



TE KUKUPA

TE KORERO A IWI O TE RARAWA - WINTER 2003

Hui i tenei marama...

May 12, 6pm: Takiwa Hui—Kaitaia, Pukepoto, Ahipara, Te Uri o Hina Marae, Pukepoto

May 16, 9am: Te Rarawa Claims shared interests hui, Rangikohu Marae, Herekino.

May 17, 9am: Te Rarawa Hui-a-Iwi Te Oneroa a Tohe, Korou Kore Marae, Ahipara

May 21, 9am: Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Hui -a-Marama, Waiparera Marae, Te Rangī (Rangī Point), North Hokianga

Tena koutou katoa mo nga whanau whanui o Te Rarawa!

A big edition for you to read in the cooler weeks ahead. I am well and truly back on board now, juggling mahi and motherhood. Of particular note in this issue is the number of things that you could get involved with or respond to. This is what being part of an Iwi is all about—participation in things that matter!

We will be posting the highlights from Te Runanga o Te Rarawa 2002 Annual Report on the website and invite you to check out the awesome mahi that has been going on with our whanau here in Te Hiku o Te Ika. Only limited numbers were printed, and you are welcome to come into the Runanga and read a copy or ask your marae delegate as each marae received one.

Enjoy your read
Na Jaqi Brown :-)

TREATY COMMEMORATIONS 28TH APRIL

Once again we held the Commemorations of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on April 28th at Te Ahuahu in Kaitaia. The weather was overcast, but dry (thankfully) and we were pleased that Herekino, Pukemiro and Kaitaia Intermediate Schools were able to participate in the day. Mayor Yvonne Sharp and Kaumatua Ossie Peri read the Treaty in English and Te Reo Maori, with Rev. Dennis Urquhart taking the service on behalf of the clergy. Rev. Dennis also read from the diary notes taken by Rev. Joseph Matthews on that day in 1840. We closed the day after the learning activities & kapa haka with a delicious lunch prepared by Runanga Staff.

The purpose of the day is to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in Kaitaia on April 28, 1840. This year we set up display boards about the Treaty, noting on a huge map the places in which the Treaty was taken around Aotearoa New Zealand throughout 1840 and signed by over 512 of our Tupuna (elders).

We had the signatures of the 61 Tupuna who signed in Kaitaia as well as acknowledging the 70 who signed in the Hokianga, and the many Te Rarawa who travelled to Waitangi and signed on the 6th of February.

As we had lots of tamariki, we explained to them that this document, commonly known as the "The Treaty", is the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand - a bit like what the Declaration of Independence is for the USA. We had a Treaty Knowledge Hunt and got every child to answer at least 1 question about the displays.

Te Rarawa celebrate this day as it is an important milestone in the development of our Iwi and our country, Aotearoa New Zealand. Our Tupuna believed that this was a good thing to do, as it provided a legal protection over lands, seas, forests and their way of life, customs and traditions. The Treaty was not recognised for many years, and it is pressure by Maori over the past 30 years for the Treaty to once again be acknowledged as the founding document. Crown failures to keep its promises under the Treaty has given rise to the many grievances that are being addressed through the Waitangi Tribunal Claims process.

The other displays during the celebrations, included some of the mahi Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Units, Te Hauora o Te Hiku o Te Ika (Heath Promotions), and Slash Trash (Recycling). Our manuhiri took some time to check out the displays and commented that they represented a positive future for Te Rarawa, our whanau of Te Hiku o Te Ika (Far North) and our Treaty partners.

We have celebrated this event for the past five years and were pleased that so many could join with us to celebrate on this day.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNIT REPORT

Te Rarawa Historical Treaty Claims Work Programme

A reminder that the Te Rarawa Claims Negotiations Team's main task ahead is to develop an Agreement in Principle (AIP) between Te Rarawa and the Crown. Ultimately, this will become the Deed of Settlement. The AIP / Deed of is divided into four parts:

- Historical Account, Acknowledgements and Apology
- Cultural redress
- Commercial redress
- Other redress

It will take most of 2003 to finalise the AIP. This involves meeting regularly with the Crown's negotiating representative, the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS). The Te Rarawa Negotiations Team meets with a core OTS Team and with other OTS specialists and government agencies at different meetings depending

on the kaupapa being negotiated. These include Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation), Ministry of Fisheries, Crown Law etc. Meetings are held each fortnight alternating between our rohe and an 'away' venue (either Auckland or Wellington). The meetings were previously on an eight week cycle of historical, cultural, commercial and 'full' meetings.

However, both the Te Rarawa Team and the Crown have agreed to prioritise the Historical Account work and the development of Cultural Redress options. We will fit in negotiations on Commercial and Other redress around these priority areas.

