



*Ka Tika Tonu Nga Iwi
Rangatira – ka
Whakamana te Iwi*

*Effective Tribal
Leadership to Empower
the People*



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Kohatu Unveiling Maunga Kakaramea
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Obituaries

Tahu Te Kauru – December 2013
Puru Nepia – February 2014
Brenda Komene – February 2014
Harold Hurihanganui – April 2014
Linda Tau Takahi – May 2014
Glenis (Tini) Werahiko – June 2014
Duncan Werahiko – June 2014
Waiwera Whiu – September 2014
Paul Moke – October 2014
Wiremu (Bill) Tumaro Galvin – November 2014
Gary Reweti – December 2014
John Reihana – January 2015
Harold Matenga – January 2015

Unveilings

Doc Werahiko – March 2013
Roland Moke – March 2013
Geoff Te Whare – October 2013
Rawiri Te Whare – November 2013
John Tau – April 2014
Tamamutu Chase – August 2014
Jean Hohepa – October 2014
Bob & Jean Moke – October 2014
Brenda Komene – February 2015
Tahu Te Kauru – March 2015





Ohaki Marae received its first Marae Distribution in November 2014, which was presented by Runanga Trustee Evelyn Forrest and received by Ohaki Trustee Henderika Nepia.

New Staff

Due to the expanding workloads of the Runanga, we have seen an increase of 2 new staff to our team, we would like to officially welcome Ricky Mita as our Cultural co-ordinator, and Kay Werahiko as our administration/receptionist.

New Iwi Registration Form

The Runanga has redeveloped our Iwi registration forms. We will be implementing the new forms over the next 12 months. Please find enclosed the new registration form which you should complete and return to P O Box 162, Reporoa 3060. Please note that you should include in your registration form dependents whom are under the age of 18. Those dependents who are over 18 should complete their own registration form.

Marae Elections

It is just about that time again to re-elect your Marae Representatives for the Runanga board, the current representative's term will expire in February 2016. We will be starting the election process in November 2015. Look out for details in the post.

Kaumatua Kaunihera

The Runanga has also established an advisory committee to the executive board of 7 Kaumatua who were elected via their peers at a hui held at Ohaki Marae in September 2014

Website

The Runanga has a new website! Check it out at:

www.tahu-whaoa.iwi.nz

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Marae Distributions



Te Toke Marae received the second Marae Distribution in November 2014, The cheque was presented by Angela Werahiko and received by Marae trustee Ricky Mita.

The marae was also gifted a set of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa history DVD's.



Mataarae Marae also received the second of its Marae Distributions in February 2015, The cheque was presented by Runanga Trustee Angela Werahiko and received by Bill Werahiko and the tamariki of Te Kohanga Reo o Reporoa.

The marae was also received a set of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa history DVD's.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge those who have passed and who worked tirelessly to ensure Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa had a voice in this forum, who spent endless hours researching, capturing stories and for the sharing of them. We would also like to acknowledge our Iwi and land trusts who when called, fronted up in mass to support the kaupapa, we could not have achieved such a favourable outcome if it was not for your vital support! Ka mau te Wehi!

Roadshows and Subcommittees

In October/November of 2014 various Runanga board members and kaumatua travelled to Ponake (Wellington), Otautahi (Christchurch) and Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland) to update whanau on the mahi that has been undertaken by the Runanga. The trips were well received by whanau as was the gifting of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa History DVD sets. As an outcome of the trips there has been an establishment of 3 sub-committees in the city centres, this will enable whanau to meet on a regular basis and enable the Runanga to reach more of our iwi. Should you wish to attend hui the city centres are holding, please contact the following:

Ponake (Wellington)

Julianna Lynch: Secretary. Phone: 021 027 56275. Email: juliannalynch@nzdf.mil.nz

Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland)

Rima Herbert: Secretary. Phone: 027 221 7283. Email: rimaherbert@hotmail.com

Otautahi (Christchurch)

