air to help create a healthy working environment.



Haami Piripi speaking
at the conference

After DoC had finished giving out their awards Te Runanga O Te Rarawa presented their first ever Conservation Award to Tim Rudolph of Te Uri-O-Tai, Pawarenga. Tim was given this award for promoting awareness and protection of the Kukupa and the erection of the Kukupa sign situated at the Pawarenga/Panguru Junction. That was meant to have been the last award of the day, but a group of weavers calling themselves Te Hiku O Te Ika Whatu Raranga Flora & Fauna who were present in the audience decided on the spur of the moment to present a Kahu-Kuta, (rain-cloak made of kuta) to Gloria Herbert in recognition of her support over the years. The Kahu-Kuta was presented by Betsy Young, Kate Harbutt, Jane Allen and Alice Ratu.

I am certain that everybody present thoroughly enjoyed the day and for Te Runanga O Te Rarawa it was an event that we hope will now become an annual event, so a big Kia Ora to Tim Rudolph for leading the way in conservation efforts and lets hope that more Te Rarawa people will follow, so that we can keep the Te Rarawa Conservation Awards going.

Think CONSERVATION and assume your inherited role as Kaitiaki O Te Taiao.

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Far North Touch '05

This year's Touch module, finished off with a bang, first round Social semi between Blitz and Peria Kingz, Blitz saving the best for last, in the week prior the Kingz managed to contain Blitz to come off with a draw. Unfortunately, couldn't keep that game flowing for the semi finals, Blitz's Shane Reed and Rebecca Bilcich putting in some hard yards to come off triumphant. And across the field in the other Social semi final it was Alf's All-stars coming up against Da Shizzle, the latter having no answers for the All-stars on the night, behind at half time, score 4-1. The Final was set, last year's social division winners, Alf's All-stars vs. Blitz the hot favourites. Our big finale however was in the Open Semi's and Finals really stealing the show on the night.

The first match up was T.F.T, a group with some really talented players, the team featured the Module's female M.V.P, Sam Paparao, who has also gained selection into the New Zealand Under 16's Touch team, she was selected for the squad while playing in the New Zealand Maori Touch Nationals, held in Hopuhopu over the first weekend in December.

Not to be outdone, their rivals X, feature some x-Northland rep players, Troy Jobe and Rangi Lewis, which kept the game interesting right up until the final whistle, at which point the game resulted in a draw 3-3, while this was taking place we had the Fritterz squad, featuring some of this year's Mangonui rugby champions, K-dubs (Kaitaia Western), Koro Petera, Walter Leef, and Brad Jobe to name a few.

Coming in for their opposition was old team mate Scud Murray representing Broadwood. This match up was intense both sides not wanting to give an inch, this game also resulting

in a 4-4 draw at the full time whistle. So there we have it. Two fields, two semi's both drawn at the full time whistle. The result, was a drop off, sudden death. The clock restarts and teams are given two minutes to score, failing that the hooter sounds and one player from each team must "drop off", play continues losing a player every two minutes until someone scores.

It was Fritterz to come out unscathed and ready for their finals match up against T.F.T. On the opposite field Tash Paparao, secured the other finals spot for her team T.F.T. In the finals, Social division was another close match up, Blitz de-throning last year's champions the All-stars, with a 4-3 win. And in the Open Finals, another intense match, both teams working their way through, to result in yet another full time draw. But the night belonged to Fritterz, Kelly Davan crossing the line, with an awesome setup from Hayden Lloyd, Lloyd also taking this year's M.V.P prize for the guys.

Congratulations to all the teams for their part in this years competition, Big thank- you to the people that have helped out this season to make it an awesome event. We are looking forward to the up and coming talent that this year will bring.

Winners:

Open grade Winners: Fritterz

Open grade Runners Up: T.F.T

Social Grade Winners: Blitz

Social Grade Runners Up: Alf's Allstars

Male M.V.P: Hayden Lloyd

Female M.V.P: Samantha Paparao

Thanks to the referees who officiated in the finals: John Windleborn, David Frost and Anaru Cassidy.



Open
Grade
Winners,
Fritterz.
Second
from right
is Male
MVP
winner,
Hayden
Lloyd.

Far North Touch '05

Bottom right:
Second place open winners, TFT. Fourth from
right is Female MVP winner, Samantha Paparoa.

