

# Te Karere a Hauiti

## HE MIHI NUNUINGA WHANAU

*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.*

Kia ora tātou. The team that produces Te Karere would like to thank those whānau who contribute snippets of news about their whānau and events that make us as an iwi special.

Ngāti Hauiti as an iwi is growing stronger and it is exciting to see the increasing number of initiatives being offered or taken up by the Rūnanga. These initiatives in the long term will benefit the autonomous direction of Ngāti Hauiti.

### Social Well Being Sector

The Social Well Being sector has undergone some changes of late. While Ngāti Hauiti continues to be strongly represented on three Health Board Committees as an iwi we have begun our journey into implementing our own health and social well being strategy 'Pūau te Oranga'.

- Nau mai haere mai to Janie Kingi, our new resident social worker. Janie graduated from Massey University in May this year with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. Janie joined the team recently and she is busy working with whanau. If anyone has any social issues please talk to Janie who is available Monday - Friday. ☎: Janie (06) 3228767 or 027 2330200
- Susan our health worker has completed her term of employment with Te Kotuku Hauora o Rangitikei. We are fortunate to re-channel this multi talented wahine to take control of Te Maru o Ruahine Trust administration.
- Nau mai haere mai to Cass Stark our new Community Health Worker. Cass has filled Susan's position for the next 6 months and whanau can contact her on ☎: Cass (06)3228765 or 027 2718070
- Heather Gifford has enthusiastically continued our health research. Heather visited many hui presenting and tabling a consultation document 'Te Whakauae o Tamatea' (Te Whakauae Research). This document outlined Ngāti Hauiti strategy towards research and development for the betterment of Ngāti Hauiti. Te Whakauae Research Services has just completed the first stage of researching 'The Impact of Gambling within the Whanganui /Rangitikei Rohe.' Many thanks to those whānau who took the time to be interviewed or took time to complete research surveys your input is invaluable to benefiting future Ngāti Hauiti generations.

### Cultural Affirmation

Raihanía Potaka our Cultural Facilitator continues to work tirelessly on cultural development. To assist her with her incessant workload we appreciate the efforts of Tessa Haami Jones and Cass Stark. Some of the activities they have organised or been involved in the last six months are:

**Waka Hoe:** This biennial event is being held on the 15 - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Wellington Anniversary weekend. Mark this on your calendar, as it is a journey well worth taking. The waka hoe will start at Omatane and end at Rata. If people are intending on committing to this event, be prepared and take a couple of days off work. If you are serious about hopping on, then contact Raihanía at the office for a panui and registration form.

**Tangaroa Evening:** An excellent, well-attended dinner was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May to help raise funds for the new community hall at Rata, maintenance on the Resource Centre and Marae. Raihanía, Auntie Erena and their small but dedicated team put together a truly memorable event. The call is for more of these events to take place however, there also needs to be a greater reciprocity in terms of the making and donating of auction items as well as the offer of physical help.

**Ngāti Hauititanga:** Many thanks to Raihanía and other whānau who have been busy attending hui and tangi representing Ngāti Hauiti. It is pleasing to see that through this interaction many whānau are contacting Te Maru o Ruahine Trust (TMORT) for enrolment forms that link them to us as an iwi.

Ehara i te toa taku, i te toa takutini.

There is no strength in being alone

**Hauiti Dinners:** A Hauiti dinner was held in Upper Hutt in June. It was widely supported by whānau. A very big thank-you to Neville & Chris Lomax for co-coordinating the night.

Another dinner was held in Taihape in July at Soul Food Cafe. For those passing through Taihape, I recommend Soul Food, which is owned

by one of our own whānau, Mary Blackman. This restaurant cooks a mean steak meal.

**We crossed the Ditch:** The first Ngāti Hauiti dinner was held across the Tasman in Brisbane on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Raihanía has often been asked about Ngāti Hauiti history from whānau living in Australia. The challenge was taken up by Utiku and Raihanía and the first Ngāti Hauiti wānanga and barbeque was held in Australia.



Pakipaihau whānau Brisbane Wananga 2004

We would like to thank Mark and Judith Potaka who hosted the wananga at their home in Brisbane. Twenty-five whānau members turned up to get their heads around some good old Ngāti Hauiti whakapapa & history via power-point presentation. The weather was great however it was a bit on the hot side for the Potaka's arriving from Aotearoa. The hui was very well received and we hope you will all keep in contact with one another, which will keep our Hauiti embers burning across the Tasman. My departing words to nga Brisbane whānau start having barbeques or hui and get to know one another.

**Future Dinners:** If you want to hold a Hauiti dinner in your area let Raihanía know and she can advise you on how to get the message out to all whānau. Contact, Raihanía at TMORT (06) 3228765.

**Achievement Awards:** We will be holding an Achievements Awards Ceremony 12<sup>th</sup> March



2005 for Ngāti Hauiti nominees who excel in the Sports and Education arena (*watch this space*).

**Te Wananga O Raukawa Marae Based Studies:** For those interested contact; Ngaire Anne or Lee-ara Kauika Stevens (06) 3881156

**Journal:** The compilation of a journal outlining historical Ngāti Hauiti korero is progressing nicely. The 50 - 60 pages, mainly photographic compilation, will be launched March 2005.

