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Te Reo Campaigner acknowledged with Honorary Doctorate

Cultural activist and academic campaigner Koro Dewes received an honorary Doctor of Literature degree at Victoria University's marae based graduation ceremony Te Hui Whakapumau. on December 10.

Mr Dewes has played a pivotal role in the revitalisation of te reo Maori and culture.

While at Victoria he actively sought and encouraged a range of iconic figures to contribute to his archives of recordings of Maori oratory and waiata, for teaching resources. He also collected, translated and annotated the contemporary song poetry of Ngati Porou. In 1966, he was appointed as a Maori Language lecturer at Victoria

University. His Masters thesis, submitted in 1972, focussed on the work of Henare Waitoa whose compositions from the 1930s to 1950s were captured, explored and then submitted in te reo Maori, the first ever thesis to be presented without an English translation.

Not limiting his prowess solely to academic endeavours he was also a talented rugby player, representing the East Coast in the 1950s, in games against both Australia and the Springboks. He also played for the Auckland Ranfurly Shield squad in the early 1960s and Counties from 1959 to 1961.

His family also have close ties with Victoria University, with his son Whaimutu graduating in 1976 and his daughter Catherine, in 1995.

Mihi

Tera te haeata takiri ana mai ki runga o Hikurangi

E rere Waiapu ki te moana nui a Kiwa Paoho tonu a Ngati Porou ki te ao Tu Tonu Mai Koe

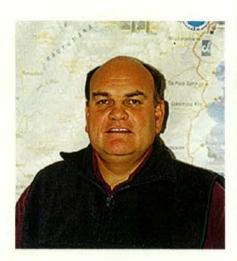
Maunga Hikurangi Tuohu. Ko Nga Uri e

Tena tatou Ngati Porou kei te wa kainga, kei nga kokoru o Aotearoa, Kei nga topito o te ao.He mihi tenei kia koutou katoa mai i to tatou reo Irirangi o Ngati Porou

"Te reo hei whakakotahi i te lwi"
Tena hoki tatou i o tatou mate huhua,
te kaipukahu, e hinga mai nei e hinga
atu ra i o tatou marae maha puta
noa,no reira ratou kua ngaro i te
tirohanga kanohi noho pumau mai i tua
o te arai e kore koutou e wareware.
Tatou te hunga hei kawe i nga taonga
tuku iho, i nga whakarerenga iho ranei
kia ora

He whakaara ake,he whakatinana hoki te mahi ngatahi a nga roopu kua oti i a Ngatiporou te whakatu ,penei i to tatou Runanga, to tatou Hauora, to tatou Kamupene Ngaherehere,to tatou Tima Whutuporo, to tatou whare Wananga. to tatou reo Irirangi hoki

Radio Ngati Porou established a multimedia unit in October 2004 with the support of Ngati Porou organizations to deliver media services and quality communication to ourselves, our relations, our friends and those who want to contribute positively to Ngati Porou development. This integrated lwi-based service is being set up in several stages and we invite you to contribute to this exciting initiative. We have been on air for 17 years, servicing our rohe from Potikirua in the north to Te Toka a Taiau in the south. During this time we have networked with other lwi radio stations and through the Irirangi network we are now able to broadcast worldwide. There is no place in the world where we can't be heard.



No reira e hika ma anei te kaupapa manaakitia . E ki ana te korero a o tatou tipuna

"Ano te ataahua o te nohotahitanga a nga taina me nga tuakana i raro i te whakaaro kotahi"

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape nuia Naku na

S T Parata

Tiamana o te reo Irirangi o Ngati Porou

From the organisations

"Nga Kohinga o Ngati Porou" is the first collective bi-monthly publication supported by key Ngati Porou's organizations; Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Ngat Porou Hauora, Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Limited, Tourism Ngati Porou and Radio Ngati Porou. Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby Union and E Tipu e Rea will also contribute in future publications.

Ngati Porou organisations have achieved great successes for more than a decade. Compelling and powerful leadership has been an essential component of these successes. In the sunset of the millennium we launch 'Nga Kohinga', bringing our people together to celebrate Ngati Porou's achievements and milestones. This first publication is our koha to whanau and hapu. Your kohinga of time and energy over these past years has made our collective success a reality.

No reira e nga whanau, nga hapu, nga hoa tautoko, otira koutou katoa, nau mai, korero mai. Noho ora mai.

Na matou i tener wa, Henr Tawhiwhirangi, Dianne Gibson, Chris Insley







Ed's Site

Ko Mateawa Keelan ahau Ko au te kaituhi o tenei pukapuka Mihinui kia koutou katoa

Seasons greetings. It gives me great pleasure to present the inaugural publication of Nga Kohinga o Ngati Porou. Issue 1 of Nga Kohinga brings you news from Radio Ngati Porou, Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Limited, Ngati Porou Hauora and Tourism Ngati Porou. Nga Kohinga is intended to be informative, interesting and in future issues there will be a Letters to the Editor column where you can express your views and opinions (within reason) to issues of the day. And, questions for the executive officers/ managers of these organisations are also welcome.