Top Right:
Social Division, second place winners,
Alf's Allstars

Below:
Social Division Winners, Blitz



Rippa Rugby

This year's Rippa rugby started out with eight Primary School teams, however it didn't take long for the competition to grow, with teams coming from Ahipara to Paparore to participate in the weekly event, and, with the inclusion of several Intermediate teams, Rippa was all go. Northland Taniwha Fullback, Mat Faleuka was on board to help, attending the first day of competition, and making the return journey to the Far North to help wrap up the competition. His thoughts were all positive, he had nothing but praise for the talent on the fields, and the fact that the kids were getting out there and doing it.

The competition gave the kids an opportunity to develop their skills, along with the touch competition following after Rippa, giving the kids an opportunity to pick up visual skills from the senior teams.

Thanks to all of the schools for their awesome participation in this event. And we look forward to running another competition in the near future.

For more information contact Paulette Lewis at Te Oranga (09) 408 0141, or email paulette@terarawa.co.nz



TE RARAWA HOUSING

This has been on our busiest month with a lot going on and happening. I want to personally thank our team, who have been involved in getting on with the business.

There have been a number of highlights this month in particular the second placing received by the team at the recent inaugural Community Housing In Aotearoa (CHAI) whose membership include a number of notable organisations such as mental health organisations, HABITAT NZ, CHANZ, Iwi providers, IHC, church organisations involved in housing throughout NZ. It has a current membership of 95 and growing every month. This is in recognition shown by other housing providers throughout NZ and it adds some value to what we are currently doing in housing our whanau in Te Rarawa. We still recognise that there are still Te Rarawa whanau whom we need to support and assist as these are our real critics.

The organisation who came first was COMCARE a mental housing provider based in Christchurch.

The Housing Team did a presentation at the Conference on the projects we have been involved with this year. This was well received by those who attended the presentation and they commented on the amount of work/ projects we had completed this year on behalf of our whanau.

These comments mostly came from those sceptics of the Low Deposit Rural Lending Programme. The conference was excellent and it gave the Housing Team more ideas on how it could utilise some of the experiences and models currently used in Australia and England. (Watch this space)

The Housing Manager has been appointed to the CHAI council who meet regularly in Wellington. We are also involved in establishing a Maori caucus for Community Housing and there will be a meeting held in February and this will be a good time to promote the issues and concerns related to our whanau.

ECO-HOUSING

We are currently waiting to receive the contract from HNZN to lead this initiative here in the Far North.

HNZN – RHP

We currently are progressing with the work in Te Rarawa. We have regular meetings with HNZN to identify any issues or concerns to both. There have been a number of projects that have been signed off this month. We are also utilising other local contractors to assist us with our current contract commitments. These local contractors are quoting the scope of work provided by HNZN.

The retrofit work within Te Rarawa has now been completed.

We have 14 projects out of 25 that have been approved this year by HNZN. We are currently completing 2-3 projects each month. This current output shows us completing our 25 projects by April 2006. This will allow us to do a further 5 projects before the end of HNZN financial year by June 2006.

CARPENTRY COURSE

Both houses are closed in and the gibstopper is currently in the houses and this work should be completed by the end of the week. HNZN has not found a property to establish the houses and is still on the prowl.

We have met with Te Puni Kokiri this month. They have asked for the Housing Manager to assist them in a regional approach to increase the number of Maori Trade Apprentices in Northland. We have met with them twice in Kaitiaki and once in Whangarei and during this we did a presentation to them on the Te Rarawa carpentry course. They see the benefit in this model and now want to use the Te Rarawa model and establish it in at least two other areas in Northland.

We have also met with a number of interested organisations in the Carpentry Course including Northland Polytechnic and a consortium of government agencies and local groups seeking local business and employment solution for the north in Whangarei. They have issued their support to TPK to act as the lead agency on this initiative.

We have completed the first draft for the Regional Trade Training and this is currently with TPK for its review.

We now have a training DVD supplied by a group who filmed the Housing Team for an up and coming Papakainga series on Maori TV. They prepared a 5minute film on the Te Rarawa Carpentry Course. We used this DVD at our recent presentation in Whangarei. The film includes interviews with the Housing Manager, Doc, Murray and some of this year adult students and those who are currently employed with Te Runanga O Te Rarawa.

We have presented a copy of that DVD to Northland Polytechnic and Te Puni Kokiri for their information.

We will meet shortly with the other Iwi Providers to establish a consortium to assist the project and develop it to the next level.

NEW HOMES

Whatuwhiwhi – This house has now been delivered to the site and work is under progress.

Dover home – The work on this house is currently under progress. We are getting pressure from various agencies to get the work completed before Xmas.

