

TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA – MAY 2002

Tena koutou, he mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. Tenei panui ki 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 sees a few changes for Te Kukupā as the editorial responsibility changes hands. Acknowledgement to Cat Davis who has been the anchor for Te Kukupā over the past 9 months & of course to Rongo Bentson who managed the newsletter in previous years.

The responsibility for producing, editing and distributing Te Kukupā now lies within the newly formed Te Rarawatanga Unit. The unit has 1 staff member assigned to it currently and whanau & the wider community are encouraged to submit any panui, articles, stories, results etc. directly to the Editor (details follow). Every item received will be considered for publication, although anything over 300 words may need to be edited. The closing date for articles is 1pm on the last Monday of every month.

This issue of Te Kukupā has been slightly delayed, due to extended handover timeframes, but I hope you will enjoy this newly formatted issue.

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Success at the Oceania Games!

Local son - Kahukura Bentson cleaned up at the Oceania Games in Rotorua last month. Proud father Rongo Bentson reports later in Te Kukupā (page 4 – Kahukura Bentson's rise to success!) on the bouts leading to this victory.

Kahukura, has now achieved a spot in the New Zealand national squad to attend the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England later this year.

Readers: More details on Kahukura can be obtained from his Dad, Rongo.

Calling our Kai Karanga

Karanga mai! karanga mai! karanga mai!
Karanga ki nga wahine o nga hapu o Te Rarawa! This month Tuesday May 13 &

Wednesday May 14 a hui for all of our wahine will be held at the Taiao Marae in Pawaranga. The matauranga mahi of this wananga is to empower and strengthen our wahine in performing the mahi wahine ki te muri o nga marae".

The wananga will include waiata, karanga, tikanga, tapu and learning will be under the guidance of Helen Kaipo and other kuia. Powhiri starts 9.30am or if you cannot make it until later wahine will be welcome throughout the 2 days.

Phone Marama or Cecily on 4080141 for more details and to register or if you can't make this hui, leave your details to be called about other upcoming wananga of this nature.



New Honorary Fisheries Officers

3 new HFO's were sworn in last week following an intensive training and examination at the Kaitaia Ministry of Fisheries Office. The HFO positions are voluntary, and the work never-ending, but necessary. Te Runanga O Te Rarawa are fully supportive of the important role that HFO's play in assisting our Iwi with sustaining our taonga mana moana.

The role of a HFO is that of kaitiaki in partnership with Ministry of Fisheries to monitor and protect the fisheries resource now and into the future.

HFO's have the support of the 'law' and the 'lore' when divers and gatherers don't observe the kaupapa of daily catch and size limits and the way they harvest. The role of the HFO is also to empower our whanau and the wider community to learn about the kaimoana, and the important role that they can play in ensuring this resource is available not only for them and their children today, but for their mokopuna mai ra ano. Next month we will be doing a feature on catch limits and sizes etc. If you would like a pamphlet for your own whanau, these are available from the Runanga Offices.

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa is currently working with Mfish's Alan Wihongi to organise a hui on customary fisheries to decide upon some common principles and kaupapa (plan) for the management of our kaimoana.

If you would like to be more informed about customary fisheries matters, please contact either Cat Davis or Rongo Bentson on 4081971.

Customary fishing permits are available from Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Offices in South Road.

The next Fisheries Portfolio Meeting is: Wednesday, May 29 from 10am at Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, South Road, Kaitaia



Runanga restructuring

As many of our readers will have been aware, Te Runanga O Te Rarawa has been actively engaged in a restructuring process for the past 18 months – 2 years this has culminated in new positions being created and new people being employed or reassigned to the positions. Check out June's Te Kukupa for your copy of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa organisational chart.

As with any organisation, growth and development bring change with each manager has been assigned certain responsibilities and encouraged to create an environment of cooperation between units within the new management structure.

Background

Over the past few years Te Runanga O Te Rarawa has been growing at a rapid rate. 5 years ago just 4 people were employed fulltime, today Te Runanga O Te Rarawa is now tipping the scales at 50 plus people. This rapid rise has been largely due to the increase in health and social service contracts, although last year we entered into the development of a 'Whole of Government' joint agency initiative with multiple government agencies. This development is ongoing and as a result of several agreements we have been able to implement and resource an expanded level of management and staffing.

Also during this period the Runanga commissioned a review of their governance processes and procedures and recommendations that came from this now see a revitalised Executive Committee being formed and better understanding and management of the roles of Staff and the Runanga.

