

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.

Kia ora tātou. The team that produces Te Karere would like to thank all those people who contribute snippets of news about their whānau and events that make us unique as an iwi. If you would like to share your whānau news, you can continue to do so by contacting:

Rātā Cornell on ko.rata@ihug.co.nz or 108 Main Road South, Levin or Te Karere, Te Maru o Ruahine Trust PO Box 15 Hunterville.

As we continue to grow as an iwi, it is encouraging to see an increasing number of whānau members representing Ngāti Hauiti on various committees such as health, local government and regional development boards. Their commitment to Māori autonomy has helped us as an iwi become more active in important decision-making.

The Rūnanga is continuously looking for people who can represent Ngāti Hauiti on such boards and committees so..... if you have experience or expertise and an interest in

advancing Ngāti Hauiti kaupapa, contact Utiku Potaka on u.potaka@xtra.co.nz. If you don't want to be on any boards or committees but still want to volunteer some time to our activities, contact Marlene at the Resource Centre. We can always do with help.

Social Well Being

The Social Well Being sector continues to go from strength to strength as Government agencies support community health and welfare programmes. Extra funding enables a broader range of activities with the ability to focus on particular needs.

Our two social well-being workers continue to be busy working throughout the rohe both in community health work and social work. In time, they will be working with the cultural facilitator to address the myriad of needs of our whānau.

It is with regret that we lose Tania Edwards this month so that her social work skills can be further developed. Her position has been advertised and we hope to announce her replacement shortly.

Susan, our resident health worker, will be celebrating the end of her studies for a certificate in Ahu Whenua Whanau Tamariki. She will be graduating early next year. Heather Gifford has completed her PhD thesis on smoking cessation and is now putting together practical plans based on her research findings. Significant funding from the Health Research Council has been approved to advance tobacco cessation research.

If anyone needs assistance in this area contact Tania on (06) 3228765 or Susan on (06) 3275594.

Cultural Affirmation

Raihania Potaka, our Cultural Facilitator continues to work steadily on cultural development.

Iwi Journal: In response to the numerous calls received (from whānau) at the Resource Centre for information regarding Ngāti Hauiti, Utiku and a committed team of people are putting together an iwi based annual journal. David Butts, programme co-coordinator of heritage & museum studies at Massey is assisting in the compilation process. He and Utiku have recently written a fantastic article about Ngā Taonga Tuhono.

The journal will include articles covering three areas: Research & Development, Tribal Histories & Traditions and Current Affairs. If anyone is interested in submitting articles for the journal, contact Marlene at the Resource Centre.

The Rātā Community: Murray Haywood, an old Rātā identity, has written a book about Rātā and the history surrounding the small rural community. It is an excellent publication full of pictures, articles and anecdotes about the local characters. Again it can be viewed at the Resource Centre and purchased from local bookshops or ☐ phone Eva Illston 063228166.

Wānanga: The Hohaia whānau are planning a wānanga to be held early next year. To register your interest contact Raihania at the Resource Centre. The Hohaia whānau are descendants of Rora Te Oiroa Potaka, Wiremu Broughton, Matetahuna and Hoeroa Tiopira.

Wilson & Ada Winiata The descendants of Wilson and Ada (Potaka) Winiata met in late

February for whānau reunion at the Rātā Marae. The reunion lasted a whole weekend and covered tribal histories, Rātā developments and a visit to special sites. It was an emotional time for many with plenty of mokopuna running around.

Whānau Dinners: The recent Hauiti dinner held in Wellington was well received, a big thank you to those whānau who organize these functions. If you want to hold a Hauiti dinner in your area let Raihania know and she can advise you on how to get the message out to all whānau. They are popular here in New Zealand with one being planned for Melbourne, Australia.

Economic Prosperity

Re-establishing a tribal economic base is at the core of a strategy towards attaining Ngāti Hauiti economic autonomy. In time it will involve individual contributions but initially it will focus on settling Waitangi Claims and investing financial reserves.

Awarua 4C Property: Plans are underway to celebrate a gift of land from Harry, Neville and Hape Lomax to Ngāti Hauiti. The property is situated just north of Utiku and will add significantly to the economic base of our iwi. Keep an eye out for when this happens.

Treaty Claims: A committee has been formed to put forward grievance claims on behalf of Ngāti Hauiti. It is envisioned that this will be lengthy process but an excellent learning process for us as an iwi. The committee looks forward to the challenges they confront.

Rākautanga Foundation: A hui a iwi is being called by the Rūnanga to discuss and endorse the trust deed for the Rākautanga Foundation. The Foundation, when established will hold and manage Ngāti Hauiti economic base. The hui will be held on Saturday 17th April 2004 at the Rātā Marae.