CLAUD SWITZER HOME

We have assisted them with some information and are currently waiting for them to take the next step.

KAITIAKI HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

KPH has been awarded the contract.

PUKEPOTO DEVELOPMENT

The Project has commenced, and is scheduled to be completed on the 12 May 2005.

- Fencing completed
- Temporary road installed
- All main drains completed
- Construction of three units at Gib stopping stage
- These units will be completed to 95% except the flooring, drapes and netting which will be completed when the other units are completed
- Commenced the slab work for the other 4 units
- Progress Claim No2 has been received and approved for payment
- Panthers have received payment for Claim No2

We want to thank all those who have participated in the signing of the documents and we appreciate your continued support.

HOUSING NZ FOUNDATION

HNZF has provided a loan document for the Trustees to sign.

MARAE/ COMMUNITY PROJECTS

We have received the survey plans from Von Sturmers and have completed and issued three layout proposals for Motuti, Morehu and Motukaraka Marae. We are now waiting to meet with all three marae to progress it to the next stage.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

We presented both Te Oranga and received the contract for this. We are currently assessing the information and will have more information for the Executive at the next meeting in December.

CAPACITY BUILDING

We have appointed Bevan Foy to the Project Managers position. He is a local from Awanui and has lived, schooled and developed in Awanui for most of his life.

We attended a conference in Rotorua to discuss harakeke. The conference was held by SCIAN (Forestry Research) to discuss

the possible use for harakeke as a fabric, textile, oils and housing material. There were over 80 people who attended the conference all having some interest in Harakeke. This research into harakeke was based on the Uku reference group whom we have been involved with for the past two years looking at using it as a reinforcing fibre in the construction of rammed earth housing.

We met with FNDC to discuss putting together a workshop early in 2006, to discuss and debate social housing and how Te Rarawa wants concession from FNDC in paying for development levies and building and resource consents costs. Especially since organisations such as Te Runanga O Te Rarawa were providing social housing solutions to people living in its rohe and the FNDC area. This workshop would invite key people to it including the Mayor, Executive Office, councillors, Iwi Providers, government agencies and any others who were interested in social housing.

Regards

HOUSING TEAM

TE RUNANGA O TE RARAWA



Community Housing Aotearoa, Inc.
Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa

In early November, Community Housing Aotearoa, Inc. (CHAI) and the Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment (CRESA) recognised several organisations for their efforts to provide affordable housing in their communities with the CRESA sponsored Community Housing Awards.

ComCare Charitable Trust received top honours for providing support services, including emergency and long-term housing, for adults who experience serious mental illness and live in the Canterbury region. Te Runanga o Te Rarawa in the Far North received an award for their strategy to remove sub-standard housing and improve the living conditions within the Te Rarawa rohe. Agender Christchurch Group New Zealand Inc. was also commended for developing innovative housing responses for the transgender community.

"The CRESA Community Housing award scheme recognises good practices in providing safe, affordable housing for individuals and families in our communities. Often the people served through these community housing providers have no other housing options," says CRESA Research Director Kay Saville-Smith. "There are many quality programmes around the country, which made it extremely hard to choose just a few groups, but the three programmes we recognised this year have proven track records within their communities and tailor their programmes to meet the real needs of the people they serve. ComCare was selected because of the extraordinary commitment to providing a diverse range of housing services to people who are recovering their mental health. They have been real innovators over the years and have shown huge staying power and robustness. Both the housing sector and the mental health sector are better for their contribution."

For ComCare Charitable Trust the \$3,000 award will go toward research into the causes of homelessness in our communities and what role families, neighbourhoods and non-profits have in making housing sustainable. "There is a dearth of knowledge in this area and we are quite keen to discover

what causes homelessness, particularly for people with mental illnesses, and what steps can be taken to better address this complex issue," says Annette Sutherland of ComCare Trust. "The total cost of the project is expected to be \$12,000."

The awards were given during the inaugural Community Housing Conference (3-5 November), which was held in Auckland. 120 participants from the public and non-profit sector attended the conference to discuss the future course of community housing in New Zealand. The conference was organised by CHAI, the national peak body for community housing issues in New Zealand. Generous support from the Housing New Zealand Corporation helped make the three-day event possible.

In his new role as Minister of Housing, the Honourable Chris Carter opened the conference. "There is obviously a great need to provide quality housing options for people with low and modest incomes. Currently there are 11,500 applicants, including 4,300 high priority applicants, on Housing New Zealand Corporation's waiting list for state housing. That's a number that the Government is trying to reduce, but we recognise we don't have all the solutions, which is why we are committed to strengthening the community housing sector. Non-profits and other community housing providers can offer flexibility and choice to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities."