I look forward to bringing you interesting and informative updates from our Ngati Porou organisations. Until February, have a happy and healthy Christmas season and a prosperous New Year.

Kia pai to ra, Mateawa



Join the Club

Join the club Radio Ngati Porou Club and you become a member of the oldest lwi Radio Station in New Zealand

On air since August 1987, Radio Ngati Porou made history when it became New Zealand's first Iwi radio station three years later.

Radio Ngati Porou is now giving whanau and sponsors at home and abroad the opportunity to support their home-grown radio station in its bid to continue broadcasting today and into the future.

The advent of broadcasting via



RNP Clubs newest member Rt Hon Jenny Shipley pictured with Ling Foon

website means our global families, other cultures and even sponsors can tune in on the net for a regular dose of Ngati Poroutanga at:

www.radiongatiporou.co.nz
Early in the new year Radio Ngati
Porou will be crossing the Tasman
for the second time in six months,
to promote its radio Club. After
a successful trip to Sydney in
September 2004, this time staff will be
rallying round Nati whanau and other
supporters in Melbourne.

Radio Ngati Porou's underlying goal is to promote and support the retention of Ngati Porou reo (language), tikanga (customs) and Ngati Poroutanga, achieved by designing programmes that Ngati Porou audiences respond to. Through the Club RNP aims to link relatives living throughout New Zealand and the rest of the world with their homeland, seek additional funding from corporate sponsorship, form relationships with other indigenous cultures and network with other radio stations.

Club Member Benefits

We plan to increase member benefits as our membership increases.

For \$30 a year you receive:

Special Draw with a Prize valued up

Hui Wataki Upcoming Events

December 26

Tolaga Bay Charity Beach Races

December 30

Turanganui a K wa Kapa Haka

December 31

Ru Lawa Concert Tolaga Bay

January 1

Mt Hikuangi Dawn Ceremony

January 3

Ngati Porou Inter Marae Sports

to S1500 with every 500 new members

- CD Giveaway Draw each month
- Social Event/Birthday Celebration annually on August 31 -RNP's birthday
- •10% Discount or RNP merchandise
- 10% Discount on Membership Fee wher joining for more than one year
- DJ on air for one day
- Fridge Magnet and Bumper Sticker
- Newsletter issued bi-monthly
- · Quizzes on air
- Website guizzes

To join or for further information contact: Julia Wright Radio Ngat. Porou Ph 06 3648020 Fax 06 8648023

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RADIO NGATI POROU

TE REO O TE IWI

93.3fm Gisborne • 98.1fm East Coast • 90.1fm Tolaga Bay

Radio Ngati Porou Expands to Multi Media

Radio Ngati Porou is an Iwi radio station determined to take control of its own destiny by achieving self-sufficiency and contributing towards the retention of Ngati Porou's unique culture and language through the use of multi media.

In October Radio Ngati Porou (RNP) established the Ngati Porou Multi Media Unit to deliver quality communications and media services. This integrated Iwi-based service is being set up in several stages to provide professional multi media services that are accessible to all NP organisations and businesses, as well as other organisations nationally. Services currently available include the production of publications and other printed material, advertising, music CDs and website hosting.

The next stage is to extend services to include the production of video and film footage, music DVDs and website upgrades.

The unit also intends to contribute significantly towards the archiving and preservation of Ngati Porou reo, tikanga, kawa, history, culture and customs.

For enquires or further information contact: Mateawa Keelan, Multi Media Unit Radio Ngati Porou Tel 06 8648020 Fax 06 8648023 Mob 021 386054 Email mmu@radiongatiporou.co.nz

New Website Launched

On November 29 Radio Ngati Porou launched its new eyecatching website.

The new website was carefully planned so users could find their way easily and would be encouraged to return to check out additions and changes.

It contains interactive pages like quiz and competition sites and a panui (notice) board - similar to a chat room, for repeat visitors.

The Radio Ngati Porou Listeners Club have a members only site with the opportunity to participate in competitions and win prizes, enter in lucky prize draws and many other exciting features.

For those looking to find whanau, friends and scenes from yesteryear there's a gallery site. Where details of year, location, event and/or people in the photo are unknown to us visitors are encouraged to fill in the blanks.

Visitors leaving the site are encouraged to fill in our Visitors Book. Feedback is important because it indicates how we can improve our service, what we are doing right and gives an indication of the geographic locations of our clients.

We're adding new pages and wodating existing information regularly so add our site to your Favour'tes list: www.radiongatiporou.co.nz



RNP Media Scholarship

Radio Ngati Porou will be offering a media scholarship in 2005.

The establishment of a scholarship fund was initiated when Resene Paints in Gisborne donated \$500 to the radio station in October. RNP will also be contributing to the fund in support of its vision and a mission statement

that includes ensuring the delivery of distinctively Ngati Porou programmes and content to our audience and supporting the programme making, music production and other creative pursuits of Ngati Porou whanau and communities.

Details of the media scholarship will be released early in the new year.