All iwi members are encouraged to attend!!

Environmental Management

Rangi Hawira continues to administer and manage, for the iwi, all matters pertaining to the environment. He has now set up office at the old Utiku School, which gives him plenty of room to work.

Rangitikei District Council: Rangī's representation in local District Council through Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, has been beneficial for Ngāti Hauiti, we are now able to take an active part in resource management issues at Council level. An excellent article was recently published voicing Ngāti Hauiti concerns over council's economic plan for the region.

Nga Pae o Rangitikei: Ngāti Hauiti through Rauhuia Environmental Services has initiated the establishment of an inter-tribal collective for the Rangitikei River. A working party is currently working on a draft Charter and River Strategy. This is unique given the many different hapū and iwi who maintain mana whenua along the River.

Resource Consents: Rangī continues to deal with numerous resource consents, not only for Ngāti Hauiti but for other hapū and iwi through the region. Rauhuia Environmental Services is steadily building a good reputation for addressing resource consents.

Management Support

As a result of representation on Taumata Hauora, a Māori Development Organisation, we have been able to secure funding for 2 years to strengthen whānau and hapū development of the iwi. With this funding a General Manager has been appointed to action programmes outlined in the various sector strategic plans. This has the effect of changing Utiku Potaka's role Rūnanga Executive Officer to General Manager.

Fundraising: 'Tangaroa' will be the major fundraiser this year. More importantly it will also be the first event to be held in the new Rātā Hall that has been re-sited and refurbished. Pledges are \$35.00 each, a 3-course meal and entertainment will be provided. During the night an art auction will be held. All this will happen on 1st May 2004. For this event to be successful we would like your help with the following:

- Making of art works symbolic to Tangaroa and donating them to the auction.
- Distribution of pledges.
- Making of kono (closer to the time).

If you can assist please leave your details with Marlene ☐C/o Resource Centre Po Box 15 Hunterville or ☐ (06) 32287865.

Iwi Logo: A call goes out to get your creative side going. The Rūnanga is looking for a new iwi logo to be used for letterheads, clothing etc. and will run a competition for the best logo design. The prize will be \$500 worth of Māori books of all different types

The chosen design needs to be:

- Original and contemporary in design based on traditional concepts.
- Incorporate colour and rationale for its use.
- An accompanying kōrero about the design and its meaning.

Application forms can be obtained by calling Marlene at the Resource Centre. Closing date for the competition is 30 June 2004.

Ü Ngā Kiwaha: Snippets of News

Headliners: 'Ahakoa he iti he pounamu'. Yes we are small in number and perhaps in stature but that doesn't stop us winning local sculpture and cultural competitions.

'Drifters show ingenuity at Opotiki.'

Utiku Potaka (Tamatereka, Ruaanga, Upokoiri) and his talented tamariki, Maihi and Waitapu, took out the top honours at Waitotahi Beach driftwood sculpture competition. The judges commended the Potaka whānau on their entry 'Maui fishes up the North Island' as being well thought out and interactive in nature. You could actually fish from the sculpture. Pai rawa atu ki a koutou.

Kapahaka Whakataetae: A big pakipaki to Jack Rātā Potaka. Jack is the son of Eldon and Katherine Potaka, grandson of Hilda and Tumihau Potaka. This talented young man competed against peers 4 years older than himself in the recent Wellington Regional Cultural Competitions. He was placed 3rd for male kaea and 2nd for the haka. If you are attending the Manu Ariki Nationals next year keep an eye out for this up and coming rangatira.

☺ Important Dates

Rarotonga: Start saving, in June 2005 a group of Haitians are going to Rarotonga for a 7-10 day cultural excursion and holiday. A hui for anyone interested in travelling to Rarotonga with the group are invited to attend a meeting:

17th April 2004 at 10am - Rata Marae

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17th April 2004 at 1pm - Rata Marae

Tangaroa Fundraiser:

1st May 2004

Logo Competition: The closing date for the competition is:

30th June 2004

Iwi Journal: The closing date for article submissions is:

30th June 2004

Potaka Whānau Trust: The following meetings are being convened by the Trust:

3rd July 2004 - Rata Marae

10.00am: meeting of Arapeta whanau re the future of Blocks II and IV

11.00am: Potaka Whanau Trust Trustees meeting

12.30am: Potaka Whanau Trust AGM

Waka Hoe: This biennial event is planned for Wellington Anniversary week 2005. Mark this in your calendar, as it is a journey well worth taking.

15th - 19th of January 2005

Rangitikei River

P.S. If you have any snippets of kōrero you would like to share, send them to the addresses below. Without your kōrero we do not have Te Karere.

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