



TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004



Mihi...

Oku Whakaaro mo tenei wa

What a diversely interesting and challenging time we are all living in at this time! For the past several months Maori have been to the forefront politically as we have never been before, starting with the foreshore and seabed, the thousands of submissions from both Maori and others opposing the proposed legislation, the departure from and the return to parliament of Tariana Turia, the formation of the Maori party, and the reaction of politicians, news media, and the wider public to a new paradigm of empowerment that they are finding hard to understand.

“Ka pu te ruha, ka hao te Rangatahi.”
“The old net is cast aside,
the new net goes fishing.”

The move by Maori to form a political party is all about casting aside the old net and going fishing with a different net altogether, woven from a collective desire to participate in the political processes of this country;- no longer as followers but as leaders; not on one issue but on all issues; and not exclusively but inclusively.

Having said that though, it is paramount that the Runanga stays politically neutral and does not affiliate to any political party. Why? - for two good reasons. Firstly we have to work in good faith with government irrespective of which party is in power. Secondly, Te Rarawa are as politically diverse as any section of the community. We know there are a growing number who are passionate about the

new Maori Party; but there are also others who are just as passionate about other political parties. What this Runanga does support is the absolute right of individuals to express an opinion verbally or in writing without fear of reprisal.

Soon it will be ‘Far North Idols’ season again, and I can’t think of anything better for respite from ‘the madding world’ of politics that is more fun and enjoyable. The rules say that for the audition and the first round hopeful “wannabes” must sing a cappella for one minute. What’s a cappella? I checked it in the dictionary and it means singing with no instruments; no guitar, no piano, -nothing but the voice, the song and the passion. Way to go!

A huge reminder to parents, marae, communities and schools that it is time to start thinking about who are the students that deserve to be nominated for the 2004 Taitamariki Awards and Scholarships which are now open. Nominations close on Friday 7pm September 14th. The panel interviews to decide who gets what are in October, and the big awards day is scheduled for November 20th at Roma Marae, Ahipara. This is one of the best things Te Runanga o Te Rarawa has ever done. It is an example of ‘casting aside the old net so the new net can go fishing’ of helping our young people to move from the old world of our past into the new world of their future, whilst retaining their Te Rarawa tikanga. Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki, e tiaki.

Gloria Herbert ONZM
Chairperson
Te Runanga O Te Rarawa

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- Friday 8th October, Far North Idols Finals
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- Saturday November 20th, Taitamariki Awards, Roma Marae
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Are you and your whanau on the Te Rarawa Iwi Register? Download a form from www.terarawa.co.nz or phone us and we will send one out to you.

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

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Please share this panui with your whanau, koha & contributions welcome.

Te Rarawa Taitamariki Award Nominations and Te Rarawa Tertiary Scholarships Applications

**Application closing date:
17th September 2004**



Outatune - Team of the Year 2003

Te Rarawa is pleased to announce that Nominations for the 2004 Taitamariki Awards are now open.

It is hoped that the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our young people will be taken up by as many whanau, kura, sports organisations etc as possible.

A 10-minute panel interview (per nominee) will take place between 11th-22nd October. The purpose of this panel is for the nominator and nominee's family to give their reasons for the nomination. All support people are welcome and encouraged to contribute and support the nominee.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on November 20th, 2004 at Roma Marae, Ahipara.

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

Scholarships

Te Rarawa offer two Tertiary Scholarships to Te Rarawa descendants, who are engaging in Tertiary Study in 2005. The scholarships application process involves seeking support from Kaumatua and your marae – apply early!

Iwi Registrations

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

Application Forms

Are available from our website www.terarawa.co.nz; at our South Road offices, or telephone Shontee Fraser on (09) 408 1971.

Taimania McMath - Wannabe Star!

Kia ora Whanau,

If you tuned into TV3 to view Taimania McMath's Wannabe appearance a few weeks back, you would agree that her performance was flawless and inspirational. She was an awesome ambassador for Te Rarawa and without a doubt has made her friends, family and Te Hiku O Te Ika extremely proud of her effort.

Taimania received massive voting support from the Far North community and also managed to captivate a national audience as a large number of votes were also received from adoring fans across the country.

According to the Wannabe producers, Taimania's episode was the closest result they have had to date; it was neck and neck between Taimania and Queenstown representative Libby Hamilton, however when the voting lines finally closed 2 days later, it was Libby who had received the most votes.

Taimania said; "I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole Wannabes experience, it's been awesome, the highlight of the whole event was winning a trip down to Christchurch. While I was down there I got to meet and hang out with Jason Gunn, got to see the sights of Christchurch and got to make a my own music video. Making the video was exciting and heaps of fun and I hope you all like it."

