

Te Karere a Hauiti

NGĀTI HAUITI NEWS

Ko Ruahine te pae maunga, ko Rangitīkei te awa, ko Tākitimu te waka, ko Ngāti Hauiti te iwi. E ngā whānau, e ngā hapū o Ngāti Hauiti, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou. E ngā tini aituā, haere ki tua o te ārai. Heoi anō.

Ruahine is the mountain range, Rangitīkei is the river, Tākitimu is the canoe and Ngāti Hauiti is the tribe. To the families and sub-tribes of Ngāti Hauiti, greetings and salutations to you all. To our departed ones, go beyond the veil of darkness. Enough.

Once again we apologise for the delayed issue of Te Karere, this is due to the heavy workload of our committed whānau who try to juggle their lives and careers to nurture their being Māori. We apologise to all our keen readers.

'Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu.' We may be small in number but we are worth our weight in gold.

Rātā has taken over the reins of producing Te Karere and hopefully will be able to inform all our whānau of the interesting things that are happening for our whānau o te motu. In order for her to do this she needs all the snippets of news and yes, gossip no matter how big or small so that it can be broadcasted out to all of our Ngāti Hauiti whānau. If it concerns you it concerns us and we need to hear about it. He iwi tahi tātou - We are one. Contact Rātā on ko.rata@ihug.co.nz or 108 Main Road South, Levin or Te Karere - Rātā Cornell C/o Te Maru o Ruahine Trust P.O. Box 15 Hunterville.

Social Well Being



Health: Susan is busy out there throughout the rohe working with and caring for whānau under the umbrella of Te Kōtuku.

Social Work: Our resident social worker Tania has been working intensively with whānau with an increasing client base. It is pleasing to note that their needs are being met as Tania and Susan have organised hui that aim to address their requests.

If anyone has any issues they want to talk to her about she is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for social work with whānau.

☎: Tanya on (06) 3228765 or 0800 HAUITI

The social well being sector has had everyone busy over recent months applying for funding, undertaking training, attending hui and looking after whānau health and social well being needs.

Initiatives: A new welfare programme is currently being looked at whereby at risk families are targeted and a holistic approach is undertaken to provide a wide range of health services. In order for this to be successful it is preferred to direct our energies into a small number of families rather than spread ourselves thin over a large number.

Smoking Research: Heather is now putting the finishing touches on the interview phase of her smoking research. This will be available at the

end of this year and will give Ngāti Hauiti valuable direction in future health initiatives.

I would also like to congratulate all our whānau out there who have taken up the challenge to whiu atu te kai paipa, quit smoking. Remember it is never too late and latest incentives to quit are a trip to Rarotonga. If you are giving up call in at the Resource Centre and ask Eve for the entry form. Sorry Aunty Erena you are two years too late however the iwi heartily congratulates you on giving up after all those years. It truly is about whānau and we have put your name forward for the next run of TV ads. Your nephew Cliff Curtis has put in a good word for you too.

Cultural Affirmation

W Raihania Potaka as Cultural Facilitator has been working steadily over the last six months on cultural development. In her role she is responsible for development in the following programmes.

Pouwhenua: The totara logs are in storage and work will begin once all the road works along State Highway 1 just south of Mangaweka is completed. A tentative date is early 2003.

Taonga Exhibition: The exhibition at the Rātā Marae of "Ngā Taonga Tuhono - Treasures That Unite People" was truly a memorable event for Ngāti Hauiti. The opening of the exhibition was a moving experience that I was fortunate to be involved in. Words do little to express the mixed emotions that were felt by many on that day as everyone there felt a deep sense of pride and it showed. Ko te aha te ahua o ngā tāngata? Ko te mana o Ngāti Hauiti e mau ana ngā tāngata.

The numbers that attended exceeded 700 people over the month it was held. It was good to see that whānau traveled the width and breadth of the motu to view our culture and heritage.

On behalf of the iwi I would sincerely like to thank our truly dedicated whānau who gave their heart and soul (ngākau māhaki) to support the exhibition over the month it was held. Your commitment to tikanga (whānaungātanga) is a reminder to us all that as a whānau, bold ventures are achievable.

Waiata Practice: In preparation for any ceremonies that may be held it is important that all whānau keep practising our waiata. If you need copies of our pātere 'Tua Hokia' and 'Ko te Rau' they are available at the Resource Centre along with tikanga associated with their use, these waiata are taonga that have been handed down by our tupuna.

Te Reo Classes: Whānau have expressed a wish to learn te reo Māori so Raihania is on the lookout for someone to āwhi the kaupapa. If you have the skills, share them and support the iwi. I remember when I was learning te reo it was a lot of fun and the sense of whānau was more rewarding than the reo, you will be surprised at how much whānau you will meet. Tōu rourou, tōku rourou ka ora te iwi. Contact Raihania on hauiti.ra@extra.co.nz.

Whānau Hui: The Pirere whānau of Ngāti Haukaha hapū have just had a wānanga at the Tāhuhu Marae. There was an excellent turnout with whānau coming from as far as Australia, Auckland and Greytown. The wānanga involved whakapapa and a hīkoi to the Matuahu urupā.


