

Te Karere a Hauiti

NGĀTI HAUITI NEWS

Ko Ruahine te pae maunga, ko Rangitikei tē 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, Rangitikei 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.

It's been some time since the last issue of Te Karere Publishing was delayed due to excessive work loads and staff changes. We apologise to all our readers.

If there is anyone who is prepared to volunteer their time to produce Te Karere, please contact Utiku through the office.

Social Well Being

Raihaniana Potaka recently resigned as the Community Health Worker and has been replaced by Susan Kavanagh. We therefore welcome Susan back on board!

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

Health: Prior to Raihaniana's departure from health, she was involved with an energy saving initiative called Retrofit. This project supplied and installed free products such as batts, under-floor lining and lights to older homes. This initiative is not only to save on power costs but to improve warmth and dryness which helps prevent attacks of asthma and chest infections. A number of whānau members benefited from this project which was run by Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Apa.

While Raihaniana made contact with 80+ whānau, it will be Susan's job to try and work more intensively with 40 of these whānau so we can improve the health of Māori in the region.

Rangatahi: Over the next six months we will be running youth parenting programmes in response to the increasing number of teenagers having children. We will let you know when they have been organised.

Smoking Research: The smoking research being undertaken by Heather has started and asks questions about the uptake and use of tobacco with whānau. It is an important issue for all of us to kōrero about, so please help out if you can.

Social Work: Tania has settled in well and has been steadily helping our whānau resolve their social problems. 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

Cultural Affirmation

Rangi Hawira and Neville Lomax finished their part-time jobs in the cultural affirmation sector earlier this year. With financial assistance from the Rūnanga, it has been possible to appoint Raihania Potaka to the full-time position of Cultural Facilitator which is totally dedicated to cultural development.

Pouwhenua: We have secured funding for the erection of a pouwhenua at Managaweka. It will coincide with the completion of the road works on State Highway 1 just south of Mangaweka.

Taonga Exhibition: A substantial amount of work has gone into organising this event which will be opened on Saturday the 13th of October at the Rātā Marae. The exhibition of "Ngā Taonga Tuhono - Treasures That Unite People", is shaping up to be a significant event both regionally and nationally. Apparently this type of exhibition is unique and hasn't been done before. It tells the stories of relationships between Ngāti Hauiti and other Iwi, Museums and non-Māori through the use of taonga.

There remains plenty to do to set up and run the exhibition so we would appreciate any assistance from whānau who can volunteer their time. Contact Raihania if you can. Otherwise we would like to see as many people support the opening as possible.

Waiata Practice: In preparation for the taonga exhibition opening, we are organising waiata practice. If you need to 'brush up' on the Haka Pōwhiri or you want to learn some Ngāti Hauiti waiata, come along to the practice sessions. They are being held at Whanganui, Rātā, Taihape and Wellington on a weekly basis. Remember, If you plan to attend the opening, you really need to get to the practices so that you can fully participate in the ceremonies. Please contact Raihania for details. There will be a final rehearsal the evening before the

opening on Friday 12th October commencing at 7.30pm at the Rātā Marae.

Te Waka Hoe: Unfortunately we had to postpone the waka hoe training scheduled for earlier this year. While we have managed to run the river trips with the guidance of professionals, its now time to do it ourselves. Hence the need to train our own whānau up to take responsibility. We will attempt to run the next training weekend early in the new year so keep an eye out for the pānui. Remember places are limited to 10 so please contact Raihania ASAP to register your interest.

Hauiti Kareoke and Dinner: The next Hauiti dinner will be held at the RSA on St Hill Street in Whanganui on the 22nd September. It will start at 5pm however, like always, you will need to book in advance. Contact Rangi Taylor on (06) 3445248.

Marae Assistance: For the first time, the Rūnanga has approved the allocation of grants to affiliated Marae. While the amount is not substantial, it is seen as the first step in supporting those cultural institutions that are important to us.

Economic Prosperity

Some of the work undertaken in this sector was done by Ted Jones who recently resigned his position.

Fisheries: We had another successful fishing season late last year. Income received from the sale of fishing quota has been allocated towards a number of projects such as the Taonga Exhibition and Marae Assistance.