New Executive Roles

There are now 7 positions on the Runanga Executive and current members are Gloria Herbert (Chairperson), Puni Makene (Vice Chairperson), Pat Newson, Malcolm Peri and Jean Jones. 2 more positions are to be filled with a representative from the Whangape ki Manukau takiwa and another from the Ahipara ki Kaitaia takiwa. If those takiwa need help with progressing this take, please contact Jaqi Brown on 4081971.

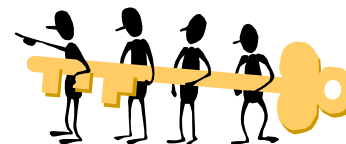
This replaces the former portfolio driven structure where membership was open and up to 16 people would attend

meetings, some staff and some voluntary.

Executive Officer and Unit Managers

The Executive Officer position is still held by Kevin Robinson, and he holds an ex-officio role on the Executive.

5 Management Units have been established and 5 managers have been appointed. Whanau Hapu Services (Te Oranga) has Owen Lewis managing this unit. This unit deal with health, social services, crime prevention and training. Cat Davis has moved from Treaty Claims manager to Manager of the Resource Management Unit, of which Treaty Claims is a large component, her other responsibilities will be for customary fisheries, whenua, moana, ngahere matters. The Te Rarawatanga Unit has responsibility for matters concerning taha wairua, matauranga o Te Rarawa and Jaqi Brown has been appointed manager to this unit (for more information about Jaqi's role refer to '2 new staff welcomed' article).



2 New Staff Welcomed

On May 6th a powhiri was held in the Runanga Complex to welcome 2 new employees. Jaqi Brown has been appointed to the role of Te Rarawatanga manager. The Te Rarawatanga Unit was developed during the restructuring to address the need to have a Unit dedicated to the 'mahi wairua' of our people. The roles of this unit include: External communications of the Runanga – particularly as editor of Te Kukupa, website coordination, Te Rarawa event management (i.e. Treaty signing commemorations, Rangatahi Awards etc.); Branding and Logo development – identifying merchandising opportunities and developing products to promote and celebrate our Iwi to our whanau; facilitating marae based programmes and development;

establishing an Iwi Library and coordinating the development of the archives unit; managing the Iwi Registrations and databases; developing a plan for improving te reo within Te Rarawa. Jaqi's connection to Te Rarawa is through her whakapapa links to Ngati Haua of Whangape and the Ngawaka whanau. She is the mokopuna of the late Raiha Ngawaka and this whakapapa also connects her closely to Te Aupouri, Ngati Whatua me Ngapuhi nui tonu. She also has English ancestry from her father and Tarara connections through her grandfather Mate Vuletich (on her Mum's side). Jaqi has a working history that has taken her across the world and back working in the service industry, she has focussed in the last 10 years on Community and Social Development, she comes to Te Rarawa from the Department of Labour's Community Employment Group. Her aims are to effectively establish the Te Rarawatanga Unit within Te Runanga O Te Rarawa to support the development aspirations of our whanau, hapu through the marae; to create a positive learning environment and coordinate activity that positively promotes Te Rarawa Iwitanga.

Sharlene Edmonds has been appointed to the PAFT (Parents as First Teachers) team with Te Oranga Whanau & Hapu Services. She is returning to the Far North having spent a couple of years in Auckland furthering her skills and education. She was raised in the Far North and has worked in the child care field since leaving school. She is committed to early childhood education and likes the one-on-one concept of PAFT. Her father is an Edmonds from Ngati Hine / Ngapuhi nui tonu and her Mum's extended whanau are from Oruru and across the Far North. Te Runanga o Te Rarawa warmly welcomes the new staff to our whanau and hope that we will learn much from each other over the years to come.

World Smokefree Day – May 31

Every year World Smokefree Day is celebrated on May 31. This year Te Hauora o Te Hiku O Te Ika are going all out to ensure that no one misses the opportunity to make this the first smokefree day for the rest of their lives. They are looking for any support and welcome whanau who support the auahi kore kaupapa to be in Kaitaia May 31 where they will be in Commerce Street giving away free information and advice about quitting. The recent statistics for 14-15 year olds revealed that whilst our non-Maori community are saying yes to being auahi kore, more than 1/3 of our young Maori women are smoking regularly by this age. This is disappointing to hear about and it appears that we are still tolerating this habit with our tamariki. Smoking kills our people and disadvantages many of our whanau due to the cost and health risks such as asthma. Come on whanau, take up the challenge to be smokefree!