Ngati Porou Celebrates 17 Years of Radio

Radio Ngati Porou treated the Coast to an unforgettable week of birthday-celebration activities in a series of visits to schools and marae from Hicks Bay to Gisborne, in September.

Although the station turned 17 years of age on September 31, it took radio announcers Kahu Waitoa, Rauhuia Smith and Darylene Rogers five days to share birthday festivities with Ngati Porou whanau.

Each day the crew visited two communities while staff at the station broadcast the weeklong events live to air. Children, parents, teachers and pakeke participated in a whole host of fun events including kapa haka, skits and talent quests at each of the 10 sites visited. There was also a Coastwide birthday cake competition.

Congratulations to Bernie Sollitt from Rangitukia, the winner of the birthday cake competition.

Darylene's account of the birthdayweek's festivities follows:

"Celebrations kicked off at Wharekahika School in Hicks Bay and we moved to Rerekohu School, Te Araroa in the afternoon where we were entertained by students and received the first entry in the cake competition. Whakaangiangi School were also in attendance.

"The second day started in Rangitukia at Hinepare (Tairawhiti) Marae where Tapirinui a Whatonga School hosted the morning's activities with students and parents joining in the singing, dancing and competitions. We were met by the masses - kids, parents, nannies and papas at Pae o te Riri School in Tikitiki. They were also the community that supplied the most entries in the cake competition. Needless to say I gained a few pounds that day!

"Day three started with a powhiri at Te Puia School and a hakari (yes, more



Students of Whakaangiangi School display their Birthday Cake for the competition

food). Eager to meet more people we headed of to Nga Roimata Centre, Tokomaru Bay to be greeted by local kaumatua, kohanga kids, songs and more food. Due to a wee hiccup in communication we were almost missed by Hatea A Rangi School students who caught us just as we were leaving, they also had an entry for the cake competition. This was the end of day three but not the last we would see of Hatea A Rangi.

"The next day we decided that as we had almost missed Hate A Rangi School we would pop in briefly. It was well worth the stopover, they entertained us and participated in competitions.

"Then we moved on to 'always wellorganised' Tolaga Bay Area School, where we were not surprised to find that the teachers and students had organised their own DJs, items, skits – the lot. Tau ke e hoa ma.

"Our final destination of the day was Whangara School. The 'bright and

colourful' personalities of the students reflected in the murals on the school buildings.

"The final morning of the tour was spent at the Tuhono Whanau building in Gisborne's Kaiti Mall with a great turn-out of local kohanga reo and preschools, Kaiti School and locals. Waiata galore and many competitions were held.

Our final destination of the week was home base, the radio station in Ruatoria, with young and old having lots of good old Nati fun fuelled with a sausage sizzle and more cake.

"Well that was the weeks events and it was awesome. At the end of a week of community visits talking with locals, playing with tamariki and sharing meals (as well as eating lots of cake); we all agreed that the Ngati Porou community is what Radio Ngati Porou is all about. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful birthday activities and all those who came along to celebrate our radio station."

Radio Ngati Porou Merchandise



Manu Waiata 3 - \$20.00 CD collection of Ngati Porou music.

Te Rangimarie - \$10.00 CD by Darylene Rogers.



Christmas & Postcards - \$2.00 Orders for personalised cards taken.



Christmas Gift Pack - \$55.00

Kete containing: Apirana Ngata Lectures 2004 5 cd pack plus Christmas or Special Occasion card.

Cheque and credit card orders accepted *Plus p&h

Radio Ngati Porou On-Air Programme

WEEKDAYS

Time	Host/s	Content
5.30-6am		Opening Karakia Country Classics
6-9am	Kahu Waitoa (Kazza)	The Breakfast Show
9-10am	Students from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o te Wai U o Ngati Porou	Nga Puoro Maori
10-11am	Heni Tawhiwhirangi	Nga Take o te Wa
12-3pm	Rauhuia Smith	Te Kete Korero
3-6ɔm	Darylene Rogers	Drive and Top 5 at 5
6-8 30pm	Paul Sollitt	Solly's Talkback
8.30-9pm	BAND BLAND	Popular Waiata Closing Karakia
9-12am	Te Hiku o te Ika – Kaitaia	Te Mana
12-5.30am	Papa Ruru - Rotorua	The Papa Ruru Show

WEEKENDS

Time	Host/s	Content
SATURDAY	STATE OF THE	
7-10am	Phil Reid	Sports Show
2-8pm	Paul Sollitt	Caller chat show/ dedications
8pm-12am	Te Korimako	Youth Show
Sunday		
7-Sam	Jim Aupouri	Sports Roundup
2-7pm	Phil Reid	Caller chat show/ dedications
7p m-12am	Lindsay Henare - Te Upoko o te Ika	Live from Wellington

*Outside these hours RNP broadcasts pre-recorded material

Are Your Affairs in Order?

End of Year Review with James Johnston

With the end of the year fast approaching and plans being made to return home, attend reunions or celebrate the festive season with whanau and friends, it is a good time to review, update, or check that your affairs are all in order.