Sonia Taylor: Secretary. Phone: 03 341 5750. Email: sonia.taylor@mainfreight.com



Otautahi – 9th October 2014



Tamaki Makaurau - 31st October 2014



Ponake - 1st November 2014

Communications

Mana Whenua

In 2014 the Runanga was heavily involved in the Mana Whenua process, though this process has been ongoing for a number of years, it was only last year that stage 3 of the process occurred due to Iwi being unable to reach agreement in stage 2 - Kanohi ki te kanohi. Stage 3 saw an adjudication process started and completed to determine mana whenua of 9 Crown Forest Lands (Kaingaroa Caves, Kaingaroa Flaxy Creek, Kaingaroa Headquarters, Kaingaroa Matea, Kaingaroa Northern Boundary, Kaingaroa Reporoa, Kaingaroa Totara, Kaingaroa Wairapukao and Kaingaroa Whirinaki)

- The process started with the filling of evidence by the 8 Iwi Involved. Those being:
Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa (namely Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa & Tuhaurangi Ngati Wahiao)
Ngai Tuhoe
Ngati Manawa
Ngati Rangitihi
Ngati Tuwharetoa
Ngati Whakaue
Raukawa
Ngati Whare
- Reply of evidence submitted by the other 8 Iwi involved.
- Opening presentations.
- Site visits with Adjudication panel
- Main Iwi presentations
- Closing Presentations
- Adjudication Results

The Runanga lead by its chairman Roger Pikia was successful in having our mana whenua recognised in 4 of the 9 CFL's those being:

Headquarters
Totara
Wairapukao
Reporoa



Hui a Iwi (Ohaki Marae, August 2014) – Mana Whenua Findings

Coming Up

Environmental Skill Building Workshops

The Environment Department continues to use the IEMP as a guide to develop new projects and build capacity within our iwi. We have secured funding for a series of 5 one day workshops to build skills and knowledge about designing and running environmental projects. We have asked all marae and Land Trusts to nominate people who might be interested in being part of the programme. We are looking for representatives names by May and the workshops will run over 12 months (July 2015 – July 2016). Contact us if you would like more information.

Other mahi

Te Kopia/Paeroa Range Animal Pest Control

The Runanga is working with the Department of Conservation and Waikato Regional Council to discuss options for managing animal pests in Te Kopia Scenic Reserve. We are working through a process of trying to match up the values of the reserve with what type of management is required and what can be used. We will be continuing these discussions throughout 2015.



Lake Ngapouri

Animal Pest Control

The Runanga has two trapping projects underway. One project is around the shores of Lake Ngapouri while the other is within the land owned by the Runanga at Wai-O-Tapu Scenic Reserve. Both projects have been successful in trapping rats, mice, stoats, weasels and in one instance a wild cat. It is hoped these projects will help in improving native bird life around these sites.

Reserve Management Plans

Parts of the Paeroa Range (Ruatihi-O-Paeroa) and Wai-O-Tapu are now owned by the Runanga and are run as scenic reserves. As part of the settlement process we need to prepare Reserve Management plans and this will happen over the next 12-18 months. This will help in ensuring the values at these sites are protected.

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (TARIT) Environmental Management Plan

Launch of TARIT EMP 27th March Ohaki Marae - through active participation in the Waikato River co-management and co-governance the Runanga continues to focus on the health & well being of the Waikato River. The presence of the Te Arawa Iwi Collective in the Waikato River Treaty Settlement came about through Wai 217 (Waikato River – Huka to Atiamuri treaty claim) which was submitted by the late Nepia Williams on behalf of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. The launch of the TARIT EMP ensures that Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa continue to play a leadership role in developing new initiatives focused on innovative land techniques and technologies while focussing on cultural revitalisation.

Funding

We wish to acknowledge that many of the Environment Department projects have been supported (financially and in-kind) by many agencies. This includes: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Department of Conservation, Waikato River Authority, Mighty River Power, Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust and the Waikato Regional Council).

