

# Te Karere a Hauiti

## NGÄTI HAUITI NEWS

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

## Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti

**I**t's been a busy 6 months so here's a snap shot of what's been happening.

We progressed a step closer to establishing a Topu Whenua Trust to be known as the Rākautanga Trust. This Trust will be responsible for growing the economic wealth of Ngāti Hauiti and will hold our Iwi assets in trust. Agreement in principle was reached by those in attendance while a final hui is planned for August. (see Pānui section).

We are continuously up-dating our **Iwi contacts data base** which now has over 500 names and addresses. Additionally, with the improvement in technology we are able to communicate by using e-mail. We are therefore making a major drive to increase our e-mail contacts as its another way of keeping in touch with our whānau. You can contact us at the following e-

mail address: [ngati.hauiti@extra.co.nz](mailto:ngati.hauiti@extra.co.nz) so please drop us a line and let us know yours!

Steady progress is being made in developing our **inter-generational development strategy**. The draft has been completed and over the next six months will be discussed informally and formally. Your feedback is now being sought so give us a call if you want a copy of the draft.

## Te Maru o Ruahine Trust

**T**he Social Well Being sector has seen the departure of Mina Bourke to Australia (we wish her well) and the appointment of Joanne Eagle to the position of Director of Social Well Being. Our focus has been to strengthen the service by streamlining and integrating activities while taking on board new **service contracts**. The Rangatahi hui on **substance abuse** has proven to be a success and the results of the research will be available by the end of the year. The next general **Rangatahi hui** is planned for the September (see Pānui section)

In the Cultural Affirmation sector, Richard Steedman has been appointed to research and identify **wāhi tapu** throughout our rohe over the next year. If you have anything that may be of use, please let him know. We also held an **iwi wānanga** at the Kauwhata Outdoor Education Centre on the 24 & 25 May 99. While visiting the Te Aputa Pā site, Auntie Erena composed a moving poem which articulated our feelings. It is attached to Te

Kōrero... (faded text)

In the Economic Prosperity sector the focus has been the establishment of an economic development arm which is progressively taking on more contract work, noticeably in the resource management field. The **cultural impact assessment** for the extraction of gravel at Otara by the Manawatu District Council Resource Management Application was completed and highlighted the significance of the area to Ngāti Hauiti.

### Iwi Happenings (Pānui)

To remind you of up and coming activities, we have enclosed a calendar of events that you can pin to the wall or stick to your fridge. As you will see, we have another busy three months ahead of us so please take careful note of dates and venues. If you have any questions, call us on the 0800 number.

#### Rākautāonga Trust

The first hui to establish the Rākautāonga Trust approved the concept in principle with its primary role being to hold in trust and manage the property and assets of Ngāti Hauiti. The next and hopefully final hui will be to ratify a constitution and appoint trustees. It will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August '99 starting at 10am, Rātā Marae.

#### Kapa Haka

We are now gearing up for a number of cultural events at the end of the year. An essential part will be the performance of the pātere which must be learnt by as many of our whānau as possible. Four sessions will be run on the fourth Sunday of every month at 1.30pm, Rātā Marae, commencing in July. The dates are: 25<sup>th</sup>

September, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September '99 at the Rātā Marae. All whānau with Rangatahi are encouraged to attend and participate. For those whānau who regularly send their rangatahi, you will be receiving a separate pānui. Any new comers should call Joanne Eagle at the resource centre for more details.

#### Iwi, Wānanga

It's now time to return to "base" so our next iwi wide wānanga will be held at the Rātā Marae on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September '99. It will focus on local history with visits to local sites. We will also have a chance to view the video of the awa hikoi which should be a laugh and for those who haven't been able to get to the kapa haka practices, a chance to learn the pātere.

#### Rūnanga Meeting

The next Rūnanga meeting will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of July '99 starting at 10am at the Rātā Marae. All whānau are invited to attend and participate.

#### Hauiti Dinner

A couple of times a year, our Wellington whānau organise a Hauiti Dinner. It's nothing formal but it's an opportunity to get together and kōrero over dinner. Because of the demand for such an event, we plan to run them on a regular basis. The next one is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and while this will be too short a notice for whānau to attend, watch this space for the next one.

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