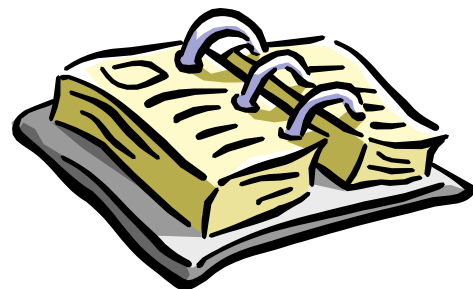
Want your 'take' in
Te Kukupa? Spread
your word
today!

Commemorations - a successful day for remembering the Treaty

This year we celebrated the 162nd anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on Friday April 26th.

The day was well supported by local schools and the general public. Kaitaia Primary School gave a rousing welcome to the manuhiri and in return Te Kura Kaupapa o Rangi Aniwaniwa responded with powerful karanga. The day was opened with mihimihi and blessed by members of our local clergy. The reading of the Treaty in both languages was done by Owen Lewis (the Crown) and Dr Margaret Mutu (Iwi Maori) Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and members of the public heard about how our Rangatira Panakaraeo had been one of the major organisers of this day back in

1840. The assembled manuhiri were then treated to kapahaka performances by the kura present. All of the children and manuhiri were then treated to a sausage sizzle and a cup of the best tuatua chowder this side of the Mangamuka Gorge. Thanks to the many Runanga staff who helped make the day the success that it was (and thanks to 'Ranginui' for holding back the rain).



Runanga hui-a-marama

There was no hui-a-marama in April due to many factors, the major one of course being the return of Bishop Pompallier to the Hokianga. This month the hui-a-marama will be held in Ngati Manawa Marae in Panguru starting at 9am on Wednesday 22nd May.

Hot on the agenda will be the election of 3 negotiators to work through the settlement processes on behalf of Te Rarawa whanau and hapu. This has been a lengthy process and 6 nominees have been shortlisted. An information pack has been sent to every marae and they will be meeting between now and the 22nd to confirm who they would like to progress the settling of the claims. The negotiators are only the spearhead of this campaign to restore the grievances of the past and marae & whanau are well advised to consider their role in supporting these people.

There are several key points to consider when deciding upon which negotiators to put forward:

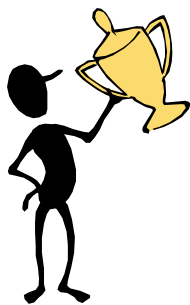
Are the people you select team players?
Are they knowledgeable in legal matters, and government policies?

Do they communicate well with the Iwi?
Are they reliable and committed?

There are other important factors to consider, but these few are vital to

ensuring the negotiator team will work effectively for all of our Te Rarawa whanau. Choose wise, choose well.

Other matters to be discussed include:
Confirming the protocols that the negotiators will work under.
Confirmation of the process for appointing a Kahui kaumatua
Presentation of the new accounting system that the Runanga is operating now.
A presentation from Pete Smith regarding a project that involves filming on all of Te Rarawa 27 marae.
All whanau are welcome to attend the Runanga meetings, nau mai, haere mai.



Kahukura Bentson's rise to success October 2001. NZ Championships.

Kahukura qualified for the Oceania Games through taking Gold for winning the NZ Light-Middle Weight title. Beat Julian Scully of Canterbury in the semi-final by way of points. In the Final he stopped Daniel Miller of Masterton in Round 2 by way of outclassed through being 15 points ahead. This achievement earned him a place in the team to go to Fiji & the Oceania Games.

November 2001. Oceania Games, Suva, Fiji.

His first fight was against the Fijian Champion Vatili Late who Kahukura beat by KO in round 2 after a left right combination that put him down. This was Kahukura's first win by KO. In the semi-final he fought N. Noresmat of Tahiti and won by way of outclassing the Tahitian by 15 points ahead in round 3. In the final he fought the Australian Champion

Steven Ng and won on points and received the Gold.

February 2002. Oceania Trials, Wellington.

In the semi-final he fought Daniel Miller of Masterton and gave Miller a standing 8 count in Round 2 from a fast 6-punch combination. Kahukura took the fight nice and easy staying relaxed, trying not to get hit and not to use too much energy knowing he had a hard fight next and only 3 hours later. In the 3rd Round the Referee stopped the contest with Kahukura being 15 points ahead. In the Final he fought Julian Scully of Canterbury. This was a very hard fight that begun with Kahukura coming out hard and fast keeping Scully on the back foot for the first two rounds then taking it easy in the 3rd round letting the jab do the work and saving himself for the last round. In the 4th and final round they both went hard out exchanging blows standing toe to toe until the bell rang. This was a close hard fought battle that Kahukura won by just 1 point, 17 - 16.

April 2002. Oceania Games, Taupo.