Taimania, her parents (Wiremu and Carol McMath) would like to extend their thanks to the entire Far North community for their support, well wishes and votes.

Although Taimania's journey on Wannabes has come to an end, we are sure that the first steps toward achieving her dream have only just begun.



Taimania
McMath at last
year's
Far North Idols
competition



“A Quest to Find the Best” FAR NORTH IDOLS

Finals - Friday 8th October, 6-10pm
Encore Concert - Saturday 9th October, 6-8.30pm
Far North Community Centre, Kaitaia

Tickets for Finals \$10, Tickets for Encore Concert \$5, - on sale from 4th October
Purchase tickets from Te Oranga - 16 Matthews Ave, Kaitaia (09) 408 0141

Auditions

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All auditions start 4.30pm sharp. There are 2 categories:

Open - 21 years and under, Major prize \$1,000

Junior - 13 years and under, Major prize \$500

Heat 1, Tuesday 24th August, Whangaroa College

Heat 2, Wednesday 25th August, Taipa Area School

Heat 3, Thursday 26th August, Te Kao Primary School

Heat 4, Monday 30th August, Little Theatre, Kaitaia (Juniors only)

Heat 5, Tuesday 31st August, Little Theatre, Kaitaia (Opens only)

Heat 6, Wednesday 1st September, Broadwood Area School

Heat 7, Thursday 2nd September, Te Kura Taumata O Panguru

To register for auditions contact Te Oranga (09) 408 0141 or e-mail
idols@terarawa.co.nz

For rules and performance criteria go to the Far North Idols website at
www.terarawa.co.nz

Hāere mai
nga kaiwaiata
o te hiku
o te ika

Te Kukupa Questionnaire

Kia ora to the 100 who took the time to fill in and send back the questionnaire that was enclosed with the last issue of Te Kukupa.

The feedback was great and we will take on board all the comments. The majority was very positive and we appreciate that we've got most aspects of the newsletter right.

Many commented on the fact that Te Oranga has its events and activities highlighted in every issue (some saw this as advertising). Te Oranga is an integral part of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and without promoting in Te Kukupa what Te Oranga is doing many would have no way of knowing what help they could receive.

Some said they would like to see more news and photos from hapu and whanau. We'd love to print more of your stories - please send them in (kia ora to Patricia Taupo - will be in touch). The same could be said for the group that wanted opportunities for readers to contribute to Te Kukupa. We've always been open to this but rarely receive anything to print. The contact details are on the front page, please, send/email in anything you might feel that others would like to read about.

The general feeling on a colour version of Te Kukupa was forget it if it cost much more, but if we can secure funding for a colour version we will look at it more closely. Even printing just the front page in colour would double our current costs.

More comments centered on printing day to day events, sports news or employment opportunities. This is difficult in a bi-monthly newsletter; by the time it comes out, news like this can be out of date.

Nga mihi nui

Fred Alvarez (editor)

HOUSING REPORT

In the last issue we aired our concern on the reduction of the essential repair works that we will be entitled to carry out this year. We have been advised by HNZA that they prefer to share the amount of work to various iwi, Te Rarawa inclusive. We have been given approximately 20 whanau projects at an average cost of \$15K per project. However most of our whanau projects have averaged at \$20K.

We will have to reduce the type of work that we had previously completed for our whanau. We will with the assistance of each whanau reduce the work and cost of the work to ensure that we can complete as many whanau projects with the available funding we will receive this year.

We are currently looking at other housing options, as the remedial work is considered unsustainable. This is debateable, however it is seen that most of the work that has been completed is not expected to last more than 10 years. The Housing Team prides itself on the work that has been carried out within Te Rarawa to date and we can assure whanau that the work will last 25 years but it will require the whanau to carry out regular preventative maintenance on this work.

We will be commencing other projects within Te Rarawa shortly and will continue to keep the iwi informed on the progress and outcomes of housing within Te Rarawa.

Turi Te Hira

(Housing Project Manager)

Terri Murray - Digicam Winner

The winner of the Te Kukupa Questionnaire Fujitsu digital camera was Terri Murray, of Kaitaia.



Terri receives her prize from Kevin Robinson, Te Runanga O Te Rarawa Executive Officer

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.

**0508 4TERARAWA
REGISTER NOW!**

GRAND OPENING OF TE RARAWA NATIVE TREE NURSERY

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa had a big day recently at Te Oranga with the powhiri for the Students and their Tutor, Alistair Newman, for the new Horticulture Course. The Horticulture Course is a joint venture between Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and Northland Polytechnic. Alistair Newman, who has been tutoring for Te Aupouri Maori Trust Board for about 10 years, was accompanied by a large representation from Te Aupouri for a traditional "hand-over".

