

TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA – JUNE 2002

Tena koutou, he mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. He panui nei i te korero a te Iwi o Te Rarawa i tenei marama. Nau mai Haere mai ki te titiro me te whakarongo ki nga whakaaro o nga whanau mo nga kaimahi o Te Rarawa.

This month's edition is packed full of interesting bits and pieces. The korero from May 22nd Runanga hui-a-marama gives a snapshot perspective of the Treaty Negotiator Elections, more fishy korero about kaitiakitanga and legal sizes / bag limits, and as promised in last month's edition the big picture of our Runanga. We have also had several whakapapa inquiries that need your help.

Thanks to all of our readers who gave the new format the thumbs up! Positive feedback is welcome any day in this office! Special "Kia Ora" to the whanau from Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland) who rang, promising to email through some Te Rarawa 'goss' from the Big Smoke! Remember the closing date for articles is 1pm on the last Monday of every month.

Keep safe, keep well,

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Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.

- Helen Keller

Acknowledgement...

Thankyou to Dame Joan Metge for her koha of \$1000 to our education fund, we will utilise it wisely...

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Te Rarawa Negotiators Elected!

Ngati Manawa Marae in Panguru was the venue for the historic elections of 3 Negotiators. Joe Cooper, Paul White & Haami Piripi were selected under Preferential Vote process at the Runanga hui-a-marama May 22, 2002. Read more about this on page 2 of Te Kukupa.

Gloria Herbert & Joe Cooper after the Negotiator Elections – more on Page 2



Latest News! The Negotiation Team met Friday, May 31 and set the dates for 5 Treaty Claims Consultation Hui (1 for each Takiwa). The dates are as follows: 16, 25, 26, 30&31 July, each hui will start at 10am. The venues/marae will be posted in next month's Te Kukupa, or sent with information packs to whanau on the mailing list. If you are not on the mailing list and want to be kept informed about the Claims, call Jaqi 4081971.

Money, money, money

This month we have received notification of 2 pools of unclaimed moneys. One from the Maori Trustee Office and one from the IRD. There are hundreds of names on these lists of unclaimed moneys, and the putea ranges from a few cents to tens of thousands of dollars. Read more about this putea on page 2 of Te Kukupa.

Kaimoana gatherers know your limits!

Recently we saw in the national news, that an organised gang was stripping our coastlines of kaimoana and selling it on the international market. Most people thought that this was a terrible thing and

supported the authorities for cracking down on these people.

This was an extreme violation of our concept of kaitiakitanga. However, we may ourselves also be at risk of stripping our kaimoana stocks simply because

- a) we do not know the legal catch limits and sizes
- b) we believe that it is our right as tangata whenua to take as much kaimoana as we like
- c) we are taking kaimoana to sell or raffle without permits

Whilst gathering kaimoana is written into the Treaty and we have customary fisheries laws in place to protect our rights, the kaimoana resource is not an infinite resource that will be there forever, just because we say so. It is a resource that requires careful management and monitoring. The only way that we can (as Te Rarawa) ensure that our customary fisheries resource is retained for the future, is if we take responsibility for our gathering.

Too often on the kumara vine, we hear of Toheroa, Paua and Kina being raffled or sold on the black market. This type of exploitation may fulfil a short term financial need, however, the longer term impact may be that our mokopuna do not ever get to experience the tradition of gathering kaimoana or even tasting it. The 'how much, who, when, where, what, why discussion' needs to happen in every coastal community, so that everyone in our communities knows what the limits are, what the tangata whenua role is, who are the principal kaitiaki etc...

In addition to my korero above we have been supplied by our local HFO's the legal limits for kaimoana.

Please check out page 4 for more info.

Free flu vaccines for over 65's

The Hokianga Health enterprise Trust has free flu vaccines available for over 65's, for North Hokianga whanau - all you need to do is contact your local community nurse. Under 65? the charge

is just \$15. Cheaper than being crook, wouldn't you agree?