"Government support for building a larger, stronger and viable community housing sector will be important," says CHAI National Coordinator Margie Scotts. "A collaborative effort between community sector organisations, government and private sector developers is critical to the goal of providing good housing options to all New Zealanders. Events like the Community Housing Conference and the CRESA Community Housing Awards Ceremony highlights some of the positive work already occurring in the community sector and offers workable ideas for the future."

TE RARAWA HISTORICAL TREATY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

(If you are a registered iwi member and would like a copy of the complete Negotiators' Reports, contact Catherine Davis, ph: 4081971, email: catherine@terarawa.co.nz).

The Year in Review

It has been a while since the last detailed Negotiations report in the April/ May 2005 newsletter (this was largely due to the Treaty Claims Coordinator, Catherine Davis, being overseas on leave for five months), so we have a bit of catching up to do!

2005 did not see as much progress as the Runanga would have hoped with our claims negotiations. The Negotiations Team (NT) experienced inevitable Crown delays associated with the pre-election government departmental and Ministerial wind-down. The Crown Team had a number of staffing changes including the departure of the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) Lead Negotiator who had held that position since the start of the negotiations, and Department of Conservation (DoC) staffing shortages. There were also administrative delays with the Ministry of Fisheries.

Nonetheless, Te Rarawa made the most of it by consolidating outstanding matters and undertaking more intensive ground work with Te Rarawa hapu claimants and iwi on:

- Whenua ngahere,
- Customary Fisheries,
- An investment and distribution strategy.

The NT also engaged with other iwi groups with which Te Rarawa shares conservation and coastal land interests with. Because of the abovementioned delays and ongoing extended negotiations on settlement redress, an Agreement in Principle (AIP) was not reached. However, the NT is confident that Te Rarawa is closer to a settlement than not.

NT activities since 10th March 2005

March 23rd: Waimirirangi marae, Waihou.

April 7th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

April 20th: Whakamaharatanga marae, Manukau.

May 5th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

May 18th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Runanga offices, Kaitaia.

May 28th: Claims update to Ihutai, Pateoro, Te Karae.

June 9th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

June 9th: Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Kaitaia.

June 28th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Ngai Tupoto marae, Motukaraka.

July 7th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

July 8th: Te Rarawa meeting with Regional Department of Conservation staff, Kaitaia, to explore practical aspects of the Whenua Ngahere proposal.

July 10th: Negotiations Team planning meeting, Kaitaia.

July 16th: Claims update to Ngai Tupoto, Motukaraka.

July 20th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Rangikohu marae, Herekino.

July 22nd: Te Rarawa meeting with Ngapuhi in Panguru regarding Ngapuhi's claims to the coastline shared with Te Rarawa.

August 4th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

August 10th: Special Runanga hui to finalize the asset and distribution strategy, Kaitaia.

August 11th: Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Kaitaia.

August 17th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Matihetihe marae, Mitimiti.

September 5th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

September 8th: Briefing with Legal Council, Wellington.

September 8th: Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Wellington.

September 12th: Negotiations Team meeting Kaitaia.

September 28th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa offices, Kaitaia.

October 7th: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

October 7th: Whenua Ngahere Working Party meeting with OTS and DoC, Auckland (Negotiators Paul White and Haami Piripi only attending).

October 12th: Negotiations Team planning session, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa offices, Kaitaia.

October 19th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Taiao marae, Pawarenga.

November 1st: Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Kaitaia.

November 3rd: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

November 15th: Negotiations Team foreshore and seabed strategic planning session, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa offices, Kaitaia.

November 16th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Te Kotahitanga marae, Whangape.

December 1st: Report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia.

December 5th-6th: Executive iwi strategic planning session with Negotiating Team, Tamatea marae, Motuti.

December 8th: Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Rawene.

December 12th: Negotiations Team report to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa monthly meeting, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Offices, Kaitaia.

January 3rd & 4th: Tauroa papakainga meetings, Roma marae, Ahipara.

Updates in Summary

Historical Account

The Crown continued working on the Historical Account based on Te Rarawa feedback, but did not produce a further draft in 2005 for the NT to distribute to the iwi for feedback.

Whenua Ngahere (Conservation Estate Redress)

Whenua Ngahere information packs were given to Delegates to distribute to hapu and marae in May. The packs contain templates for identification of interests in different conservation areas. The NT will seek the return of the completed templates early in 2006.