In this article James Johnston Chairman of Partners at Rainey

In this article James Johnston Chairman of Partners at Rainey Collins Lawyers, outlines some of the matters that may need attention at this time of year.

Wills

It is important to keep your will up-todate, especially if there have been any major changes in your life, such as:

- Getting married or divorced. Your will becomes void if you marry unless the will was made in contemplation of marriage. It is also void if you get divorced as far as it relates to your ex-partner. If you have separated and not yet divorced, your ex-partner would still be entitled to any gifts under your will.
- Entering into or ending a de facto relationship.
- · Having children.
- · Starting a business.
- · Buying significant property.
- · Inheriting money.

Remember that there are special rules about Maori land. If you don't adhere to these rules, your wishes may not be followed. Check with your legal advisors to make sure that your will complies with the law.

Unclaimed Moneys

The Maori Trust Office holds details of unclaimed moneys. "Unclaimed moneys", are funds that have been held by the Maori Trustee for at least 10 years with no claims made against them. The end of the year is a good time to check the unclaimed moneys list to see if you or any members of your whanau (including those who may have passed on) have any unclaimed moneys. The list can be viewed at your local Maori Trust Office, Maori Land Court or Te Puni Kokiri office.

Whanau Trusts

It is a good idea to regularly review your whanau trust to ensure that it is operating efficiently. Ensure beneficiary lists are current. Also make sure that all accounts and records are accurate and up-to-date. Your whanau trust may also be reviewed by the Maori Land Court at the request of a trustee or beneficiary. Check your trust deed for any specific review requirements.

Maori Land Blocks

The holiday period provides an opportune time to review the status of your Maori land block as many members of the whanau go back home. Are the rates up to date? Is the land being utilised effectively? Is the land being leased? Is the lease due for renewal or review? A meeting to discuss such issues can be timely during the holiday period.

Marae

On returning to your Marae over the holiday period, it may be a good time to liaise with your Marae committee regarding the progress of any proposed projects. Can you offer some of your skills to help? Are you able to join the Marae committee? Are you able to coordinate special projects such as painting, maintenance of ablution blocks, urupa or general maintenance? Also check to ensure that the insurance cover for the Marae is up-to-date. A coordinated approach, with the blessing of the Marae committee, can achieve a lot over a short period when many more willing hands may be available to assist.

Insurance

The end of the year is a good time to review your insurance policies to ensure that they are up-to-date. You may need to increase your cover. If there have been any changes in your circumstances, you should let your insurance company know as this could affect the amount of cover you need and the premium you are paying.

Superannuation

Many superannuation or savings plans may automatically increase your contribution on an annual basis to take into account inflation. However, it is a good idea to review the regular amount you



are saving to see if you can make even a small increase (keeping in mind that you may have received a pay increase or similar during the year).

Employment Agreement

The end of the year is a good time to review your employment agreement – are you due for a performance review? What annual leave entitlement do you have left?

Legal Audit

If you are in business, it is sensible to arrange for a legal audit to be completed on all key business risks including contracts, insurance, minutes, policies and personnel manuals to ensure they are up-to-date and compliant. Ensure that any risks or issues raised by the audit are properly addressed.

Business Plan

If you have a business plan in place, take time to review it. Have you achieved the goals you set out to achieve? What worked? Was anything less successful than you had envisioned? Spend some time on a business plan for the coming year. What improvements could you make? What do you want to achieve over the year? What steps will you need to take to reach your goals? We at Rainey Collins wish everyone a safe, Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

James Johnston
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Tribute Koro Dewes

É Koro tena koe i roto i nga mahi kua mahia hei ora mo te iwi. E kii ana te korero:

"Ma te ringa raupatu ka ora te iwi!"

E tika ana tenei whakatauaki mohou no te mea he tokomaha nga tau i raupa ai o ringaringa, a, hinengaro hoki kia puta ai he painga ki katoa.

- Diverse Academic career, from teaching to being an Adult Education Officer with Auckland University to a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University
- Father of the first chain in Maori at Victoria University which was established in 1978 through the many representations by Koro, to the University
- An associate in the establishment in

- Founder of the NZ Maori University Graduates Association which was involved in the promotion of the Chair idea (instigated by Koro) as well as a raft of other matters pertaining to Iwi Maori
- Member of the Steering Committee in the 1980's which resulted in the establishment of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou
- Founding Trustee of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou (TRONP) and a former Deputy Chairman of that body. He is still a Trustee.
- An associate of myself and Ned Ihaka in accessing \$4.9m from The Board of Maori Affairs, resulting in the establishment of Ngati Porou Forests Ltd and later Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd
- An associate in various jurisdictions fighting for the rights of Ngati Porou in fisheries within the lwi boundary
- A political advocate for Ngati Porou and other lwi in general
- An instigation with others that resulted in the creation of the Tokararangi Forest in Te Araroa
- A Marine expert, particularly in respect of paua, parengo species in Ngati Porou

"Koro walks the talk, as I have tried to illustrate by some of his achievements over the years. The measure of the man is to be gauged by what he has done for others."

