

Te Karere a Hauiti

NGĀTI HAUITI NEWS

Runga, 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 rangē, 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.

Kia ora tātou, here is the next issue of Te Karere that you have been so eagerly awaiting.

The team that produces Te Karere would like to point out to whānau that in order for us to continue processing such a newsletter that you will have to have more input into it. We desperately need help in terms of news and any interesting happenings that have been going on within your whānau and hapū so as to make our newsletter informative for all 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 Cornell on ko.rata@ihug.co.nz or 108 Main Road South, Levin or C/- Te Maru o Ruahine Trust P.O. Box 15 Hunterville.

Social Well Being



The Social Well Being sector continues to go from strength to strength as Government hands health and welfare responsibilities back to the community. Ngāti Hauiti are fortunate that this sector is being well looked after by

Heather Gifford and her conscientious team. They continue to keep this sector humming by applying for funding and health contracts, undertake training and attend hui while looking after whānau health and social well being needs. Ngā mihi hoki ki a Richard Steedman who has been appointed the position of Business Manager for Taumata Hauora Trust.

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

Social Work: Our resident social worker Tania continues to work intensively with our whānau and has a steadily increasing client base. She is currently running a parenting programme for young mothers.

Tania has also been contracted by CYPF to work with youth and their whānau from within the rohe, ensuring they gain some degree of self-responsibility to assist them in their social development.

At present a rural youth promotion hui is being developed within the Rangitikei and Whanganui rohe. On the 4th April 2003, a hui will be held for services to deliver youth programmes.

Kā pu te ruha, kā hao te rangatahi.
It is the youth that is needed to continue to work that has been set.

If anyone has any issues they want to talk to Tania about call her on:

☎: Tania on (06) 3228765 or 0800 HAUITI cell 027 2330200

Cultural Affirmation

W Raihania Potaka, our Cultural Facilitator continues to work steadily on cultural development. Although, in her role she is responsible for the development of various programmes, this last quarter has seen her focusing on the upcoming waka hoe.

Te Waka Hoe: Raihania has drawn up the draft for the next waka hoe which will be held on Waitangi day **February 6th to 10th 2003**, so keep this date free. It is an experience not to be missed, starting from our Northern boundary at Omatane down to Mangaweka or Otara. Contact Raihania if you want to attend, as places are limited.

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Taonga Programme: With 'Ngā Taonga Tūhono' (taonga exhibition) over the focus has now changed to preserving the taonga that Ngāti Hauiti has. Costs have been sought to preserve ngā āhua tūpuna (paintings of our tūpuna). Also to maintain the preservation of our taonga, with a feasibility study on a whare pataka (repository) that will be conducted by Neville Lomax.

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 'Tāua 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 tūpuna.

To all those whānau living in Whanganui, waiata practises are being held every Thursday night 6.30pm at Raihania's whare, 96 Putiki Drive.

Whānau Hui: A Successful wānanga has been held for the Pirere whānau at Otāhuhu Mārae with another planned for 2003.

Also a wānanga was held for the Rena Maikuku whānau, which by all accounts was also a success. It is great to see whānau preparing a path of enlightenment for their whānau members, which in a sense strengthens their turangawaewae on their Hauiti side. Just recently, 12 whānau also

went to tautoko our Rena Maikuku whānau up the Whanganui River, for the opening of the new IT porta-com building at Parikino. It was one of those early bird risers, a dawn ceremony. And what an awesome hakaari we had at 7 am in the morning, accompanied by the melodious voices of the rangatahi. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Mārae Support: A recent initiative in this sector is the mārae support programme. The Rūnanga provides limited grants to mārae within the rohe namely Winiata, Rātā and Otāhuhu. The rationale is to strengthen the whānau and hapū bases of Ngāti Hauiti.

Ehara i te toa taku, i te toa takutini.

There is no strength in being alone

Economic Prosperity

Economic Development Plan: 'Waka Huia' - A Strategy Towards Attaining Ngāti Hauiti Economic Autonomy has been developed and endorsed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti.

This document makes interesting reading as it takes us back in time, then, step by step brings us forward to where we are now and where we would like to be as an iwi, in terms of economic prosperity. The focus is on preserving the tribal estate, growing the tribal economic base and fostering hapū economic autonomy.

It is now an important time for Ngāti Hauiti. In order to reap the long-term benefits you need to play an active part in getting involved and supporting the initiatives being put together.

Environmental Management

Rangi Hawira continues to work fulltime completing cultural impact assessments and monitoring of environmental matters not only for our iwi, but that of neighbouring iwi. Although this work is time consuming it often results in a resource benefit to the affected iwi.

Environmental Management Plan: Rangi and Utiku have begun to build on the existing Kaupapa Taiao o Ngāti Hauiti

(Environmental Policy Statement of Ngāti Hauiti).

With knowledge gained from Ngāti Hauiti representation on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and the assistance of the local Regional Council, a document will be produced that enables Ngāti Hauiti to take a greater active part in resource management issues.