Treaty Negotiators Elected!

(Cont'd from page 1)

The process for selecting our negotiators has been a long time in coming. Several years ago Te Rarawa acknowledged that the progression of the claims under the collective Muriwhenua umbrella was not necessarily the best path to take, and decided along with the other 4 Far North Iwi to 'go it alone' and progress their claims as individual Iwi. Of course much debate followed such a decision, and the Minister in Charge of Treaty Negotiations got involved asking that we all move things along quickly and appoint negotiators. Te Rarawa decided to take a different path at that point and appointed a 5 member working group to look at ways in which to progress our Claims with the Crown. The group did some mahi on this and other options, however once their job was done, the serious business of confirming mandate and appointing negotiators began. In 2001 many hui and meetings were held to ratify Te Runanga O Te Rarawa as the collective representative voice for the Iwi to progress our claims. This mandate was finally confirmed on Tuesday 19 March 2002, by the Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Margaret Wilson, when she advised Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa that she recognised the Rūnanga as the mandated body to enter into direct negotiations with the Crown to settle Te Rarawa historical Treaty claims. The Minister's recognition meant that the formal process of negotiating a Te Rarawa claims settlement could begin. However, while Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa held the mandate to negotiate the claims, it was still necessary for Te Rarawa to determine which individuals, or Negotiators, would carry out the iwi instructions concerning the day-to-day

negotiations with the Crown.

Subsequently, an Election for three Te Rarawa Historical Treaty Claims Negotiators was held at Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa's monthly meeting on 22 May.

Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa is therefore proud to declare the following result of that Election - Te Rarawa's three Historical Treaty Claims Negotiators are:

- Joe Cooper
- Paul White, and
- Haami Piripi

Chairperson Gloria Herbert has said that: "With these three Negotiators in place, Te Rarawa whānau, hapu and claimant groups look forward to continued progress with our direct claims negotiations with the Crown".

Any questions regarding Te Rarawa's claims negotiations may be directed in the first instance to our Te Rarawa Resource Management Unit Manager, Cat Davis.



Money, money, money ...

The Maori Trust Office have sent us the latest Unclaimed Moneys List book (Number 45). This list comprises accounts where moneys have been held by the Maori Trustee (Maori Trust Office) for 10 or more years. Moneys range from just 6 cents a beneficiary to over \$29,000, although most moneys in the list are for smaller amounts (10's & 100's). The Maori Trust has Offices in Tai Tokerau(Whangarei); Tairāwhiti(Gisborne); Waiariki (Rotorua); Waikato-Maniapoto(Hamilton); Aotea, Takitimu & Te Waipounamu(Wanganui). Examples of some of the surnames in the book from Tai Tokerau are: Morunga, Herepete, Karaka, Nathan, Pomare, Pou, Clarke, Berghan, Anderson. Call into the Te Rarawatanga Unit to check the list out for yourself or phone in and we'll do it for you. We also have response forms, should you or one of your relatives be listed.

The other is from the IRD website and they have a huge list of unclaimed monies left untouched for 6 years or more in financial institutions such as insurance companies & also unclaimed funds such as wages or cheques. You can surf this site yourself:

www.ird.govt.nz/otherservices/monies

Or pop into the Runanga and I will bring the site up and we can look together. From the quick look I took at the site, names like Herewini, Hepi, Adams & Smith stood out.

Please phone Jaqi 4081971 before calling in to ensure someone is available to help you with this.

FEATURE ARTICLE FOR JUNE:

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Project – Building Futures



This year Te Runanga O Te Rarawa has been involved in intense negotiations with Housing Corporation NZ, Te Puni Kokiri, and other key players in the housing field. We have now appointed Housing Project Manager - Turi Te Hira to ensure that we meet our aims to support whanau (in need) into improved housing situations. Turi has been connecting with whanau and communities around our rohe as well as working through the finer points with our stakeholders on what we can assist with. This report from Turi highlights how you can connect and what the mahi of his portfolio is aiming to do.