- If your marae would like assistance with completing your whenua ngahere template, please contact the NT. Between August and October, the Runanga agreed to the establishment of a "Komiti Tikanga Taiao" (steering committee) that would focus on environmental matters. A Komiti Terms of Reference has been distributed and requires approval.

- Please consider suitable whanau for your marae and hapu to nominate onto the Komiti.

The NT also had opportunities to hold discussions with DoC, the Northland Conservation Board, and our local Members of Parliament to raise awareness and positively inform them as key stakeholders about our whenua ngahere proposal.

Takutaimoana (Customary Fisheries)

Between August and October, the Runanga agreed to the establishment of a "Komiti Tikanga Takutaimoana" (steering committee) that would focus on customary fisheries matters. A Komiti Terms of Reference has been distributed and requires approval.

•Please consider suitable whanau for your marae and hapu to nominate onto the Komiti. The NT progressed its customary fisheries research proposal with the Ministry of Fisheries. The aim of the proposal is to research Te Rarawa customary fishers' knowledge and practices within with the goal of managing the fishery. The research will contribute to the production of a Te Rarawa customary fisheries strategic plan, including the establishment of Tangata Tiaki. Te Rarawa also continued our efforts, particularly with Ngapuhi, on resolving coastal mana whenua issues and strengthening inter-iwi relationships in order to prepare for future management of shared customary fisheries resources such as the Hokianga Harbour.

Tauroa

In 2005 the NT developed the Nohoanga concept (a type of redress developed for the Ngai Tahu settlement) for application to the specific interests of Tauroa whanau. In early January 2006, two meetings were held with landowners, leaseholders, residents, and DoC to discuss papakainga housing and nohoanga/camping options at Tauroa. Further discussions will be held in February.

Asset Distribution and Investment Strategy

Hapu and marae spent 2005 reflecting and feeding back on the matters raised in the Runanga discussion paper distributed the previous year. Asset distribution and investment are big issues which Te Rarawa needs to sort out before we receive any fishing and land settlements assets. Between August and October, the Runanga reached a consensus on the majority of distribution matters, and the whole issue of distribution is expected to be determined this year. The NT will generate discussion on asset investment issues this year as well.

Property Valuations

The value of properties available for use in the settlement will impact on how much Te Rarawa can purchase back from the Crown with our Quantum. The Crown has supplied valuations for properties set aside for a Te Rarawa settlement (i.e. the landbanked properties). However, there are also a number of State Owned Enterprise properties which, while not guaranteed as available, are "memorialized" as ones which may be used in settlements. It is generally more difficult to negotiate an inclusion of these in settlements, but the NT will continue to negotiate the return of SOE properties which are important to claimants. It may emerge that other SOE properties ought also to be returned. However these are only likely to be identified in the context of an investment strategy which includes knowledge of property values. An in-house Runanga stock take of all the SOE properties in the Te Rarawa rohe revealed the enormity of a valuation exercise. The NT will review early this year the best approach to take.

Foreshore and Seabed

The Runanga was advised in October that the NT was reviewing the options with regard to settlement of our foreshore and seabed rights and interests. In November exploratory communications indicating a Te Rarawa interest in entering foreshore and seabed negotiations were made to the relevant Ministers. The NT is currently awaiting a response.

Post Settlement Entity Development

The Runanga came very close to finalizing the new constitution in 2005, but has had to re-set its timeframe to approval in 2006.

Work Programme – The Year Ahead

The NT and the Crown are aiming for an AIP by mid-2006, and have enlisted the services of lawyer Janet Mason to provide both strategic advice and document drafting support. Janet was instrumental in drafting the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 and has also been employed with DoC, so has some valuable knowledge about the best processes to follow procedurally and politically. All going well, a Deed of Settlement for iwi ratification could be initialled at the end of 2007. Quantum issues were largely suspended in 2005 while more attention was given to negotiating whenua ngahere and other redress. But Te Rarawa will need to finalize the Quantum figure if we are to reach an AIP.

The NT and the Crown are also arranging for a visit to Te Rarawa by the Ministers of Treaty Claims and Conservation (Mark Burton and Chris Carter) in late February.

Late last year, the Waitangi Tribunal also released its Draft Statement of Issues on the WAI 262 Flora and Fauna claim. Maui Solomon, who acts for Del Wihongi (the Head Te Rarawa claimant for this claim) has recommended a hui of claimants and counsel in February to determine where to from here.