**Pourewa Urupa Whānau Hui:** A hui was held at Rātā marae recently to discuss an ongoing maintenance strategy for the Pourewa Urupa. It was a very positive, constructive hui whereby a well-outlined plan was put in place. A further hui was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July to discuss tikanga associated with the urupa. It is important that whānau attend this hui as more and more whānau are wishing to be interred at Pourewa however they are unaware of associated tikanga.

Many thanks to Tama Potaka, Thomas Curtis and the Potaka Whānau Trust who have taken up the responsibility to address this kaupapa, which is ongoing. At present the urupa is beautifully maintained and landscaping is in the developmental stages.

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### Economic Prosperity

The constitutional hearing of Te Rākautanga Foundation occurred in July. This trust is almost ready to receive whenua gifted or land banked for future prosperity.

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### Environmental Management

Rangi Hawira continues to administer and manage all environmental matters pertaining to the iwi. Rangi is being kept very busy conducting impact assessments due to the floods earlier this year. His work is not only beneficial to Ngāti Hauiti but also to neighboring iwi.

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### Management Support

**Resource Centre Maintenance:** Some of the funds from the 'Tangaroa' fundraiser evening were used to help re roof the building. We were fortunate that the labor has been donated by the Bason whānau. A big kia ora goes out to Hoani Bason and Michael Wardlaw for your awesome mahi and their mahi tautoko Neville Bason, Renee and Bill Hill.

Thanks also to Larry Kavanagh for his carpentry and handyman skills. For those visiting the marae complex your intended destination is a lot clearer now thanks to the signage put in place.

**Treaty Claims:** The claims committee has held hui to discuss the processes that they must take to make their claim effective. It is estimated to take seven years and a cost of \$1.5 million to present their grievance claims on behalf of Ngāti Hauiti and the other hapu/iwi of Mokai Patea. It is envisioned that this will be excellent learning process for us as an iwi. The committee looks forward to the challenges they confront.

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### Ü Ngā Kiwaha: Snippets of News

**Iwi Logo:** The Runanga delegates chose the winning design and the winner of the competition is Mrs Honor Potaka. She is the lucky recipient of 'Maori Books' valued at \$500

**Smoking Logo Competition:** Watch this space. This competition is currently being finalised by the team. Entry forms will be available at a later date.

**Rarotonga Cultural Excursion: 23 July 2005.** Seven nights, approx \$1670 per person (includes the following: travel insurance, international airfares, accommodation, breakfast, all departure taxes).

Over 30 people have expressed their interest in going on this trip. To register and confirm a place on this excursion, please contact Susan by 3 Dec 2004.

**Hauiti Headliners:** Cliff Curtis is busy filming 'River Queen' in Whanganui.

- Congratulations to Rita Curtis who has recently graduated with a diploma in Business Management.

### Ngā mate

*It is with sadness that we have recently had to farewell our whānau:*

**Pia (Cookie) Bennett** –(nee- Potaka), beloved wife of Steven Bennett and daughter of the late Paamoana and Nancy Potaka. Well cuz they say your tangi was one of the biggest ever seen up in Taihape. What a beautiful send off you had.

**Rehutai Kingi (Aunty Bubs)**, partner of Uncle Goldie. Maria Taiuru on behalf of Tahuu Marae expresses her thanks to all for their support during her tangi.

**Maunganui Taite (nee Pine)** of Ngati Whiti Hauiti.

**John Peina (Pirere whanau)** of Ngati Haukaha loved husband of Hera Peina and cherished father and koro of all his mokopuna. Son of the late Toss and Hera Peina.

**Ngā pepi hou:** Nau mai ki ngā pepi a ngā mihi ki ngā mātua whakahihi.

Toni and Adrian Wagner he tama hou.

Trevor Shailer he tama hou.

David and Helen Caulcutt he tama hou.

Jan Peina and Geoff Kawai, he tamahine hou.

### HAUITI CALENDAR

#### • Working Bee – Utiku School

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2004. Haere mai Whanau are encouraged to come along and join in the fun painting and tidying up the old school.

#### Potaka Whānau Trust Hui:

- 5 March 2005 at Utiku School at 10 am.
- Te Rūnanga O Ngati Hauiti AGM Hui

When: Sat 11 Dec at 10am

Venue: Rātā Marae, Te Hou Hou Rd, Rata.

- Waka Hoe – 22-26 January 2005. Starting at Omatane. Paddling down the Rangitikei River and finishing at Rata. Come along and learn about whakapapa, history and traditions.

Contact Raihania for registration forms.

- Journal Launch – March 2005:

Outlining 'Historical Ngati Hauiti' korero, this unique journal will be launched in March.



*He Mihi nui ki a koutou  
mo te tau hou kua hekenga  
mai*

*Meri Kirihimete*

#### Keep In Contact

If you are moving, remember to send us your new address and email address if you have one:

✉ Te Maru O Ruahine Trust, R D 1, Marton.

\* P.S. If you have any snippets of korero, please share them with us.

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