About 15 Students have so far signed up for the course and consists of a wide range of people from the age of 15 to 70. Straight after the welcoming ceremony was the opening of the Te Rarawa Native Tree Nursery situated at the end of Melba Street. The nursery is the result of networking between Rongo Bentson, who is the Conservation Coordinator for Te

Runanga O Te Rarawa, Kevin Matthews, Chairman for Bushland Trust, that used to operate the nursery before moving to Kaitaia Intermediate School and Jon Maxwell, the new Area Manager for the Department of Conservation that administers the land that the nursery is situated on.

All three see the Te Rarawa Native Tree Nursery and the Horticulture Course as a very positive step forward for Te Rarawa and Far North conservation efforts, and intend to continue working together in the best interest of conservation.

The opening and blessing was done by Kaumatua Te Rere Kapuni Makene from Pukepoto, followed by the planting of a Puriri seedling grown from seed by Bushland Trust from one of the old Puriri on the site. A lunch at Te Oranga completed the event.



Above left: Youngest and oldest students planting puriri seedling (Piki Harrison and Miles Swinburne)

Left: Students & their tutor outside their new work area, with Rongo Bentson, and Andrew Saunders from Northland Polytech.

Above: Kaumatua Te Rere Kapuni Makene in quiet contemplation...

Family Start - Coming Activities

For more details on any of these activities telephone (09) 408-0141 and ask for Family Start, or email: familystart@terarawa.co.nz

Te Oranga - 16 Matthews Ave, Kaitaia

Tihei Mauri Ora!! The first "childbirth session" was held at Te Oranga on the 4th of August in conjunction with Family Start, Te Oranga and Maori midwives, Monique Kapua of Tainui, Te Rarawa, Ngapuhi and Ngati Tuwharetoa descent who is employed by Te Hauora o Te Hiku o te Ika and Reitu Murray of Ngati Hine descent from Kaitaia Maternity Services.

We had an overwhelming response to this session which covered early stages of pregnancy including fears, myths and fallacies surrounding childbirth.

The session was relaxed which enabled people to share freely about their experiences in childbearing. The kai was awesome too!

These sessions are FREE and are held on a fortnightly basis 10:30am- 2:00pm. All pregnant mums and whanau are welcome to attend, if you have any enquiries please feel free to contact us. Nau mai, Haere mai!!!
Next sessions 18th August, 1st September, 15th September.

- Friday August 26th - Annual Pawarenga Pie Making Competition & Floral Arrangements, Morehu Marae.
Agenda: 10.30 am - Warm welcome to all
11.00am- Cuppa tea, 11.20- Weaving activity
We will be making Putiputi of 2 kind. Roses and Lilies.
1.00pm - Lunch

- Tuesday August 31 - Women's Wellbeing Workshop
Pirates Rugby Clubrooms, 10am-2.30
Kaupapa: Light aerobics, healthy eating on a budget, hygiene, active housework
Lunch provided - bring comfy clothing, sneakers and bottle of water.

This Issue's Choice Websites:

Ministry of Youth Development

www.myd.govt.nz

CommunityNet Aotearoa

News and views on community networking throughout Aotearoa.

www.community.net.nz

Help for Shy Guys...

<http://xtramsn.co.nz/health/0,,8005-3414271,00.html>

Te Puni Kokiri

www.tpk.govt.nz

NZ Reo, NZ Pride

www.nzreo.org.nz

The Ultimate Map of New Zealand (TUMONZ)

www.tumonz.co.nz

Wises Maps

Find any road in New Zealand online - get "from- to" directions

www.wises.co.nz

Predict your ideal job from your name...

www.jobpredictor.com



**Te Oranga is the Social Group
of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa**

Whanau needed

I have been asked by CYFS in Wellington to help find a permanent placement for two brothers aged 13 and 15 years old.

Their Te Rarawa Whakapapa is on the paternal (fathers) side. The grandparents are Edward and Becky Deane and are somehow related to the Robson whanau from Pukepoto. The great grandfather or great great grandfather was Anthony Joseph Deane.

On the paternal grandmother's side the boys are related to a Walter Rapana apparently from the Hokianga.

Both boys are currently in separate Care & Protection residences as the immediate whanau are unable to take them. Ideally both boys need to be placed together with immediate or extended whanau where good role modelling is available and without younger children at this time.