Recent Highlights

8 March: Hokianga Claims Alliance hui, Mataitaua marae, Horeke. Attended by Resource Management Unit Manager Catherine Davis. The Objective was mainly relationship-building, and to follow up commitments made at the 15 February Hokianga Harbour hui to work more closely with Ngapuhi claimant groups on matters of shared interest.

14 March: Visit by Minister in Charge of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister, Mita Ririnui, and OTS staff. The visit was initiated by Ms Wilson's interest in Bishop Pompellier. However, it was an opportunity for the Negotiations Team to share with both Margaret and Mita information about significant sites within Te Rarawa, in particular Conservation Lands.

19 March: Runanga Monthly meeting, Whakamaharatanga marae, Manukau. Negotiator report back by Paul White and Joe Cooper. First Negotiations Financial Report included.

21 March: Submitted Final Report to the Crown Forestry Rental Trust regarding funding received for Te Runanga o Te Rarawa's Development of a Strategic Plan for Claims Negotiations.

2 April: Te Rarawa Team Briefing meeting, Auckland.

3 April: Historical/Cultural Negotiations with Crown, Auckland.

16 April: Runanga Monthly meeting, Taiao marae, Pawarenga. Negotiator report back by Paul White.

17 April: Historical/ Cultural Negotiations with Crown, Kaitaia.

30 April: Te Rarawa Team Briefing with Legal Advisors Bell Gully, Wellington.

1 May: Historical/Cultural Negotiations with Crown, Wellington.

Upcoming Events

16 May: Te Rarawa Wananga, Rangikohu marae, 9:00am powhiri. The Te Rarawa Team will seek guidance and instruction from Te Rarawa regarding four key negotiations issues: Balancing hapu and iwi interests; shared interests with neighbouring Iwi; Iwi title concept & seamless coastal management.

17 May: Hui-a-iwi, Korou Kore marae, Ahipara, 9:00am powhiri. The Te Rarawa Team will facilitate discussion among all iwi from Te Hiku o Te Ika concerning our shared interests in Te Oneroa a Tohe.

Dates to be confirmed:

Wananga on the definition of Te Rarawa to be included in the Deed (this follows on from the Wananga led by Pa Henare on 12 November 2002 at Ngati Manawa Marae, Panguru)

Negotiations Team hui with Claimant groups, Takiwa, and Taurahere to maintain clear instructions and direction as to the Te Rarawa negotiations strategy and progress.

IWI REGISTRATION

As the body mandated to negotiate Te Rarawa historical claims, it is crucial that our Runanga be accountable to and consult along the way with as many of our whanau as possible. Registering as an iwi member with Te Runanga o Te Rarawa therefore remains critically important for the Runanga to stay in touch with Te Rarawa and to maximize iwi participation in the settlement process. If you or your whanau aren't registered, please contact Jaqi Brown, Manager, Te Rarawatanga Unit, at Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, ph: (09) 4081971; email jaqi@terarawa.co.nz

Natural Resource Management Aquaculture Management Area Law Reforms

On Monday 29 April 2003 a Crown consultation meeting was held at Far North Reap to discuss the proposed Aquaculture Management Area (AMA) law reforms in New Zealand. The meeting was well attended by representatives of Ngati Kuri, Te Aupouri, Ngai Takoto, Te Rarawa, and Ngati Kahu, as well as members of the general public. The turnout was indicative of the major concerns which the AMA reform proposals had generated in the Far North. Unfortunately however, a significant number of Iwi, Hapu and Whanau were absent due to commemorations of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in Kaitiaki, which was being held at the A&P show grounds that same morning. This engendered much frustration among those at the meeting and did little to build confidence in the Crown's consultation process or that the Far North's concerns would be taken seriously. Public Servants in attendance included working group representatives from Department of Conservation, Te Puni Kokiri, Ministry of Fisheries and Northland Regional Council with the main presentation from the Ministry for the Environment.

The overwhelming feedback given to the Crown officials was that the proposed law reforms breached the Treaty of Waitangi as they prejudiced property rights guaranteed to Hapu. The following key messages were expounded to the officials to deliver to their Ministers who were conspicuous by their absence:

1. Hapu hold full ownership of 100% of the resource affected by the reforms, including foreshores, seabed, coastal areas and sea space. This property right is guaranteed by the Treaty of Waitangi.

2. The AMA reforms will undoubtedly affect those Hapu property rights. Therefore, the Crown must negotiate any changes to those rights with the right-holders. In the Far North's case, those right-holders are the Iwi, Hapu and Whanau and no-one else.