Kahukura's first bout was against Tom Tamaititahio from Tahiti on the Tuesday. Kahukura started fast, scoring point straight away using his reach and boxing well, moving in and out. Landing a hard left / right uppercut followed by a fast left-hook over top, stunning the Tahitian and the Ref giving him a standing 8-count. Kahukura's boxing skills and experience showed by the Ref stopping the fight in the 3rd Round with Kahukura 15 Points ahead, having outclassed his opponent. (4 x 2 min. rounds). On the Thursday Kahukura was to have fought Jamie Pitman of Australia who is the current Australian Light Middle-Weight Champion in the Semi-Finals, however Pitman pulled out due to injuries from the previous bout giving Kahukura the win. Then in the Finals on the Saturday he was up against Gerald O'Mahoney of Australia. Kahukura took the 1st Round very fast, not giving the Australian a

chance to get set, keeping him on the back foot. Using his reach advantage, Kahukura was too quick and boxed O'Mahoney from the outside landing a powerful straight right in the 3rd Round that gave him an 8-count. Kahukura won the bout by 14 - 24 Points giving him a clear win.

Kahukura is looking very sharp and on-track for the Commonwealth Games in July - August being held in Manchester, England. He will not be the only NZ Boxer going over, as three others also took Gold; Daniel Headefin, Light Welterweight of Wellington, Welterweight Daniel Codling of Auckland and Heavyweight Shane Cameron of Fielding.

Other upcoming events are the North Island Golden Gloves in May, which are being held in Taupo and the NZ Championships in October in Timaru.

Kia kaha Kahukura! We are all very proud of your achievements.

Thanks to Rongo Bentson for supplying the information for this article.



A meeting with TOPIS

(a report by Rongo Bentson)

The TOPIS - Tai Tokerau Organic Producers Inc. Society meeting was held on a beautiful Sunday the 21st of April. This was definitely the best meeting I have attended for a long time and a meeting with a difference. We met at Jenny Watson's 5-acre piece of land along Sandhills Road in Ahipara. Jenny has been there for maybe 7 years and has done a wonderful job of planting and

landscaping. She is a firm believer in organics and Permaculture for land use developments.

About 20 - 30 people turned up and we just wandered around looking at plants and admiring the landscaping while listening to Jenny talking and explaining about the work that she is doing. Being a firm believer in working to plans, I asked if she was working to a plan and blow me down, she produced one on the spot, holding it in her hand. I was impressed to say the least, Jenny really demonstrated what can be done if one put some energy into it and plan it properly. She agreed with me that it is harder for 1 person to develop 5 acres, than it is for 5 people to develop 50 acres and more fun too. Think about that.

For lunch we went to Te Runanga o Te Rarawa to use the kitchen for our lunch. The beauty about the TOPIS meetings is that it is always a shared lunch with everybody bringing something, so you really get a good healthy kai.

After lunch we went out to Pamapurua where Te Kai and Wikitoria are staying to do some work on the orchard there. The fruit trees needed pruning and that gave us the opportunity to learn how to prune fruit trees and be of some help at the same time. Being such a beautiful sunny day it was all very enjoyable and that was one meeting that when we finished we could truly say that we had achieved something.

TOPIS usually meets every 3rd Sunday of the month somewhere in Te Tai Tokerau. Their meetings are always interesting and inspiring with a fairly wide cross section of people who are passionate about organics and Permaculture. Te Runanga o Te Rarawa has been a member of TOPIS now for a couple of years and the only Iwi so far. Anybody interested in attending a TOPIS meeting can contact me for further information, Rongo Bentson on 4081971.

www.terarawa.co.nz Update

Have you checked out the awesome website www.terarawa.co.nz yet? The website is developing well and we now have our first marae posted - Ngai Tupoto of Motukaraka. Check this webpage out, and if you would like your marae to be on the web let Jaqi know. New material is being added all the time and we are constantly receiving good ideas from our whanau the world over. The website has interactive component, website where you can register your visit in our guest book and check out who has been leaving messages. From May onwards, the Runanga will be regularly updating the site with the new staffing and executive structure; promoting the mahi of each of the units and regularly adding new features. We are also reviewing the look of the website and how we can better promote this tool to our whanau to connect them to the Iwi. Ngai Tupoto Online

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.**

The last word

This spot is a new edition for any of our readers to contribute to. This month I am going to use this space to acknowledge the whanau at Motuti and all of the people whose manaakitanga enabled the return of Bishop Pompallier to be the success that it was. The return

of Bishop Pompallier was not only a major event for all of our Catholic whanau, but it was a demonstration of perseverance, commitment and courage that all of us are proud to have witnessed.



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