North Hokianga Housing Office

Turi Te Hira will be available to discuss housing and marae needs at the Panguru Resource Centre. The Office will be open every Monday from 10 June 2002, from 10am till 3pm. Julian Knight from Housing New Zealand and Mike Burgoyne from WINZ will also be

available to discuss state rentals and employment respectively. Julian Knight will be available from 12noon till 2pm. Mike Burgoyne will be available once a month. If the need does arise to have the office open for longer periods or on a different day to cater for whanau then we will adjust our hours and day to suit.

The Panguru office is the first step in Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Strategy to maintain closer links with whanau. It will allow whanau on the North Hokianga to discuss their housing needs with Turi Te Hira.

Worker database and jobs

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Strategy includes the development of employment within Te Rarawa. We are building up a database of unemployed whanau who have building skills such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing and drainage, construction machinery and any other associated trades that may be useful to assist with housing.

If you have skills that Te Runanga O Te Rarawa could utilize in its Housing Strategy, we need to hear from you. We will be collecting and recording details at the Panguru and Kaitaia offices, during office hours. Alternatively, whanau can contact the Runanga office ph 408 1971 to talk with Turi Te Hira.

Housing Assessments

We are continuing to meet with whanau within the Te Rarawa rohe, to discuss and identify housing problems and to develop strategies that will help, sustain and nourish the well-being of Te Rarawa whanau.

The Suspensory Loan Assessment Team in Te Rarawa consists of Julian Knight and Tony Wiki from Housing New Zealand and Sam Tecklenberg and Pat Newson from Te Runanga O Te Rarawa. Housing New Zealand contractors will be commencing the Suspensory Loan work on Thursday, 30 May 2002, and they will continue to improve the health and safety of whanau in Te Rarawa.

We are continuing to build up a list of whanau who require an assessment on their homes. It is important to contact either Sam Tecklenburg or Pat Newson at the Runanga 4081971 to be included. If whanau who knows of other members in their whanau who do have housing problems then please contact them and let them know.

Turi is also available to assist with Marae development and accessing funding from Government agencies. We are presently working with Waimirirangi Marae in Waihou; the work includes documenting the Marae buildings and sitting down and discussing with whanau their vision of the marae. The discussion includes story telling, the importance of whenua, urupa, awa, moana, waka, whare and tipuna, as all of these icons help develop the overall concept specific for their marae.

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Strategy identifies the whanau as the most important icon, then hapu, marae and iwi. Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Housing Strategy will be available on the Te Rarawa web page under Housing.

Whanau - the time to act is NOW! For more information call Turi, Sam or Pat on 09 4081971 to discuss your housing needs.



Runanga restructuring

Following on from our May story on the restructuring of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa, we have attached a chart of the new management structure, including the names and roles of the key staff and the Runanga Executive. Next month we will be publishing a feature on the Runanga's biggest Unit - Whanau Hapu Services – Te Oranga.

We are delighted to announce that Mere Tau of Herekino has been appointed to the Runanga Executive from the

Whangape ki Manukau marae takiwa (marae cluster).

Marae Takiwa (Marae Clusters)

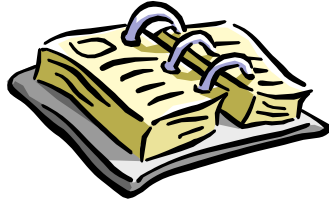
Over the past few months I have been talking with whanau about the continuing purpose/role/mahi of the 'marae takiwa' after the selection of their delegate to the Executive and it appears everyone has an opinion on this subject. From the discussions that were held at the Runanga hui, it was clearly stated that the development of 'marae takiwa' stemmed from a desire to get fairer representation on the Runanga Executive. The person selected from each marae takiwa is not to replace the vital and important role of the Marae Delegates. Their role on the Executive is to look after the Runanga's interests as a collective group, making decisions to support the development and growth of the Runanga as a business. Any marae / local issues should be the responsibility of the delegates to raise at the Runanga level or direct to staff to help sort out.