Kia Ora A T Mahuika



Te Kapunga (Koro) Matemoana Dewes, a scholar and an academic and one who has always been passionate about Te Reo and Tikanga and his Ngati Poroutanga. Because of his many achievements over the years, it would not be possible for me to write in detail about each, hence I have opted to list some of these achievements under brief commentaries.

lwi historian and scholar as evidenced by his role as a teacher / lecturer in these areas:

- In Marae not only in Ngati Porou but among other lwi with whom he was associated with over the years
- A collector, compiler, editor and an archive of many korero, documents and manuscripts now held by Victoria University Library and other libraries in N.Z.
- A graduate and post graduate of Auckland University
- Elevated Te Reo in the academic field, having written the first Thesis ever in Te Reo

the 1970's of the one-year Teacher Training for teachers of Maori which continues to exist today

 A beacon and mentor of students at Victoria University, leading ultimately to the establishment of Te Reo Maori Society which was responsible for creating "Maori Language Week" and promotion of Te Reo and Tikanga



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Contribution

Kapunga returned home during the mid-70s to farm on the family property. He was one of a few people raised in the old tradition with the education of the new, so he became adept in the two cultures, Maori and Pakeha.

I would like to relate to an event that took place a few years ago. This was the first Maori Authority Conference, a three-day meeting held at Arawa Park, in Rotorua. On the second night after the meeting was adjourned Kapunga and I, with a small number of Ngati Porou, were invited by Tuwharetoa to

their stronghold at Tumunui for a night of festivity, as a gesture of goodwill. However, on arrival at the venue we were confronted with a challenging sight. The local chiefs were seated around a carved boardroom table ready to 'battle'. I relayed the apprehension of our small group to Kapunga, who did not flinch as he turned to address the six-shooters from Tuwharetoa. In his opening speech Kapunga recited the name and genealogy of each of our hosts. He then went on to mention the names of Ngati Porou young talent who were at that time employed by Tuwharetoa. He then added that

because of this there was no one left in his area to apply ointment and dressing to the festering sores on his buttocks. The above account gives us an insight into the character and style of Kapunga Matemoana Dewes - a leader at his best when against the odds, a leader who fires his shots from outside the palisade rather than from behind it. Kapunga has always adopted the saying that if you really want something you have to first earn it. I have no hesitation in my conviction that Kapunga is a worthy recipient of this honour of which he deservedly earned.

No reira tenei te mihi atu kia Kapunga mo tenei honore kua uhia nei ki runga ki a ia

Naku na Hune Fox

NPWFL Knowledge Creation Summit

The Fusion of Culture, Innovation and Technology

Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Limited presented its Research and Development strategy to leaders of New Zealand's research community at a Knowledge Creation Summit at Hinerupe Marae, Te Araroa.

The key messages that NPWFL sent to those present were that innovation and technology would play a key role in its business strategy, NPWFL had a clear view of what its Research and Development (R&D) needs were; and that NPWFL was seeking strategic world class R&D partners.

"We need to move with the technology and focus on how we can make our innovations a business opportunity. We also need to constantly strategise so that we can operate better, faster and cheaper," said NPWFL chief executive Chris Insley.

"For the future an understanding of the inherent qualities of wood will be required to realise the full value of the forest and the most appropriate use whether it be for pulp, lumber or further processing into manufactured composite products. As the properties of the products are in large part based on inherent properties of the timber, a clear understanding of market based quality parameters and the genetic, climatic and cultural factors that affect these, are important.

important. Strategies to develop a configuration of the NPWFL supply chain for optimum value of the forests include identifying and characterising soil and climate factors that impact on market based quality parameters, the ability to computer model the NPWFL supply chain and utilising the most cost effective harvesting technologies for its forests. The presentation included a future vision of Ngati Porou and NPWFL technology with a space-age Centre for Advanced Learning located in Rangitukia near the mouth of the Waiapu river, sustainable energy utilising pine trees and precision forest management that was a finger-tip away. NPWFL has an active social development strategy with 5-6% of annual sales spent on training and development. Training and development for staff and contractors was compulsory. Ngati Porou Hansol joint

venture also offer a

scholarship programme.

"If you want to work for us learning is essential because we are constantly introducing new ideas and innovations into our business."

Plans were also presented for social and environmental sustainability by collecting existing information on a database, then identifying and completing information gaps in environmental data for Ngati Porou land.

Our objectives are based on the potential impact of not being able to access land due to environmental concerns. These objectives include ensuring land availability for planting by addressing the negative perceptions of forestry as a land use and providing objective information about the biodiversity within Ngati Porou land to support environmental management." Guests included representatives from Forest Research, Landcare Research, AgResearch, HortResearch, Wood Quality Initiative, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Awden Technologies

and Horizon 2 (Biotechnology

Te Jeko).





"NPWFL Our Vision is to become the number one forestry development option on the East Coast"

Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Limited (NPWFL) is a forestry company whose vision for Ngati Porou's forestry industry includes care of the land, growth of its people and preserving Ngati Porou tikanga and resources.