Management Support

Fundraising: Auntie Erena held her annual Ngāti Hauiti Art Auction recently. An enjoyable evening was had by all. The sumptuous BBQ was said to be truly delectable as whānau dined and enjoyed each other's company. Auntie passes on a reminder to all of you budding Ngāti Hauiti artists to get busy creating art pieces for the next upcoming art auction. There is no limit to the creativity that can be produced and this year's auction was proof of that. The winners of the macrocarpa coffee table raffle were Larry and Susan Kavanagh who have generously gifted the table back to be raffled again, so everyone gets a second chance. Contact the office if you want a ticket in the next draw.

The next major fundraising event is now being planned with a date set for **Saturday 5th April 2003**. It will be a dinner and entertainment evening with the theme of Tangaroa. Kaimoana and Kai Māori is going to be on the menu, so keep an ear out for details.

Resource Centre: Over the past few months the Resource Centre has had some improvements done, namely a brand new fence. Larry and Utiku have been busy putting Utiku's hobby skills (woodworking) to the test. After inspection the administration staff have certified the fence as being sound.

Census 2001: A big thank you to all those whānau who during the recent census confirmed their affiliation with Ngāti Hauiti, as a result our iwi has now topped the 1000 mark and is growing stronger and stronger. This is important for us as Māori. As progressive governments present to Māori proposals, that allow Māori to have more say in decision-making

processes, we aim to make sure that Ngāti Hauiti is represented.

Ngā Kiwaha (snippets of news)

W As mentioned in our last Te Karere 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. I would appreciate any feedback from those who have taken on these studies. Through the sharing of your thoughts on this form of study may just be the inspiration someone needs to get them started. Drop me (Rātā) a line at ko.rata@ihug.co.nz or ☒ 108 Main Road Sth., Levin.

Members and whānau of the Otaihape Māori Kōmiti recently went away for a trip of a lifetime to Rarotonga. This has inspired us to do something similar in 2004. A planning group is being organised shortly to start organising the trip for Ngāti Hauiti whānau.

Ngāti Tamatereka recently farewelled two of their whānau with the mate (death) of their whaea, Wikitoria Potaka nō Utiku and then the unexpected mate of their matua, Erueti Tawhiti (Taff) Potaka nō Patea. His tangi was held at Rātā Mārae and his whānau would like to give their heartfelt thanks to those who assisted and attended at the service. Your presence helped lighten the load as well as make more memorable, a celebration of life.

Mate atu he tētē kura, whakaeke mai he tētē kura. As one frond dies another rises to take its place.

Ngāti Tamatereka welcome the arrival of River Tungore, the first grandson of Gail and Julian Allsop, who are based in Brisbane, Australia. Gail is the eldest daughter of the late Paki Paihau and Betty Potaka nō Christchurch. Her new moko bears the name of his great, great grandfather (Tungore Potaka) and River is the first child, within this whānau line, (that I know of) to be blessed with this name. Gail has kindly e-

mailed me lots of lovely progressive baby photos, he tama tino pūrotu (a truly handsome young man). If any whānau wish to view the photos, e-mail me and I can send them to you.

- ♦ Congratulations also to Nanny Sue & Koro Larry Kavanagh of Taihape. Sue's first moko, Olivia Ruby Hari, born to Lyn and Stuart.
- ♦ Hari huri tau ki a tatou nga wahine o Hauiti. Happy 21st birthdays for 2002 to Nikki Haami-Jones, Tania Pui and Kaewa Puohotaua.

While on the subject of feeling inspired, thanks to Deborah Lomax (Ngāti Ruaanga/Ngai Te Ngahoa) for allowing use to print an inspirational piece of writing she recently published:

*Wairua is one's essence of life
Which cannot be changed by culture
Wairua is the essence in life
Which helps culture be determined in
its regional boundary
Essentially appropriate to the people
it is meant to serve
But wairua will serve, as it is all
people
All things in life
Regardless of the boundaries of set
cultures
This is what joins us all as one
people
It can be said at times
The literal understanding of culture
Can be what separates us
This is not to say that culture is
In some way insignificant in the
lives of those it serves
It is only to say that culture
determines the region of a people
And wairua determines the essence*

Potaka Whānau Trust: The following appointments were made at the recent Potaka Whānau Trust hui, held 2nd November. Secretary - Kirsty Woods. Treasurer - Trevor Shailer. Property Management - Brett Watson.



Rātā Marae

There has been a lot of activity at the Marae over the past six months. Through the assistance of whānau and

periodic detention gangs, the immediate grounds have been maintained, fences fixed while the large car-park area awaits landscaping.

The Marae 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 kaitiaki a te mārae, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa nō tōu whānau whānui.

Marae meetings are held every second Sunday of the month at 1pm. All whānau are welcome to attend.

Rātā Hall: Work has started on renovating the Rātā Hall, which has been relocated onto the mārae grounds. As previously mentioned it is hoped that the building will be used for whānau functions. Given that it is planned to open the Hall for use in January, working bees will be organised to finish things off.

Tikanga: A Marae tikanga hui was recently held to discuss and re-affirm the tikanga of the marae. This has helped to remove any confusion about what protocols are followed on the marae and the reasons why.

taku rourou, tau rourou, kā ora te iwi.

With my food basket and your food basket we will all eat well.

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