The Runanga is awaiting a response from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust to the NT's final claimant funding contract report provided in December 2005. Once the current contract (worth \$230,000 GST inc) is completed, the NT will make its next funding application. The Runanga is also reviewing an application for legal aid to offset negotiations costs.

Heoi ano,

Catherine Davis (For Negotiations Team)

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PAWARENGA NEW YEARS DAY CARNIVAL 2006

The Pawarenga New Years Day Carnival was held this year, yeah that's right, held on the 31st December 2005. They say this can only happen in Pawarenga. Because New Years Eve was a Saturday it provided the opportunity to do so allowing us the chance to celebrate the New Years with whanau. In retrospect it was a contributing factor for the record crowd of approximately one thousand people in attendance. Despite the early morning rain the cars kept piling into Pawarenga kicking up a continuous cloud of dust from one end of Pawarenga all the way to Shelly Beach, the venue of the carnival.

Carnival Funfair

The Pawarenga New Years Sports Day had been growing each year and particularly since it restarted in 2003 after being in abeyance since the 1997 flood, which devastated Pawarenga. Over the past three years the New Year Sports Day has taken on a Carnival like atmosphere with the focus on increasing events for children. This began last year with the Trail Blazer jeeps and this year a Giant Slide Castle was added to the funfair of the day and to the delight of the tamariki and mokopuna, many of who spent almost the entire day climbing up and sliding down.

The New Year's Sports Day has always been an attraction for drawing whanau home to Pawarenga with the express intent

of 'whanaungatanga' both within and extending outward to the neighbouring communities. The growing popularity of the event drew the attention of the Maori Television media who covered the events of the day, which was featured on TV One Karere and Maori Television. Plus we were honoured with the attendance of the Honourable Hone Harawira who mixed and mingled and was present for most of the day.



The Preverbal Challenge

Paul Marshall, who has the yearly task of designing and printing the New Years Sport Day Tee-shirts, met the challenge this year by manipulatively illustrating the images of two faces locked in an eyeball to eyeball dare, which on close scrutiny reveals a third face peering outwards depicting the proverbial message and challenge in Paul Marshall's design and 'whakaaro' for 2006. The faces depict the three marae of Pawarenga Te Uri-o-Tai.

New Events

There were two new memorial chops added to the chopping events, the Bo Herbert Memorial Chop and the Tom Proctor Memorial Golden Oldies Chop for the young chaps over 64 years, which turned out to be a contest between the Pirini and Herbert whanau, Sydney (Sibo) and Bob against Jim and Frank with Frank Herbert

Running Events

Iron Boy. 10 to 15yrs
1st Michael Jo Pomare
2nd Benjomin Te Wake
3rd Hone Harrison

Iron Girl 10 to 15 yrs:
1st Natasha
2nd Anahera Rudolph
3rd Brieley

Iron Man:
1st Wiremu Ratana
2nd Conan Herbert
3rd Junior Paparao

Iron Women:
1st. Edith Painting Davis
2nd. Jaylene Emery
3rd. Grace Pirini

Wood Chopping

Bo Herbert Memorial Chop:
1st. Chase Herbert
2nd. Tangiroa Karena
3rd. Joe Te Wake

Novice Chop:
1st. John Herbert
2nd. Conan Herbert
3rd. Pene Arara

Open Chop:
1st. Joe Te Wake
2nd. Chase Herbert
3rd. Alan Heta

Matini & Erena Rudolph Memorial Chop:
1st. Chase Herbert
2nd. Joe Te Wake
3rd. Alan Heta

Tom Proctor Memorial (over 45yrs):
1st. Frank Herbert
2nd. Jim Herbert
3rd. Sidney Pirini

Horse Races

Maiden Race:
1st. Aubrey Waipouri
2nd. Wire Rudolph
3rd. Rob McLean

Dollar Murray & Harold Leef Memorial:
1st. Talmarge Murray
2nd. Mickey Murray
3rd. Grant Devan

Pat Rudolph Stockwhip:
1st. Hori Proctor

2nd. Harrold Murray
3rd. Jake Dunn

Tui Inn Barrel Race:
1st. Hori Proctor
2nd. Alan smith
3rd. Daniel Dick

Haimona Pirini & Hone Tamati Memorial Cross Country:
1st. Caleb Proctor
2nd. Hone Murray
Aubrey Waipouri