In a joint venture with Hansol Home Deco (previously Hansol Forem Co Ltd), NPWFL currently manages 50 forests within the Ngati Porou district - a total of 10,000 hectares. The joint venture provides landowners with a profitable option for undeveloped and unproductive land while retaining ownership and control. Investment partners provide funds to establish, develop and maintain the forest through to harvest and profits are shared at harvest.

NPWFL is also making huge inroads into research and development to ensure a leading edge in knowledge and technology astride fierce competition within the forestry arena. "Our future hinges on the

development and utilisation of research and technology to determine the optimum use of our resources. These resources start from the land through to quality wood for harvesting. They include skilled workers and specialised equipment every step of the way. Forming partnerships with research institutes and other key players in the forestry industry ensures that we contribute to developing and improving the way the business is done," said NPWFL chief executive Chris Insley.

1989 - 1990 Ngati Porou Forestry Limited established five pioneer blocks established - Hoia, Kiwinui, Awatere, Harakeke, Tarere

1992 NPWFL formed

1994 Three pioneer blocks exit - Hoia, Kiwinui, Awatere

1996 NPWFL enters into a

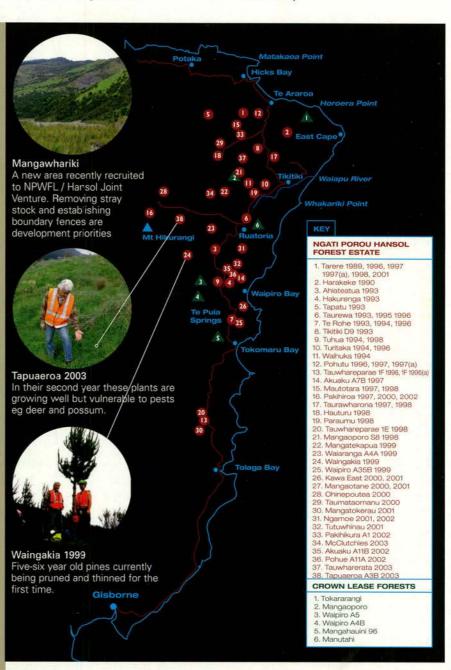
> joint venture agreement with Hansol of South Korea (to date, the only joint venture Hansol hold

in New Zealand)

2004 NPWFL achieves goal of 10,000 hectares in forest

Current workforce of 100

Objective (Vision) remains to continue to grow the business towards 40 to 50,000 hectares employing local people



Vincent Fox - NPWFL Forester

Ngati Porou Whanui Forests profiles Vincent Fox, an employee with a passion for the forestry industry. Vincent's inspirational account of the study he undertook and his impressive achievements follows:

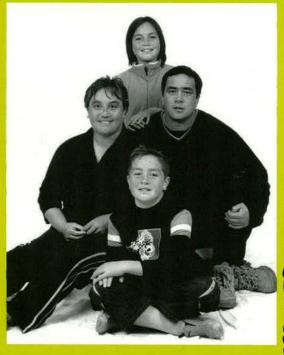
"For me, gaining qualifications in Forestry and Business Management has been a huge life-changing event which I don't regret. I believe the future holds what you put into it" Forestry was basically my first job choice. I worked through the many aspects of silviculture and then progressed into harvesting in 1997. Harvesting was interesting and allowed me to gain a good practical knowledge while obtaining various unit standards.

At this stage I realised that to progress any further in the forestry game I needed to take the next step. With the support of family and friends, I made the decision to take on the National Diploma in Forest Management. The diploma offered a wide and varied scope from pruning and planting to forest valuation, contract management and roading and harvest planning.

Year one was spent at Turanga Ararau, in Gisborne. Ross Gregory the principal tutor proved to be a major influence throughout the tenure of the course. In 2002, I was awarded the Hansol Scholarship from Ngati Porou Hansol joint venture, which was a huge help. A forestry and a general scholarship are offered. I encourage anyone affiliated to the blocks that form the Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd / Hansol joint venture to apply. This scholarship enabled me to have more time at home after I purchased a computer to do my assignments. Years two and three were based at the Waiariki Campus in Rotorua. The principal tutors there were Trevor Gray, Mark Cleland and James Broadley. These three guys between them possessed a wealth of technical and

practical knowledge that made school life a lot easier. The Diploma in Forest Management is world class and people from all over the world attend. I was able to meet with a diverse range of people and create networks with many people from classmates to forest industry leaders. An opportunity that has proved invaluable to this day. I graduated from the National D ploma in Forest Management with distinction, also gaining the National Certificate in Business Management.

Living away from home meant many social and financial sacrifices. The



Vincent Fox (34) with partner Kuini Tuhura (33) and children Trinity (11) and Nathaniel (9)

sacrifices were compensated in many ways by finally achieving these qualifications. I have since joined Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd as a forester. This is an interesting position which fully utilises the skills I gained while studying.