3. The Crown AMA reform consultation process is inadequate and unacceptable. Those present strenuously rejected any suggestion that the meeting was full consultation.

Hapu and Whanau representatives, including Iwi Authorities representatives, have formed a Working Group to respond to these issues. The Working Group has expressed its support to National and Regional collective Maori efforts currently underway. Additional nominations to the working group should be forwarded to Catherine Davis of Te Runanga O Te Rarawa (ph: 408 1971), with the criteria being some form of representation of Far North Iwi, Hapu or Whanau and a willingness and capacity to work – hard and fast. The first working group meeting was held on 30 April 2003. The initial thrust of the working group will be to seek an extension of the Submissions closing date, to allow sufficient time to consider the Waitangi Tribunal recommendation that the Crown establish a mechanism to consult and negotiate with Iwi, hapu and whanau on the "Nature and Extent" of our interests. Also, the group will draft submissions designed to ensure the new legislation contains mechanisms, which incorporate protection, planning, interim measures and delivery mechanisms to reflect hapu rights. These measures will allow the aquaculture industry to continue to develop while the 'nature and extent' of the rights of hapu are clarified and agreed.

FNDC ANNUAL PLAN - Have Your Say! Korero koe!

The 2003/2004 Draft Annual Plan summarises what the Far North District Council intends to do from July 2003 to June 2004 and generally summarises the years ending June 2005 and 2006. You can view a copy at one of the Council Service Centres or view it online. It contains information on:

Council's activities for the next 12 months, from July 2003, how it will measure performance, and how much it will cost.

The new Local Government Act 2002 and how as a result of the introduction of this legislation, significant changes have been necessary to the way in which the Council operates.

The new Local Government Rating Act 2002 and how it affects you and your rates.

The Council's Liquid Waste (Sewerage) Management Plan showing how Council intends, as a district, to manage and pay for sewerage in a fair and equitable manner.

How the Council proposes to charge for reticulated water schemes.

THE ANNUAL PLAN WILL AFFECT YOU!!!

Submissions must be received by 4:30pm Friday, 9th May 2003. When making a submission please ensure you refer to the section number, page number or policy to which you are making a submission. You can make a submission online (www.fnrc.govt.nz) using the Council's Annual Plan Electronic Submission Form or · Download Annual Plan Submission Form PDF Printable Version or;

If you wish to complete the form using your word processor you can download Annual Plan Submission Form RTF (Rich Text Format) and post the form to:

Annual Plan Submissions

Far North District Council, Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0400 or

Fax the form to 09 4012137 or Drop the form into one of their service centres.

For more information, contact your local Far North District Council Service Centre, or Catherine Davis, Resource Management Unit Manager, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa ph: (09) 4081971,
Em: Catherine@terarawa.co.nz

Thanks to Catherine Davis and her team for this interesting report.

TE RARAWA HOUSING REPORT

Essential Repairs

This is the suspensory loan that most of you are now aware of. This is still available and will be for the next three years. However, we want our Te Rarawa whanau to have their homes assessed and a solution for each completed by the end of 2005. If we have not contacted you for sometime now and want to know what's happening please call into the South Road office and ask Noeline and Turi, or alternatively telephone us at (09) 408 1971.

We have 414 whanau registered. We have completed 17 projects, have 15 projects progressing & have referred 100 whanau to HNZ for approval. We have received approval for are 63 whanau and are currently quoting those. There are 50 whanau who do not need our assistance. There are also 50 whanau who need a replacement home, but most need to complete the Low Deposit Rural Lending Programme. We are still waiting for documents to be submitted to us from a number of whanau. There are still 50 whanau whom we have yet to carry out an assessment.

Replacement Homes

We are working with a number of whanau. Some of our whanau still have Land Tenure problems still need to be resolved and complete the Low Deposit Rural Lending Programme before we can provide them with a Transit home. Other whanau are well progressed and are looking forward to moving into their new homes in the near future.

TE RARAWA WHANAU

Giddid from our whanau in Brisbane!

This picture was taken on Saturday 26th April 2003, when whanau from the North visited Brisbane. We had a display of the Greaves whanau whakapapa, so that the connections could be made by the manuhiri with the photos of our tupuna.

We have a thriving community in Brisbane with our Te Kohanga O Te Whenua Hou which caters for parents/tamariki who want to maintain their reo and culture. Our Maori community in Brisbane welcomes all Maori manuhiri with a Powhiri at our Kohanga and we regularly perform at festivals. We invite any whanau coming to Brisbane to connect with us so we can make you feel welcome during your stay.