To date I have been provided with a number of leads to contact the extended whanau, however none have produced any fruits. If you are able to help either by taking the boys or providing names of whanau members please contact:

Errol Murray

Te Oranga, P.O. Box 361, KAITAIA

Phone: (09) 408 0141

Email: errol@terarawa.co.nz

Pre-schoolers Promoting Participation Programme

Are you thinking about your pre-schooler going into kohanga reo, kindy or a childcare facility?

We can help smooth the way with...

Deciding on the most suitable Centre/Kohanga Reo for you and your child(ren); getting enrolled and asking the 'right' questions; organising childcare subsidies and helpful advice and support.

We also have 100 Tamariki Starter Packs (includes a back pack, lunch box, drink bottle and other freebies and information) to give away for the first 100 children who enrol with a centre or kohanga reo - using this service. Attendance is for a minimum of 9 hours a week for 3 months (no maximum). Phone Jaqi Brown 408 0141 ext 744 for more information.



PAFT News and Events

Email for info: paft@terarawa.co.nz
Telephone (09) 408 0141

PAFT Group Meetings

Every 4th Wednesday of every month at Kaitaia Play Centre.
9.30-11.30am - you are welcome to bring a friend or
your young children.

Car Seats

We now have more car seats available for sale. The price is cheap, \$140. You can hire purchase or lay-by them, the choice is yours. If you are on a benefit, WINZ are able to help pay for your car seat. If you wish to hire-purchase or lay-by the minimum deposit is \$20 and you have 13 weeks to pay it off. For more information please speak to your PAFT or Family Start worker at Te Oranga on 4080 141. Be quick, there is only a limited amount.

25th August - Flax Weaving

Flax flowers, toys, mobiles

22nd September - Felting with Monika

Materials: PAFT will provide sheep wool

Other local activities & resources:

Mainly Music

Kaitaia Anglican Church Hall
9.30am & 10.45am

Listening to and performing music has been shown to increase thinking skills used for maths and reading later in life. When you share music with your child you can have fun and prepare him for a lifetime of music enjoyment.

REAP Resource Centre

This free resource is available to PAFT families. Opening hours Monday to Friday 11am-4pm (School Term) or Wednesday to Friday 11am-4pm (School Holidays)

Bubble Club

Kids Swim School

All ages, all abilities welcome.

Call Esther on 027 235 8718

Ph/Fax 09 409 4994

bubbleclub@maxnet.co.nz

Informal Post Natal Depression (PND)

Support/Coffee Group in the Kaikohe area

If you are interested, please call Lisa on (09) 407 3228

Nappies

For a wide range of bulk nappies at low prices check out the Nappy Shack next to the bakery in Awanui.

Phone 406 7626

Plunket Line - 24 hours a day, 7 days

PlunketLine is in the process of partnering with Healthline. This means PlunketLine services will better demand and be more responsive to the needs of parents and caregivers. PlunketLine can still be accessed on 0800 933 922 When you call PlunketLine your call will be answered by a Plunket Nurse. PlunketLine staff are professionally trained experts in Well Child Health.



One Dad and a Lunchbox

Early in August in the Far North a roadshow was held to promote nutrition and healthy bodies through physical activity and healthy eating habits. This free event generated attendance of over 150 tamariki and 40 parents in Kaitaia, and 40 tamariki and 10 parents in Taipa. The event was organised by Te Oranga.



Te Reo Booklets now available

In our efforts to increase the use of te reo you can call in to Te Oranga on 16 Matthews Ave in Kaitaia and pick up your own free booklet that contains many commonly-used phrases in easy to understand translations. The booklet is broken up into sections like Te Ata (morning), conversational te reo, instructions, bedtime and many more. If you can't wait you can head to Te Rarawa's website and download and print out your own copy from there.

Ka rawe!

www.terarawa.co.nz

Te Hiku o Te Ika Te Reo Strategic Plan

Following our Hui mo te reo on June 9th, a draft Te Reo Strategic Plan for Te Hiku o Te Ika has been developed. Come to Kaitaia Primary School Hall on September 14th 10am-12pm to see what the proposed strategy looks like, and to discuss where to from here. Nau mai, haere mai - RSVP to Shirley or Jaqi on 408 0141.

TE RARAWA HISTORICAL TREATY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

(For copies of the complete Negotiators' Reports, contact Catherine Davis, Strategic Group Branch, ph: 408 1971, email: catherine@terarawa.co.nz).