Emā Heteraka Memorial

1st. Maize Devan
2nd. Lani Waipouri
3rd. Antonio Rollington

Pawarenga Open

1st. Aubrey Waipouri
2nd. Riki Ihaka
3rd. Talmage Murray

Pat Rudolph Memorial

1st. Pita Cook
2nd. Daniel Dick
3rd. Talmage Murray

Pawarenga Cup

1st. Mirare Murray

2nd. Rob Mc Lean
3rd. George Murray

Masonic Hotel Stockman's Race

1st. Chase Leef
2nd. Allan Smith
3rd. Grant Devan

Field Events

Men's Tug-o-War:
1st. Ngati Hine
2nd. Te Uri-o-Tai

Women's Tug-o-War:
1st. F. Team
2nd. Te Oranga

Arm Wrestling: (1st. Prize only)
Taitamariki Tane (boys under 17) won by Anaru Waipouri

Taitamariki Wahine (girls under 17) won by Janessa Topia

Chainsaw Race:
1st. Chiefy Pirini
2nd. Sid Leef
3rd. James Matthews

PAWARENGA NEW YEARS DAY CARNIVAL 2006



being the proud winner of the Tom Proctor Memorial Chop. Chase Herbert, Bo's son, won the Bo Herbert Memorial. Other new events were the Chain saw racing, Tree Planting demonstration, Arm Wrestling and the Wild-wild West Horse race for the up and coming youth riders. The whanau Volley Ball competition which begun last year, was fiercely competed for this year, with the Ratana whanau claiming the winners for 2006.

The Fundraising Committee, on behalf of the Pawarenga Community, wishes to thank the many sponsors, both whanau and local organisations for their sponsorships which contributed to the success of our Carnival. A special thanks to the Far North District Council, Te Runanga O Te Rarawa for the use of their equipment, Hauora Te Hiku o Te Ika, Piripi of M G Autos who inclusive of his generous sponsorship provided his sound equipment displaying some vehicles for sale, which together with Carters Building Supply, added a flare of commerce to the carnival. We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year

For the many whanau, who did the hard slog both in front and behind the scenes and in particular kia ora to our MC. Frank Herbert and the Muso Willy Pirini who kept everyone informed and entertained. Te mihi whanui ki a koutou, ara ki a tatou hoki e kawa nei tenei ra hirahira, te ra hari he timatanga mo te tau hou. Noreira, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa. Heoi ano mo tenei wa

Kim Campbell

Chairperson

On behalf of the Pawarenga Fundraising Committee

A photo-montage DVD of the day will be available shortly. Contact Cecily on (09) 408 0141 or cecily@terarawa.co.nz for more details.

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100% Into School

Te Oranga are offering all new enrollees (i.e. '0- 5 year olds) into Childcare, Kindergarten, Te Kohanga Reo, Playcentres etc. a Free Starter Pack to help parents/caregivers make the transition easier. The Starter packs include a backpack, lunchbox, drink bottle and other freebies and information to help get children started in education early. This is a limited offer, as we only have 50 backpacks remaining in this quarter, so be quick.

Kaiwhakahaere/Programme Coordinator Jaqi Brown will be at Wednesday 1st February's Te Oranga Back to School Pool Party from 12-3pm, to answer any questions about the Promoting Participation in Early Childhood Education Programme. There is no cost, all we are looking for is a commitment to keeping your children enrolled for at least 3 months, and hopefully longer.

This is part of our "100% INTO SCHOOL" promotion. "Participation in some sort of formal learning environment at an early age can significantly advantage children's abilities when it comes time to start school. It is generally a very rewarding experience for both children and their parents/whanau. However, not all parents are aware of the many different education and care options open to them. These range from Playcentres to Kohanga Reo, from Kindergartens to Childcare Centres etc, of which there are 47 such facilities in the Far North-Whangaroa area alone."

Jaqi helps whanau decide on the best option for you and your child/children. She can help with enrolment and asking the 'right' questions; organising childcare subsidies; working through any attendance barriers and offer general helpful advice and support.

New Dad, Francis Tipene, whose son Nikora has just enrolled at a Te Kohanga Reo said, "Thanks very much for all the resources you gave myself and my wife; we spent all night reading through the material, it is very informative. We especially liked the Te Reo booklet."

If you are serious about enrolling your child, or maybe you have just enrolled them and would like some ongoing support, then please phone Jaqi Brown at Te Oranga on 408 0141 ext 744, or text her on 027 2500 695 and she will arrange a time to meet with you, or you could call into the office 16 Matthews Ave, Kaitaia.



Early Childhood Expo

March 29th

Te Oranga is hosting an Early Childhood Education Expo on the 29th of March, 2006 at the Far North Community Centre 10am - 2pm. The focus of this expo is on the education of children before they enter school.