Environmental

Hutia te rito o te harakeke. Kei hea te ko mako e ko? “Ki mai ki ahau, he aha te mea nui o tenei ao?” Maku e ki atu “He tangata, he tangata, he tangata”

The past 12 months has been a really busy time for the Environment Department and Johlene Kelly (picture on right) has been a welcome relief. Johlene’s main work is with concessions, resource consents and permits, along with assisting with various agreements and Reserve Management Plans for Ruatihi o Paeroa and Waiotapu. Johlene and I are both busy working towards developing future project work . . . *so keep an eye on this space. . .* We continue to work with many government departments, agencies and councils to ensure that Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa has a voice in the rohe and that iwi values are taken into consideration during various developments and activities.



Project Updates

The **Wilding Pine Project** is now in its third and final year.

Te Toke Rd Enhancement Project is in its final stages with the last seedlings due to be planted this year.

Pua o te Reinga (Dactylanthus) project, we spent time monitoring plant health and gender, along with hand pollinating plants. Another 130 cages were installed bringing a total of 160 cages - giving us a good sustainable population – see above picture

Tutukau Wetland restoration project-the Runanga planting crew have planted a number of native seedlings within this wetland area, this adds value to the Trust Blocks own work.

Ohaki Wetland -the Runanga took ownership of the wetland in July 2014 which is across the Waikato River from Ohaki Marae. We are working closely with Fish and Game who manage the day to day running of the wetland and whose focus is primarily on enhancing gamebird and hunting opportunities. There is one maimai which is for use by iwi members and will be allocated on a year by year basis through an application process with the Runanga (this has just closed for 2015 season). All hunting and use are subject to standard Fish and Game hunting regulations and costs – we will advertise the allocation again prior to the 2016 gamebird hunting season.



Rangatahi Leadership Programme – a programme supported by our MRP Partnership and Reporoa College was launched this term.

This programme has been well supported by Adele and her team from Tauhara North No2 Trust and a huge thank you to guestspeaker Ngahihi Bidios. Future guests include a couple of our ex-students Who are keen to share their skills and life experiences with the rangatahi. While this programmes aim is to raise leaders within our iwi it also has an environmental component that is based on earning credits while focusing on environmental issues within the rohe. Flip and Float Waka Ama association was part of the programme (photos below)



Cultural

From the Cultural department our cultural revitalisation programme has successfully run 3 terms of Wāhi Tapu/Significant Site Workshops which has been all about knowledge sharing and retaining our historical connections to our whenua and awa. These workshops have been led by our historian of over 20 years Perry Fletcher. The site visits to our Wāhi Tapu which connected with the korero given was awesome, you could feel the wairua at our sites; Maunga Kākaramaea, (Rainbow Mountain) Maru's Cave, Paeroa Range, Orakei Korako, Maunga Kaimanawa at Te Toke, and Huka Falls to name but a few. Im sure those from our class that have been a part of this journey will in turn hand this knowledge down to their children and mokopuna.

Te manaaki i te i te mua mo te kainga tupu o apopo
Preserving the past for tomorrow's heritage

CRP Site visits 2014



Maru's Cave



Te Toke native planting site



Orakei Korako

The class would not continue to operate if it was not for the continued support and funding from Tauhara North No 2 Trust, we thank them for their ongoing support.

Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa.

Kaumatua Christmas Function

Each year more of our kaumātua, koroua, kuia are coming home from other cities/towns to attend the annual Kaumatua Christmas Function. On 30th November 2013 this event was held at Te Toke Marae where whanau came together for lunch, entertainment, and some fun games.

Last year we went to Mataarae Marae on 29th November where Nancy and her team catered to 135. The lunch and entertainment were wonderful. Ngati Kearoa Ngati Tuara and Ngati Koroki Kahukura came to tautoko the special acknowledgement and presentation to Eru George.

This year the Christmas function is likely to be held end November beginning December. The confirmed date and venue will be advised later.