Work Programme

Negotiations Team activities since the last Kukupa article include:

- Report to Runanga meeting, Mangataipa, 16th June.
- Planning day with Executive, Kaitaia, 25th June.
- Hokianga Harbour Hui with Ngapuhi, Motukaraka, 28th June.
- Planning Session with Executive, Kaitaia, 8th July.
- Crown Forest Rental Trust hui, Taipa, 16th July.
- Meeting between Tauroa whanau, Runanga Executive, the Negotiations Team, Far North District Council, Department of Conservation, and Housing New Zealand regarding Tauroa housing issues, Kaitaia, 19th July.
- Report to Runanga meeting, Rangikohu, 16th June.
- Fisheries working group meeting with the Crown, Wellington, 23rd July.
- Meeting with Ngati Kahu and Te Aupouri regarding iwi negotiations progress, Kaitaia, 26th July.
- Planning meeting with legal advisors, Wellington, 28th July.
- Negotiations meeting with the Crown, Office of Treaty Settlements, Wellington, 29th July.
- Update report to Runanga Executive meeting, Kaitaia, 5th August.
- Negotiations update to Takiwa hui, Ahipara, 10th August.

State of Negotiations

Te Rarawa has now been in settlement negotiations for over 18 months (two years, if you include the Terms of Negotiations discussions). With Parliamentary Elections 2005 looming, the Government is under pressure to make some headway this year with respect to Treaty settlements in 'the difficult Far North'. Agreeing on the settlement 'quantum' (i.e. dollar value) is a primary indicator for the Crown of such progress, but the Crown is concerned that unless we crack the quantum issue soon negotiations may be jeopardised.

Conversely for Te Rarawa, mana restoration over the Conservation (DoC) Estate has always been our main priority, not quantum, and the Negotiations Team is under pressure from Te Rarawa to get that right. The Team has therefore sought commitment from the Crown to work together with Te Rarawa to co-design acceptable DoC Estate redress. The Team requires a clear signal from the Crown on this matter if agreement on quantum is to be reached.

Conservation Estate

In the July-August Kukupa we outlined the Nga Whenua Papatupu proposal the Team has been working on with the Crown:

- A declaration of our mana over the whole 30,000 hectare estate (acknowledgement that the land is whenua tupuna o Te Rarawa);
- The identification of traditional uses, and recognition of our kaitiakitanga; and
- A framework for Te Rarawa to co-manage the estate with DoC.

However, the word back from our Te Rarawa whanau and hapu is that a mere declaration is insufficient. To fully restore mana whenua, and to remove the stigma of grievance so that Te Rarawa can move forward, nothing less than ownership over 100% of the DoC estate will do. This led the Negotiations Team and Executive (many thanks especially to Malcolm Peri for his input) to identify a tika concept around which both the Crown and Te Rarawa will co-design acceptable DoC estate redress based on shared ownership with the Crown. The concept we identified is "Ngahere Whenua" which denotes 'Nga here' - a binding together of the parties through agreement about the sharing of the whenua and its natural resources for the benefit of all. The Team will work with some urgency with the Crown over the next couple of months to develop this concept. High-level Ministerial approval (on the Crown side) and whanau, hapu and iwi approval (for Te Rarawa) on the concept will be crucial if negotiations are to continue.

Quantum

Crown policy is that there must be relativity between settlement quantum. A quantum is negotiated taking into account factors such as land area loss, the nature and degree of the grievance, and claimant group population. Therefore all settlements provide a basis or benchmark upon which other settlement quantum will be set.

On this point, there has been a recent development significant to the Te Rarawa negotiations. Negotiators for the separate iwi claim of Te Aupouri recently made a \$12m quantum counter offer in their settlement negotiations that the Crown has accepted (for more information, see the Te Aupouri website at www.aupouri.org.nz). While Te Aupouri Negotiators have yet to obtain iwi approval, a \$12m Te Aupouri settlement would be a benchmark for any Te Rarawa quantum, taking into account adjustments for differences such as a larger Te Rarawa claim area, larger population, and so on. The Te Rarawa Team will continue to negotiate the best possible quantum outcome in any event.

Historical Redress

The Research Team has compiled a Working Draft Report of claimant grievances based on new research and material already produced by the Waitangi Tribunal. We have begun to circulate two copies per marae at the Negotiations Team's August/ September round of 'Roadshow' Takiwa hui, and to highlight key parts of the grievances in our presentations to whanau and hapu. We need whanau to tell us what stories on Crown Treaty breaches are missing from our research, whether the information we have is comprehensive enough and has the right 'tone'. From this material the Team will produce a Te Rarawa claims report from our perspective that will be used to develop the Historical Account. The Account is important because it forms the basis for Crown acknowledgements, the Crown Apology and settlement redress.

Up and Coming Activities

The Team has reduced its negotiations meetings with the Crown to one meeting per month so we can devote more time to internal iwi consultation and developing the DoC estate redress.