With the realisation of achieving these qualifications came a responsibility to further my education. At present I am looking at taking on a degree in either Business and/or Environmental Management in the near future.

Hansol Scholarships

Scholarships that focus on developing Ngati Porou expertise in Forestry

Each year two scholarships are available to university or tertiary students who are direct descendants of landowners from participating blocks in the Ngati Porou Hansol Forestry Joint Venture.

Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Limited administers the scholarships for Hansol, an internationally recognised Korean company. These scholarships represent one of the ways that Hansol is contributing to the development of forestry expertise and skill amongst Ngati Porou. This year the closing date for applications was October 29. For the next five years there will be two Forestry Scholarships of \$2,500 each, awarded annually. In the absence of suitable Forestry applicants the scholarships will be allocated as follows:

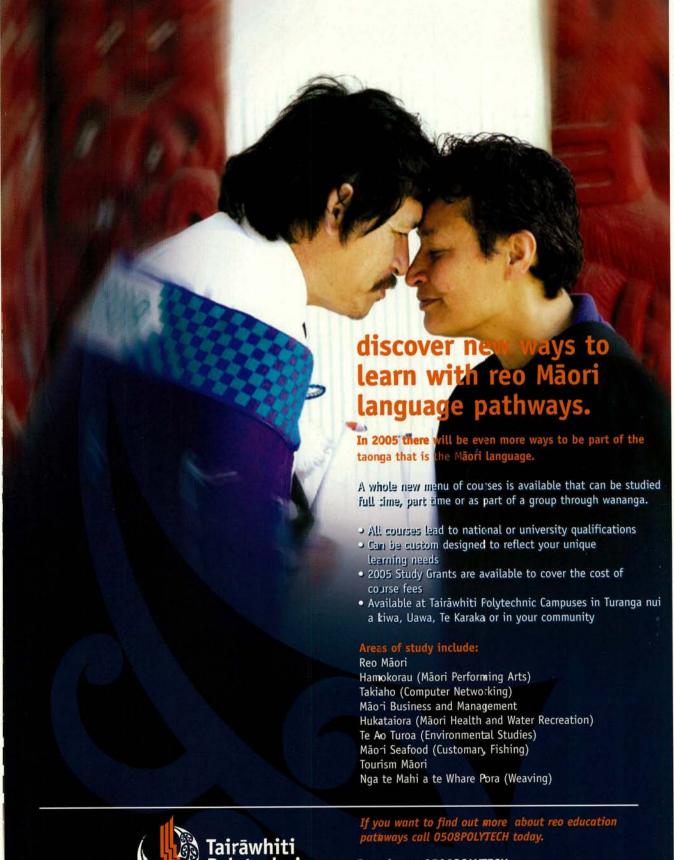
Forestry Scholarship of \$2,500

To be eligible the applicant must be enrolled in an undergraduate forestry-oriented degree or diploma programme in New Zealand.

General Scholarship of \$2,500

The applicant must be enrolled in or intending to enrol for the next academic year at a New Zealand tertiary institution (Polytechnic or University) in a complementary field of study to forestry development.

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Ngati Porou nurses awarded prestigious scholarships

Ngati Porou Hauora rural health nurses, Gina Chaffey-Aupouri and Ariana Roberts, were awarded Rural Health Nurse Scholarships to study towards reaching the highest level of clinical nursing expertise, recently.

The rural nurse scholarships will enable Ariana and Gina to take a year off to study to bring their qualifications up to nurse practitioner level, with prescribing rights.

Ariana and Gina have expressed their humble and grateful appreciation of this scholarship. On completion of their respective Masters in Nursing, Gina and Ariana plan to return to their respective communities to work as members of their local health teams. Nurse practitioners make significant differences in delivering essential health services to rural communities, particularly in areas with GP shortages. Their work includes diagnosing conditions, prescribing medications, health promotion and referring to other practitioners and specialists. Both women entered nursing with a

strong whanau base and commitment to making a positive difference in their respective communities. They acknowledge the support and assistance of their whanau and also work colleagues from the Hauora. Ngati Porou Hauora is extremely proud of these Ngati Porou women who have a strong commitment to their profession and a passion for their whanau, hapu, marae and iwi. The whanau of Ngati Porou Hauora joins with their communities and whanau to wish Gina and Ariana every success in their future studies and offers support and encouragement for

Ariana and Gina both have unique journeys into the nursing profession ...

their future journeys.



ARIANA began her journey when she finished school and left the East Coast for Palmerston North where she completed her training before returning to Gisborne, as a new graduate.

Following the birth of her baby she was asked to relieve, as a senior nurse in Te Puia Springs Hospital, and has been with Ngati Porou Hauora since. Her postgraduate journey started with Child and Family Health Certificates and has culminated in completing her Postgraduate Diploma.

Ariana works part time for the Hauora at the Tikitiki Community Health Centre. She is also a member of Tairawhiti Innovative Nursing Team, a nurse-led primary health service linked to Gisborne's saw milling process plant Juken Nissho and to whanau who access the local WINZ office.