Economic Development Plan: We have identified the need to develop an economic development plan that clearly outlines our economic

aspirations. We are currently seeking funding support to make this happen.

Business Initiatives: We have moved a step closer to establishing Rauhuia Environmental Services as a stand alone business unit. This has been possible due to the increasing demand from neighbouring iwi for our specialised services. We hope that by the end of next year, it will be formed into a profit making company.

Environmental Management

With an increasing workload in the environment sector, Rangi Hawira has been appointed to the full-time position of Environmental Officer which he was originally doing part-time.

Environmental Management Plan: A hui is planned for later in the year to discuss a Ngāti Hauiti Natural Resource Management Plan. With the assistance of the local Regional Council, we will build on our Environmental Policy Statement and produce a document that enables us to take an active part in resource management issues.

Cultural Impact Assessments: Resource consents are coming thick and fast at the moment. The latest impacting directly on us are waste water discharges from Taihape and Mangaweka. Water take is also being assessed at Mangaweka. Assessments of several metal extraction sites from the lower Rangitikei River on behalf of Ngāti Apa is also keeping Rangi busy. It doesn't allow much time to monitor activities we have previously approved such as the Rātā Silverhope road re-alignment where we were successful in securing the timber from the old Rata Dairy Factory.

Management Support

With the resignation of Ted Jones, Eve Potaka has been appointed to the

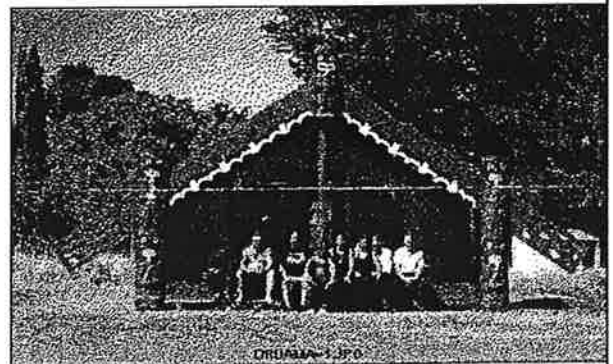
position of administrator on a temporary basis.

Census 2001: We've had some positive feedback from whānau who identified Ngāti Hauiti as their iwi in the recent census. Our thanks to everyone who took part and supported Ngāti Hauiti.

Fundraising: Last year we held a Art Auction which helped raise funds for landscaping around the resource centre. It was such a success, we plan to run another one so..... to all you budding and experienced artists, we would be grateful for your donation of art or crafts work. Date and venue yet to be confirmed but we're looking at early December. Contact Aunty Erena on (06) 3228580 with your contribution (before she contacts you!)

Whanaungatanga

Te Riu o Puanga Marae: The re-dedication of the whare Oruamatua at Moawhango was a great occasion for both Ngāti Whitikaupeka and manuhiri. Ngāti Hauiti was well supported after meeting the night before at Rātā for a short wānanga.



Rātā Marae

There has been a lot of activity at the Marae over the past six months. The Rātā Memorial Hall was relocated from State Highway 1 to the Marae Complex. The Hall will remain the property and responsibility of the

local community but will be readily accessible for Marae activities. PD workers are helping with some of the repair and restoration work. A new carpark is currently being installed by roading contractors and will be finished when the weather fines up.

The Rātā Marae AGM was held on the 12th August 2001. The new committee are:

Chairperson - Barbara Thomason

Vice Chairperson - Johanna Potaka

Secretary - Mina Bourke Potaka

Assistant Secretary - Susan Kavanagh

Treasurer - Gwen Manunui

Booking Officer - Johanna Potaka

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 these whānau send their donations directly to Gwen Manunui, RD1 Marton.

✉ Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti or Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, PO Box 15 Hunterville ☎: (06) 3228765 or 0800 HAUTĪ. E-mail: ngati.hauti@extra.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

Hauti Kareoke & Dinner

RSA Whanganui

22 September 5pm

Waiata Rehearsal

Rātā Marae

12 October 7.30pm

Taonga Exhibition

Rātā Marae

13 September 10am