Team and Executive Takiwa 'Road Show' dates:

- Monday 16th August - Panguru.
- Tuesday 17th August – Pawarenga.
- Monday 23rd August – Te Runanga o Te Rarawa offices, Kaitaia (for the Owhata, Rangikohu, Herekino, Whangape and Manukau Takiwa).
- Saturday 4th September – Te Karae/ Te Ihutai.
- Note: The Tamaki hui originally scheduled for 22nd August has had to be postponed due to venue unavailability. A new date will be notified as soon as possible.

Other dates:

- 18th August – Runanga monthly meeting, Te Uri o Hina marae, Pukepoto.

- 26th August – Ngahere Whenua Working Group meeting with the Crown, Auckland.
- 29th September – planning session with legal advisors, Wellington.
- 30th September – Negotiations with the Crown, Wellington.
- (date to be advised) – Takutaimoana Working Group meeting, Wellington.

Heoi ano,

Catherine Davis

For Negotiations Team

Kotahi Tatou Basketball Tour 2004

A team of youth representing Kotahi Tatou recently returned from participating at The World Youth Basketball Tournament in Kona, Hawaii. Much of the planning and organisation of the trip was completed through Te Oranga. The team itself was made up of 10 Maori girls, many of whom whakapapa to Muriwhenua/Ngapuhinui tonu.

The team consisted of:

- Adoniah Lewis [Cpt]: Te Rarawa, Te Paatu, Ngati Kahu, Cook Islands, Wales
- Tamara Matiu [v/cpt]: Ngai Takoto, Muriwhenua
- Freda Riwai: Ngati Kuri, Te Rarawa, Ngati Kahungunu, Kati Mamoe
- Kirsty Maheno: Te Paatu, Ngati Kahu, Te Rarawa, Ngati Kuri
- Jessie Hadfield: Ngati Kuri, Ngai Tahu
- Tyla Stevenson: Ngati Kahu, Ngati Kuri, Ngapuhi
- Brogan Riwai: Ngati Hine, Ngati Kahungunu, Tainui
- Donna Fermanis: Ngati Toa, Ngati Koata, Tainui
- Codi Hippolite: Ngati Koata, Ngati Toa, Tainui
- Jasmine Barlow: Ngati Kahungunu

Five of the team members had previously represented New Zealand at age group level on the tours to Australia. This tournament was seen as another means to build on that experience and to further develop these players and the other team members.

They were the only roopu participating from Aotearoa to be entered in this event this year. The tournament was held from July 26th – August 2nd, 2004.

The girls played in an open age group competition and placed second in their Division. In their pool games they played St Louis Jammers, Toogedah (Hawaii), Cincinnati Ice Angels & Showtime (Hawaii). They finished pool play with a record of 2 wins and 2 losses. The losses were extremely close games particularly the game against Cincinnati in which the difference was 6 points.

In the divisional semifinal the team came out on top against a rejuvenated Showtime team. The difference in the final score being a mere 3 points with our winning basket being scored with 20 seconds of the game remaining.

In the divisional final the team played Anchorage from Alaska. Unfortunately, despite a very close and intense game, the team finished 4 points adrift and had to settle for second placing.

The tournament had an "ice" free theme this year as a result of the increasing issues facing Hawaii with regards to the problems associated with methamphetamines and in particular "P". It was particularly apt that our team was representing Kotahi Tatou, which carries a drug free message. Prior to leaving the girls were required to participate in drug & alcohol awareness workshops delivered by Te Oranga staff. We know that these youth will be good advocates for a drug free Te Hiku whereby youth can be given a chance to thrive and grow without having to cope with the pressures associated with the drug culture.



The Team and others at
Honolulu International Airport

Far North United Conservation Meeting 8th June 2004

This meeting was the result of networking and some progressive ideas by a few good people. The main objective was for the various conservation groups to meet the new Area Manager for the Department of Conservation, Jonathan Maxwell and vice versa. The meeting was well attended with a wide spread representation of the various groups. Present were; John Kenderdine - Far North Environment Centre, Rongo Bentson - Te Runanga O Te Rarawa, Kevin Matthews - Bushland Trust, Wendy Sporle - Kiwi Recovery - Northwatch, Brian Simms - Far North Farm Forestry Association, André Kunz - Doubtless Bay Association - A to Z Dive Club, Anthea Goodwin - Ornithological Society, Mike Finlayson - Herekino Landcare Group, Roger Gale - Whale Rescue - Farm Forestry - Te Araroa Trail and Robert Buchanan - Landowner. From DoC; Area Manager Jon Maxwell, Trish Nicholson and Lance Baker.

John Kenderdine, one of the initiators of the meeting, took on the role to facilitate the meeting while Rongo Bentson offered to take notes.