Kaumatua Christmas Function – Maatarae Marae 2014



Alliances:

Our alliances continue with Te Roopu Hauora o Te Arawa (iwi hauora roopu with Lakes District Health Board); Lakes District Health Board Disability Support Advisory Committee; Poutiri Trust; and Health Reporoa through representation on their executive or advisory boards to inform and influence change for our community.

No reira whānau, mā te wā, tenā koutou, tenā tātou katoa.

*Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.
Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.*

3. The Hauora also works with Health Reporoa for the benefit of our whanau in the community, including actioning non-clinical referrals we receive.
4. A relationship still exists with Poutiri Trust relating to Maori Provider Development Scheme funding, which will be expended by 30 June 2015. Three short-term projects will be completed within the funding timeframe - (1) quality management systems, (2) development of a 3-year organisation development plan, and (3) electronic filing system.
5. We have a Stop Smoking Practitioner who can help smokers make an informed choice to stop smoking using the Quit Card Programme.
6. The Whare Hauora is to receive some much needed TLC over the next coming months, with new signage, a fence and internal alterations being undertaken.

Education

The Runanga and Reporoa College boards' have a formal relationship via a partnership document, which is supported and managed by their staff. The Hauora is involved alongside Reporoa College in a Ministry of Education project called 'Kia Eke Panuku - Building on Success'. The Runanga were invited to be part of the Strategic Change Leadership team that is led by the Principal of Reporoa College to develop and implement culturally responsive and relational pedagogy principles to enhance: *Māori students enjoying and achieving educational success as Māori*. Involvement in this piece of work is exciting, and it made me reflect on past theories about teachers, teaching styles, student engagement, plus others. There is still a lot more work to do but definitely a worthwhile kaupapa. Secondly, the Runanga along with Tauhara North No.2 Trust are committed to educating our tamariki by co-funding Kip McGrath to provide tuition for primary and secondary school students.

The Runanga continues to support the Empowered Learning Trust – Irlens Screening Project for the Reporoa Valley School's Cluster.

The Social department continues to run activities such as, fortnightly van transport to Rotorua, mirimiri and pamper sessions.



Mike King and Tai Tupou (The Key to Life Charitable Trust) came to Reporoa twice in 2014, and they actually held four sessions, 2 in February (community and marae) and 2 in August (Reporoa College and marae). *Mike King talked candidly about his battle with depression, addiction, and his ongoing journey to recovery.* All presentations were well received by those who attended, and talks are underway to have him speak again this year.



Social

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

The Whare Hauora is open every Wednesday and Thursday for whānau to take part in whatever programme is on for that day, or to 'drop in' for a cuppa and share their news and views.

The Social Division's strategic goals remain the same:

1. Create and implement projects that have specific social objectives.
2. Build relationships with other providers to increase our service delivery.
3. Influence and encourage educational opportunities.



Hauora

1. We have maintained our Health of Older Persons (Koroua and Kuia) contract, however we have come away from sub-contracting under Poutiri Trust and now contract directly with Lakes District Health Board who are the funders. This contract provides for programmes and activities to be held at the Whare Hauora that engages our kaumātua.
2. Another area of health that the Hauora has been involved in is suicide awareness and prevention. We were successful in securing a 1-year contract from the national suicide prevention programme for Maori and pacific communities in October 2014. Our application was around building community resilience and capacity to prevent suicide, and to respond safely and effectively when or if a suicide occurs; it was also about developing champions through education, training and ensuring resources are relevant and effective for our whanau and community. The Hauora is looking for more people within the rohe to champion this cause and be there to support someone who is in crisis or distress, *"...most people who attempt suicide don't want to die – they want to stop hurting..."* Support from whanau and friends, connection with their identity, can help them to find a way through. Two wananga have been held so far which delved into understanding Māori suicide prevention pre-colonisation, post-colonisation and leading into contemporary times. There are another 2 wananga to come.



Te Karere airs a segment on the impact of Suicide in our communities and speaks to our Social manager Sue Westbrook.

Filmed at Te Toke Marae November 2014.

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