There will be workshops with skilled facilitators who will teach interesting ways of utilising everyday resources in play, as well as looking at the developmental stages of children.

Te Kohanga Reo, Childcare Centres, Kindergartens and Playcentres are invited to set up displays and be available for parents and caregivers to discuss and promote their programmes (contact Jaqi Brown for a table early as there are limited spaces).

There is a plan to have a Ministry of Education Helpdesk, and someone from Work and Income to talk about Childcare subsidies, as well as other Education Professionals on hand to discuss your child's needs.

This day is for parents, caregivers, whanau and kaimahi/workers to learn more about preschool education. They want preschoolers to be a part of the day as the activities will be 'hands-on' and the littlies will be encouraged to participate, so bring a change of clothes, it could get messy!

If you would like to be a part of the day, or want to know more contact Promoting Participation in Early Childhood Education Kaiwhakahaere Jaqi Brown at Te Oranga.

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Waka Ama Nationals

In January a group of 12 young ladies (10-12 years) travelled down to Waikato to compete in the Waka Ama Nationals on Lake Karapiro. This was to be their first competition in this particular sport competing under the Rangaunu umbrella.

The girls had been training hard for 3 weeks solid, coached by Lisa Ratana. They were spilt into two strong teams;

- Hine Kaha – 1 Tayla Cook, 2 Eden Cherrington, 3 Ata Heta, 4 Christina Witana, 5 Tayla Davey 6 Tii Niwai Mutu;
- Hine Toa – 1 Mary Tatana, 2 Kupa Hippolite, 3 Mere Witana, 4 Seany Snowden, 5 Maddison Munroe, 6 Keziah Lewis.

The group arrived at their motel with enough time to change and then travel to Lake Karapiro to train and to see where they would be racing for the next two days. They stayed at a backpackers in Hamilton; while there they were asked to set a goal for them to achieve individually during the competition and the results were amazing.

The team was given journals to write these goals in. After some tutorial about Kotahi Tatou and what it stands for the girls all agreed to be drug and alcohol free.

Tuesday 17th January was their first day of heats, semi finals and finals. They sure showed their individual strengths and

talents - during this time they qualified for two semi finals and a W12 final. They showed that they could easily compete with the more experienced crews. All the girls are interested in returning to next year's Nationals and have already asked their coach when the next training would be.



The travelling supporters were very pleased and proud of how well the girls raced and placed, they had the 4th fastest time in a semi final for the W12.

The young ladies were well supported by their parents, whanau and other competitors during training and the competition. The girls bonded well together, looking out for each other and ensuring they all were there and ready to race.

They were a really great bunch of girls to take away and as a parent I must say that this type of sport is awesome for the whole whanau to participate in together.

This trip was made possible mainly due to Kotahi Tatou ("Together we're one against Cannabis") and it was a success due to the absence of drugs and alcohol through the entire event.

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Commemorations of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi April 28th 2006

The Commemorations of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi are being held once again on 28th April 2006, 10am-1pm, at the original venue of the 1840 signing at Te Ahu, Kaitaia (which is the grassed area between Kaitaia Primary School and St Saviours Church, Mission Place Kaitaia).

We are currently planning the day events which will follow similar years activities with the reading of the Treaty in both languages, a commemoration service and reveal a bit about the history of the area at the time of the signing. We hope that descendants of the original signatories will be on hand to re-sign a mock 'treaty'. We encourage schools, parents and whanau bring or send your children along to this event, as we have learning activities for your children and a free lunch too! There will be some Spot prizes and free Treaty information packs.

We are also planning to include a concept plan for a memorial plinth and bronze plaque to be erected somewhere in the vicinity of the signing. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, please contact Jaqi Brown on 408 0141. Please mark this date in your calendars, as it falls on the Friday directly after ANZAC weekend.

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.

Te Kukupa is published in 5 issues each year:
January-March, April/May, June/July,
August/September, October-December

Te Oranga's Back to School Pool Party on February 1st was a tremendous success, with around 200 children, parents and caregivers participating in the days activities. Water basketball was very popular with SNAPP's (Sports Nutrition Allows Positive Progression) kaimahi Paulette Lewis coordinating activities in the pool.

Heaps of prizes were given out by Te Oranga to students who were 100% INTO SCHOOL! The launch of the 100% INTO SCHOOL promotion was a great success with students being encouraged to stick with school every day, so that they not only will get a great shot at education, but also go into the draw for an i-Pod at the end of 2006.



Te Whanau
Roopu at
the Back
to School
Pool Party