The other purpose for 'marae takiwa' are to be able to bring together whanau from the same hapu / rohe for hui and wananga that pertained to their issues/ development etc. In the past the Runanga staff had undertaken to hui/wananga 'marae by marae' and in light of the fact that there are 27 marae this process is understandably very, very time-consuming, repetitive and expensive.

Business Development and Strategic Services Units

Vance Winiata will be leading the Business Development Unit, starting July 1. His role will be to grow the business arm of the Runanga and he will be responsible for overseeing and growing the current business operations under the Housing Portfolio, Fishing Company, Possum Contracting. He will also be looking for new opportunities for investment. More on Vance later in the year. The Strategic Services Unit is

responsible for managing the day to day administrative needs of the Runanga staff & executive; planning & programme design; sourcing putea and managing the Runanga finances. This Unit is being managed by Anahera Herbert.



Runanga hui-a-marama

As you will have read earlier in this month's Te Kukupa, the Runanga hui was hosted by Ngati Manawa and the primary focus was on the election of negotiators. Although, during the process our kaumatua took time to regale several stories about the beginnings of Te Rarawa and other very interesting stories.

Next month's hui-a-marama will be held at Ngatokimatawhaorua Marae, Tauteihiihi in Kohukohu. Wednesday June 19th, powhiri at 9am.

Kaimoana Limits & Sizes

HFO's have been active in the Far North over the last few weeks. Good news is that almost everyone they talked to, were keeping to the catch limits. For those of you who are not aware of the limits you can get a guide (Recreational Fishing Rules) which are available from the Runanga, HFO, (if you see one about) or at the local Ministry of Fisheries office in Kaitaia.

Here are a few examples:

Species	Minimum Length	Daily Limit Per person
Paua	125mm	10
Snapper (West coast)	27 cm	15
Snapper (East Coast)	27cm	9
King Fish	65cm	3
Tuatua	N/a	150

For those people who need to acquire more than the daily limits for a hui or other purpose, should contact the Runanga for information on Permits. The Permits system helps us to ensure that when people are approached by a Fisheries Officer, that the kaimoana is being taken for the correct kaupapa. You are required to have the permit with you while you are fishing / gathering. If you do not, and, have an excess of kaimoana, action may be taken by the Fisheries Officer's.

HFO's are always willing to talk to you regarding fishing rules, so stop and have a korero next time you see one on the beach.

Kai Karanga hear the call!

Taiao Marae in Pawarenga was the venue for the first hui dedicated to Kaikaranga. The hui was facilitated by Helen Kaipo (Te Rarawa / Te Aupouri) and attended by over 20 wahine. The range of skill and confidence in our wahine ranged from never having participated to highly skilled and knowledgeable wahine. This provided a healthy balance and an air of manaakitanga was present. Day One developed slowly with our local kuia, Harata Stephens testing our facilitator's knowledge and commitment to the kaupapa. Following this korero on the finer points of local tikanga, the wahine were broken into groups & practiced a simple karanga. The korero followed through into the second day along with more practice and waiata tautoko. At the end of the hui, each of the wahine who participated felt they had learned enough to karanga and reinforced their confidence in this most important of roles.

The next hui is scheduled for July (watch this space) and the organisers are looking to extend the kaupapa to include our tane and their role on the taumata. Acknowledgements to Cecily Puku, Marama Piripi and Mereana Ngaropo and the whanau of Te Uri o Tai for hosting the kaikaranga roopu.

He Wananga, a report from the Youth Worker Training Course.