Te Waka Hoe: A very successful water safety training programme was undertaken by keen whānau members, in March. They reported back and were very positive about having another training programme in May.

A tentative date for the next Ngāti Hauiti Waka Hoe is late xmas or January 2003 so keep that date free. It is an experience not to be missed as you follow the river from the

northern boundary (Omatane) to the southern boundary at Rātā. If you would like to register an interest in any such training programmes or historical events once again contact Raihania.


While I'm on the subject of waka hoe a big cheer to the following wāhine toa Tina Poa, Raina Potaka, Iona Davis, Raihania Potaka and Rangitaua Hunia. On Saturday and Sunday 23-24th March a Waka Ama Sprint Challenge was held and these awesome wahine rowed the Whanganui River under the tohu of Ngāti Hauiti. Reports tell of a fun filled day and the team (or teams) is eager to enter again next year. Sound like you, step out of the square and go for it.

Economic Prosperity

 **Fisheries:** We had another successful fishing season late last year. Income received from the sale of fishing quota has been allocated towards projects such as whānau/hapū development, administration, marae grants and Te Karere production.

Economic Development Plan: The need to develop an economic development plan that clearly outlines our economic aspirations has been set in motion. At the recent Rūnanga meeting these aspirations came thick and fast with some exciting ideas, that with the motivation of an iwi will become reality. To be a part of this exciting time, it is important that you play an active part in supporting Ngāti Hauiti and all of the initiatives being put together.


Environmental Management

 Rangi Hawira continues to work fulltime completing cultural impact assessments and monitoring of environmental matters. To further benefit this work and work within the Kaupapa Taiao o Ngāti Hauiti (Environmental Policy Statement) he has been appointed as the

representative on Te Ropū Ahi Ka, which is attached to the Rangitikei District Council.


Environmental Management Plan: A hui was held to discuss a Ngāti Hauiti Natural Resource Management Plan. With the assistance of the local Regional Council, we will build on our Kaupapa Taiao (Environmental Policy Statement) and produce a document that enables us to take an active part in resource management issues. Utiku hopes to have this completed by May - June 2002.

Management Support

 **Census 2001:** We've had some positive feed back from whānau who identified Ngāti Hauiti as their iwi in the recent census. Our thanks to everyone who took part and supported Ngāti Hauiti, as a result we are now have a larger iwi base with preliminary Stats NZ figures putting our population at just over 1,000.

Fundraising: We trust that all those budding Ngāti Hauiti artists have been busy creating art masterpieces for the upcoming art auction. As mentioned in the last Te Karere the auction held last year was brilliant and I for one purchased some wonderful pieces. There is no limit to the creativity that can be produced and I look forward to this in July when it will be held as it is an excellent opportunity to pick up unique gifts for that special whānau member. If you are willing to donate a piece of art or you are stuck for ideas on what to create, give Aunty Erena a ring on (06) 3228580 by the end of May, she is the Māori equivalent to Picasso.

Whanaungatanga

 A Rena Maikuku whānau wānanga is being talked about for later on in the year. This whānau is part of the Ngāti Haukaha hapū


although they are also members of Ngāti Hinearo and Ngāti Tuera of Parikino.

Winiata Marae are operating Marae based studies under the umbrella of Te Wānanga O Raukawa. The course offers the opportunity to study at a tertiary level on Marae. Kia kaha!

Pourewa Urupā: It is with a feeling of sadness that as a whānau we have not fulfilled our obligations to maintain the Pourewa urupā. We have discussed the barriers faced and realise that the easy access to a mower is part of the problem however the major problem is lack of whānau commitment. We will need to re-establish the roster system for the Potaka whānau. If you are called please show your support and tautoko the kaupapa by doing the mahi.

It is great to hear that whānau are being active out there strengthening whānau bonds.

Rātā Marae

 There has been a lot of activity at the Marae over the past six months and various school groups, national and international have been hosted. The committee do a wonderful job of keeping the home fires burning (ahi kā) and their manaakitanga embraces us all as Ngāti Hauiti, nō reira ki ngā ringawera ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa nō tōu whānau whānui.

Marae meetings are held every second Sunday of the month at 1pm.

Over the next few months the car park and driveway is to be tar sealed and paved.

Rātā Hall: The Rātā hall has been relocated over to the marae grounds and now awaits

renovation. It is proposed that this building will be used for whānau functions.

Working Bee: a working bee to tidy the grounds and buildings is to be held at the marae on the 4th of May starting at 9am. The committee will contact various whānau members to assist but please try to come for an hour or two if you're not contacted. You'll need to bring along painting gear, shovels and rakes. The progress that has gone ahead over the last eighteen months is amazing.

In past years, the committee has accepted \$20 donations from whānau affiliated to the Marae to assist with payment of insurance costs which total over \$1,000 per annum. The committee ask that whānau send their donations directly to the treasurer, Gwen Manunui, RD1 Marton.

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