Jon Maxwell was welcomed to the Far North and

introduced to the representatives of the various groups.

Jon Maxwell replied that he was very happy to have come to the Far North and was looking forward to working in with everyone. He then went on to talk about DoC who spends about \$6m in the Kaitiāia area and is about to move in to another office, early next month. The new office will be more centrally located along Matthews Avenue and Jon hoped that it would help to raise DoC's profile and make them more visible in the community. Northland was rated very highly by DoC as it has a high rate of a variety of native species. DoC has a lot of ongoing programs that could be of assistance to other groups in their conservation efforts; DoC is willing to support in any way it can even when they can't help with hard cash.

DoC also owns a lot of assets, like halls etc that they don't really want and instead want to give back to the community. OSH, Insurance etc is all part of today's realities for projects and something that has to be taken into consideration for all projects now.

Supporting tourism is also part of DoC's objectives, not so much for the individual to make money but the infrastructure of tourism. DoC also support marine reserves and are happy to support community initiatives to establish marine reserves.

Jon thought it would be wonderful to have a marine reserve in Northland that would be accessible by road to the general public. DoC also want to support the Iwi networks, especially with the Treaty settlements currently going on and although they are not in the front of the negotiations there is the Treaty Relationships to consider.

Applications invited for conservation grants

Farmers, community groups and others are invited to apply for funds to promote and care for plant and animal life on private land.

Farmers, community groups and others are invited to apply for funds to promote and care for plant and animal life on private land, Environment Minister Marian Hobbs and Conservation Minister Chris Carter said recently.

The Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds were established as part of the government's \$187 million five-year biodiversity package in 2000. The contestable funding programmes are designed to help private landowners maintain native species values on their land.

There will be two bidding rounds this financial year totalling \$4.1 million. The first opened on 9 August and closes on 27 September, with decisions announced before Christmas. The second round will be notified in the first quarter of 2005, with decisions announced by 30 June.

"We are committed to ensuring protection for our native plants and animals - New Zealand's unique biodiversity," Marian Hobbs said. "The funds support the great work private landowners are doing already for our special areas and species."

Mr Carter said that examples abounded of individuals and groups around the country with innovative ideas for conservation work on their land.

So far, examples of projects funded include predator trapping in Northland, pest eradication on Great Barrier Island, fencing at Lake Rotoehu, fencing and pest control

in Makaretu Stream near Gisborne, controlling wilding pines in North Canterbury, and eradicating rats from Southern Titi Islands near Rakiura/Stewart Island.

Background information:

Biodiversity Condition Fund:

Aims to improve and maintain the condition of areas of native vegetation, species and habitats, including wetlands and water bodies. The fund seeks to broaden community effort in managing native species biodiversity, outside public conservation lands, and particularly areas under legal protection. Projects could involve, for example, fencing.

Biodiversity Advice Fund:

Supports the provision of information and advice to land owners to assist them in managing indigenous biodiversity. The funds provides assistance with providing information and advice on biodiversity and includes projects such as field days, expert advice, publications, training, and seminars.

Criteria:

Applications to the Condition Fund are assessed against 10 criteria, including the biodiversity values involved, their representativeness and rarity, likely project outcomes, project feasibility, and threats to values to be protected. Many such areas are already protected by covenants by the QEII National Trust and a landowner contribution to the project is normally expected. Where areas are not protected by covenants, funds are generally allocated, subject to a satisfactory management agreement with the landowner.



TAONGA

Kia ora koutou!

I am working on a new television series called TAONGA and I was hoping to get some help. It is a new series for TV One which will go to air next year, produced by Greenstone Pictures.

The brief for the series is that "it is an exciting new documentary series, which uncovers true Maori stories, both modern and historical. We begin each episode with a 'taonga' - whether that is a piece of pounamu, or a tokotoko, or something more modern like a photograph - and use re-enactment drama, location visits, interviews and a presenter to bring each story to life."

Greenstone Pictures acknowledge that telling Maori stories is an honour and privilege, and is committed to ensuring that these korero are told with integrity and respect. TAONGA is aimed at a primetime, mainstream audience, and is a platform to tell Maori stories to a wide audience.

At the moment, I'm researching potential stories for the first series, which is where I am hoping for assistance! I'm looking for the small, intimate stories - whether they be of aroha, pakanga, utu etc (more the personal stories, not so much the bigger events), so if you have any burning korero tuku iho please contact me.

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Microsoft grants for two non-profits

Microsoft NZ this month launched its Unlimited Potential programme to encourage computer literacy.

The first two recipients of Microsoft grants are South Dunedin's Approach Adult Learning Centre, run by the Dunedin Methodist Mission, and the Te Awaroa Youth Club in Helensville.