The Wananga was aimed at people who want to work with our rangatahi and focused on Waka Ama and Mau Rakau. The wananga was held at Nga Huia Marae, Motukaraka over 4 days between the 6th and 9th of May. The aim of the wananga was for participants to learn & share any knowledge that they have and that everybody would leave with enough skills, knowledge and confidence to be able to work with the rangatahi in their community, set up a Waka Ama / Mau Rakau club, organise events and know who to call on in the network for assistance. The majority of the ope was of matua age as they were our primary target group, although we had several rangatahi attend too. Around 30 participants came to the wananga, with an average of 20 people every day. They came from Motukaraka, Te Huahua, Kohukohu, Mitimiti, Pawarenga, Pukepoto, Kaitaia, and Waimamaku in South Hokianga.

This was the first time a wananga like this had been held, so it was a learning curve for everyone, including the organizers. The main Facilitators were Kay Ratana and Kipa Munroe, both from He Oranga Poutama, the Maori branch of Sport Northland. Kay focuses on Waka Ama and Kipa on Mau Rakau, together they made an awesome team and to combine Mau Rakau and Waka Ama was a first for them too. The wananga was free and organised to run from 9am to 3pm each day, participants had the option of travelling each day or to stay on the Marae, making it very flexible for people who had to fit their families in. Diddy Howell and her whanau did the catering and pampering, making everyone feel so much at home. The sharing of skills and knowledge with everyone contributing to some extent was outstanding and had a big impact on the wananga. People like Taane and Karen Thomas with their 3 daughters,

had so much to offer and also got a lot out of it themselves. Both Taane and Karen shared with everyone a lot of their own personal lives, their learning stages and how they were now home-schooling their own children. Also Paul LeNoel who got everyone gazing at the stars after dark, used a fine-beam torch to point the stars out with and share his knowledge of stars and celestial navigation. Others like Thomas Herbert, Lisa Campbell and Arohanui Harris, came to learn and learned a lot that they now want to share with their own communities, in particular with nga tamariki. They and others all contributed to the success of this wananga. One person I must mention too, who came in specifically to talk about Waka Ama and in particular the history was Bo Herbert. His contribution which I missed, was very valued, people said that to have Bo talk about Waka Ama was like having Jonah Lomu talk about Rugby, a real treat. One of the things that Bo had said was that "it is not about reviving or bringing back, it's about REMEMBERING."

This wananga has also showed us, the organizers the value and potential of such wananga. As Kipa said: "It makes sense to train the trainers". We have heard of people who did not attend, that now, want to know when the next wananga is on, because they have heard so much good about this one. The Mau Rakau was an experience and an eye-opener, it is definitely something that needs to be supported and encouraged. Thomas Herbert has since the wananga, been going over to Kaikohe once a week for Mau Rakau training. Mau Rakau is Maori, it is a martial art, a fitness program and it is discipline, just what so many of us need in our lives to improve the well-being. Watch it grow.

Everyone is now waiting impatiently for the next wananga and after talking to Kay we have decided to look into the possibility of organising three more

within Te Rarawa before the end of this year. The next one would most likely be in Mitimiti, the third one in Pawarenga and the forth one in Ahipara. For the next three we would also try to incorporate Kapa Haka. You do Waka Ama when the tide is in, Mau Rakau when the tide is out and Kapa Haka in the evenings. It was a pleasure to work with Kay and meeting Kipa, appreciation for support and input also goes to Anna Pospisil, Bonnie Conrad and Kevin Robinson. It was indeed a joint effort and that too will without doubt also grow.
Ma pango, ma whero, kua oti te mahi.
Thankyou to Rongo Bentson for this enlightening report.

Whakapapa enquiries

Every month email helpdesk receives enquiries from whanau all over the world, who are trying to trace their whakapapa or relatives. If you can help, please contact Jaqi at the Te Rarawatanga Unit on 4081971.