We work very hard here to maintain the Maori culture, support whanau who live here, and to teach Te reo to parents and tamariki and tikanga Maori. Our resources are practically nil (No Maori books etc - even for our tamariki- but when people go home we try to get reading resources from New Zealand) Our Nannie work with aroha within the Maori community supporting our families and our young people, re tangi, hui and other whanau matters. I announce/panel for our local Maori Radio Program every Monday morning and again an invitation is there for whanau/visitors to visit us at the Radio and participate live on our Morning Mano program - every Monday- 6am- 7.30am.

We seek any support from Home and thanks those who have taken an interest in what we are trying to do in Australia.

TENA KOUTOU, TENA KOUTOU KATOA

Wiremu (Bill) Greaves, Brisbane, Australia

PS:Also I am researching my whenua and whakapapa and if you have any information that might help me in my search, please make contact gakahu_au@yahoo.com.au. Our whanau name is Kiriwi / Greaves and my Mum was Matekino Greaves.

Tena Koutou Katoa,

We are your whanau residing in South Taranaki. We thought it would be a good idea to share with you some of our happenings in the rohe o Taranaki. We are the Te Awhe-Nicholls/Thomas mokopuna o Tamati Peita and Hami Leef's mokopuna o Panguru, also the Ngaia whanau no Mangamuka. Our tamariki have been working very hard toward their goals in the sport and spiritual/cultural arena recently and we would like to share this with you all. Jimmy, JJ and Rachelle Leef, Sefton, Anthony, Kyla and Heremia Thomas all performed for the Midget section at the this year's Hui Aranga that was hosted at Whangarei Girls High School.

Their Midget section won the Netball, Poi, Haka and overall Aggregate at the Hui Aranga. The boys were Runners up in the Rugby. Jimmy and JJ Leef play Rugby League for Hawera Hawkes and Eugene Nicholls plays for Stratford first season, all in the Southern region grade. Hamish Nicholls and Ngatoko Tikaitau are both School Boys Rugby Representatives for Taranaki and doing very well in their sports. Hamish has also made the Taranaki team for cricket and athletics and his personal best for discus was 37.7 so a fine effort.

All the whanau are well and we are fortunate enough to have the Hui Aranga to be hosted here in Hawera for Easter 2004. Look forward to seeing all our whanau put forward your teams and come and let us look after you for the weekend.

Ka kite ano, te whanau whanui o Te Rarawa ki roto o Taranaki

TE RARAWA MERCHANDISE



We have been overwhelmed by the popularity of the Te Rarawa Merchandise. We have just placed an order in for more of the high quality tee-shirts and some polo (collared) shirts. When they arrive (in a couple of weeks) we will promote the styles, colours etc. on our website or you could pop into 28 South Road, Kaitaia and have a first hand look.

We still have some of the Te Rarawa Licence Plate Surrounds available at \$20 each or 2 for \$35.00 (plus p&p \$4). We can send them anywhere in the world, although postage may increase depending on weight and size of parcel. We are looking at increasing the range of items if you have anything you would be particularly interested in like caps, vests let me know.

Jaqi Brown—Te Rarawatanga Unit 09 4081971

Thanks to our Te Oranga Staff for modelling. the Mana Wahine Teeshirts.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Please tell ten friends to tell ten more today!

The Breast Cancer website site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "donating a mammogram" for free (pink window in the middle). This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammograms in exchange for advertising. Here's the website!

<http://www.thebreastcancersite.com>

Let's get aBREAST of this matter today!

WHENUA PUTEA...

Transpower Landcare Trust Grants Available

Another round of funding is underway for the Transpower Landcare Trust Grants Programme. The deadline is August 31, 2003. Grants for as much as \$5000 are available to nonprofit community groups for projects that enhance either sustainable land management or bio-diversity on private land. More than 70 projects have been funded through the programme, involving groups from all over the country. For more information contact the Landcare Trust, or email info@landcare.org.nz for applications.

Take care of Papatuanuku and she will return the favour.

MAF's Sustainable Farming Fund will continue

The highly-successful Sustainable Farming Fund will continue, Rural Affairs Minister Jim Sutton has announced. He told the Farm Forestry Association annual meeting in Wellington this evening that next month's Budget would contain an allocation of \$10.6 million a year for the next three years to continue the work of the Sustainable Farming Fund.

The Sustainable Farming Fund allocates grants to community-supported projects that improve the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of rural communities. Go to <http://www.maf.govt.nz/sff> for more information about this fund, or your local Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry office.

We would like to see more te reo rangatira i roto i Te Kukupa . If you would like to help translate or compose articles, then contact Jaqi Brown. Contact details on page one of this edition. Next edition due out in early July, panui in by June 30 please.

If you have ideas for articles or panui, or would like to submit your own item to include in this newsletter, please forward it to:

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