Microsoft says the two groups will share \$200,000 in grants, software donations and a training programme. Microsoft spokeswoman Carol Leishman says grants are typically split 50/50 between cash and software donations, but don't include the time spent by Microsoft staff and partners in training and assistance.

Both non-profits intend to use the grant to help local people learn computer skills, find skilled staff, and to assist with operational expenses and the provision of new computer equipment. Dunedin's Approach Adult Learning Centre hopes to assist about 300 people, and the Kaipara Youth Club plans to help about 240 people.

Microsoft says it will invite applications for Unlimited Potential grants twice a year for at least the next four years. Applications for the next round of grants close in October. More information is posted on Microsoft's website.

The Unlimited Potential programme is being run by Microsoft offices throughout the world. Earlier this month Bill Gates visited Sydney to launch the Australian Unlimited Potential programme with prime minister John Howard. Microsoft Australia said it would partner with a number of Australian non-profit organizations in a five-year AU\$40 million programme to open more than 100 IT training centres in cities, suburbs and rural areas.

Website: www.microsoft.com/nz/citizenship/giving/up/

Hei maumaharatanga

Clara Tamaho Peri (nee Matiu)

Born 14th August 1912, died 28th August 2004

Koro-hi-po

Koro-hi ao

Ko rongo i turia

Ki te mata hau o tu

Tu te wini wini

Tu te wana wana

Tu e whaka putangia

Ki te whai ao

Ki te ao marama

Ti he wa

Maori ora

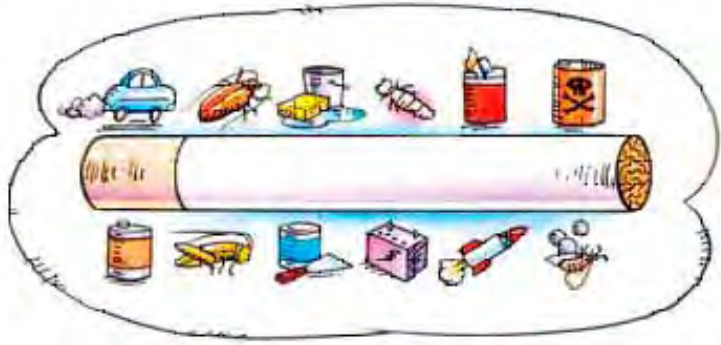
Clara married the late Wiremu Tamaho Peri. They lived most of their life in Okakewai Pawarenga. They are survived by their children and many many grand and great-grand mokopuna. Wiremu and Clara are both buried next to the church they had built themselves.

Ko korua

Ko uru atu ki to

Tatou Kainga tuturu

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Chlamydia levels continue to climb

The latest figures of the sexually transmitted infection chlamydia show close to a 50% jump in the number of cases being diagnosed in Northland.

Levels of chlamydia in Northland are now running at 17 new cases per week compared with 12 cases per week at the start of the year.

Northland Medical Officer of Health Dr Jonathan Jarman said that increased awareness was largely responsible for the increase in cases being diagnosed.

"The jump in cases is actually a good thing for it means that 5 more people are being diagnosed and treated each week." Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted infection in New Zealand and is largely without symptoms. Without treatment men risk infertility and infection of the testicles. Women risk infertility, ectopic pregnancy and chronic pelvic pain.

People most likely to have the infection in Northland are those aged between 15 and 25 years. 538 cases of chlamydia were diagnosed in Northland between 6 November 2003 and 14 July 2004.

Hotspots of infection included Whangarei with 327 cases, Kaitiāia with 41 cases and Kaikohe with 37 cases. Because of concern about the high levels of disease, Northland Health has just completed a "chlamydia road show" for health professionals around Northland.

Dr Jarman said that the objectives of the road show were to increase awareness and to develop locally appropriate strategies to control the chlamydia problem.

"We did six evening meetings from Kaitiāia to Whangarei and Dargaville."

"The road show was very successful and health professionals around Northland are now looking at ways to control the epidemic in their own areas."

One of the main strategies is to screen more people who are aged 15 to 25 years old.

Dr Jarman said that the chlamydia-screening test was extremely simple.

"We call it the "pee in the pot" test".

Teenagers and young adults who are sexually active are being encouraged to see their GPs, Family Planning or Sexual Health Clinic for regular chlamydia urine tests.

This affects whakapapa - use a condom, it's that simple!

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**E rua tau ruru,
e rua tau wehe,
e rua tau mutu,
e rua tau kai**

**Two years of wind and storm,
Two years when food is scarce,
Two years when crops fail,
Two years of abundant food**

After long waiting, prosperity comes at last