Enquirer #1: Yates / Murray / Ewai

A descendant now living in Melbourne, Australia is looking for information from the female side of her whakapapa. In her email she has said that her great, great grandfather was Edward Sydney YATES who married Waikaukau EWAI, their son Samuel Edward Yates married Kataraina MURRAY. I have heard on the kumara vine that a Murray reunion book may exist with Kataraina's whakapapa in it, is this true? If you can assist this whanau with information about Waikaukau or Kataraina, please let me know. Jaqi

Enquirer #2 - Wiremu

A Wiremu whanau descendant is looking for information about her grandmother Hemo Hetariki WIREMU can anyone help? Call the Te Rarawatanga Unit.

*Plan for one year – plant kumara
Plan for 25 years – plant pines
Plan for 100 years – plant education
and knowledge in our children*

www.terarawa.co.nz Update

The website is currently being reformatted and will be launched soon. Turi will be posting the housing strategy and Te Oranga will be expanding it's page too. We have recently got some digital photos and are just awaiting the korero from Taiao Marae in Pawarenga so they will have their marae online too. Marae who have updated their information recently with the Te Rarawatanga Unit will have their basic info posted too.

How to get your marae Online

Phone 4081971 and ask for Jaqi. I will talk to you about your marae and answer any queries you might have. I will then come and take some photos and do an interview with your kaumatua / kuia. Its as simple as that!

Iwi Registrations

The Te Rarawatanga Unit will now be responsible for receiving any requests for Iwi registrations. Please phone Jaqi on 09 4081971 to get some forms sent out to you. Part of Jaqi's role is also to develop systems for online registering.

**We can promote your
business online.**

Excerpts from letter to Gloria and the Runanga from Alexandra - a recipient of a Te Rarawa Scholarship.

"Dear Gloria,
I just thought I would drop you a quick line to let you know how I am getting on. I have been back in Whangarei this past week because my University Graduation Ceremony was on Monday 22 April, in Hamilton. I flew in from Brisbane on the Saturday, and spent a fun couple of nights with my old friends, and then I met my family on the Monday for the big day! The ceremony was very nice; not too over the top at all. It was very exciting walking across the stage, and fun to wear the usual Graduation regalia. I was

very proud to have earned First Class Honours with my Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) Degree. It felt quite strange talking to some of my fellow Graduates, because I knew that this was it, that I probably wouldn't see most of them again, as we begin our careers and new lifestyles.

I am really enjoying my advertising job in Australia. I work for a very large, and very funky agency called MojoPartners. They have offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland. It is very different to University life, but just as rewarding, only in a different way. Having to get up so early was a bit of a shock to begin with!

I would like to thank you & everyone for your financial support, encouragement and aroha towards my family and me. I am looking forward to seeing you all again sometime soon, and will no doubt have more news to tell!

Best wishes, from Alex"

**"Good Luck and see you soon Alex!"
from your whanau at Te Runanga o Te Rarawa.**

The last word

This spot is a new edition for any of our readers to contribute to. This month I received correspondence from the Spicer whanau regarding the passing of their father and have chosen their korero for this spot.

He mihi aroha, ki a koutou katoa...

Tena koutou e te Iwi o te Rarawa me hoki nga iwi katoa He mihi nui he mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa. We, the family of the late Raymond Spicer 29.3.33 – 11.3.02 and Keti Wiripo Maihi 10.11.34 – 22.3.93 would like to pass on our appreciation to the people for their kind comfort, support and love that has been shown to us, the children and our father during his months of illness, then passing, and to those who

continue to support us now. To every single one of those who toiled behind the scenes, those who journeyed far and wide to show reassurances and make arrangements, to those who gave advice, and those who said prayers, thankyou. To all our friends and families and those that stood behind them as they stood behind us. We thankyou, thankyou, thankyou.

May God bless and keep you all.

Na te whanau Spicer raua a Marsh

Coming up in July's edition...

- Possum contract exceeds targets
- First housing refit underway
- Local Landcare group wins national award.

And much, much more...



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