Strongly supported by her partner and

Strongly supported by her partner and whanau Ariana plans to commence full time study through Auckland University in March next year.



GINA starting on her path working as a hospital aide in the Te Puia Springs Hospital, to working as an enrolled nurse in Napier. She then became a registered comprehensive, with a cardiac specialty in Wellington.

Returning to Te Puia Springs Hospital for a time as a staff nurse, in the Case mix Ward; Gina then went into the Ruatoria community as a Rural Community Nurse.

Her postgraduate journey began with postgraduate certificates in Child and Family Health, Cultural Nursing and this year a Primary & Health Care Speciality, through to completing her Postgraduate Diploma.

Gina acknowledges the importance of 'he tangata' (people) in her life and her work and says that her many patients over the years have given her 'little pearls of wisdom' that have helped her progress.

The influence of a strong whanau upbringing with her tipuna, parents, brothers, sister and the Tokomaru Bay community where she was raised, contributed to her achieving the qualifications she has today.

The support from her husband cirmmy, daughter Tomairangi and the Rustoria community that she serves have also provided incentives to gain necessary knowledge and skills.

Gina says that it is important for Ngati Porou to build a 'foundation' nursingbase from within, teaching nurses in Ngati Porou traditions and values for the Ngati Porou rohe (region).



Awards for excellence to Ngati Porou Hauora

Trophies and awards were snatched up by Ngati Porou Hauora during the inaugural Te Matarau Hauora and Ministry of Health Whanau Ora Awards in October.

NPH also walked off with the prestigious Supreme Award for Excellence by a Maori Health Provider. An award recognising a Maori health provider's commitment to improve the state of health throughout its communities. This award they shared with Te Puna Hauora o te Raki Pae Whenua from Waitemata.

NPH received the ultimate award for its strong community involvement and support base in both a provincial urban and large rural area. It was also commended for the implementation of a robust workforce development strategy, which showed evidence of strategic planning,

well-managed resources and strong iwi-based protocols of tikanga evident within its organisation,

The hauora had also benchmarked a range of achievements in the area of



NPH in partnership with Te Aitanga a Fauiiti received a Highly Commended award in the Kaupapa section. Pictured with Mita Ririnui are (centre) Terry Ehau, NPH regional kaitiaki and Wally Tukukino, Te Aitanga a Hauiti manager.

mental health, dental and maternity services.

Other awards clinched by Ngati Porou Hauora include a trophy for excellence in Maori nursing won by Tokomaru Bay woman Gina Braize Chaffey-Aupouri. Mrs Chaffey-Aupouri was selected because she demonstrated a focus of high-quality clinical services, had strong references from the community and clearly demonstrated how she integrated tikanga Maori into her

clinical practice.
Her work colleague
Ngarongoa Harata Kay
received a highlycommended mention for
this award section.
Puhi Kaiti-based Dr David
Collins Tipene Leach received
the award for excellence in
clinical leadership, while John
Coleman from Tokomaru Bay
won the Rangatira
Tane Award.

Te Matarau Awards highly commended individuals including Georgina Paerata for the Mana Wahine Award and Teo Arani Wilson for the Excellence in Community

Health Award.

The Ngati Porou Hauora and Te Aitanga a Hauiti Partnership pilot project was highly commended for the Ministry of Health Whanau Ora Awards Whanau Kaupapa section.

The awards sought to promote successful models of service delivery or in tiatives that increased whanau health and wellbeing by building on the strengths and assets of whanau and Maori communities.

Hauora delivering quality services

In September Ngati Porou Hauora passed the Te Wana accreditation and Telarc certification to certify that they make the grade in the public health service arena.

The eight community health centres were assessed through the Te Wana process to comply with all set standards.

Achieving Te Wana accreditation has been a milestone for NPH. The Te Wana quality programme is focussed on improving health through the provision of an effective comprehensive quality programme for community based health services.

"This was a two-year process for us, which began in 2002 with an initial assessment of the standard of our services at that time. The initial assessment has led to such developments as the building alterations including restructuring in the kitchen/cafeteria area and integration of policies and procedures throughout the organisation.

"We sought certification from an organisation called Telarc. Cperating within set legal requirements and Health and Disability Standards is a legal requirement for the Ministry of Health. Without certification from a MOH authorised organisation we would have had to close the hospital.

mental health residence and the maternity.

"Gaining the certification means that where NPH has beds we have complied with all the legal requirements to provide a health service. Our compliance standard will be reviewed annually, an ongoing process, due to new legislation and things like infection control standards always being upgraded," said NPH kaitiaki quality Te Miringa Huriwai. "NPH extends its thanks to the community for their support during the interview and consultation/accreditation process. The staff were also to be commended for their commitment to achieving this important goal."



Members of the NPH team prouchy display their Te Wana Accreditation certificate

Profile Te Miringa Huriwai

Eleven menths ago NPn kaitiaki quality Te Miringa Huriwai returned to Ngati Porou to "learn how to be Ngati Porou" and fulfil a legacy to her father, the late Erownie Tawhai Huriwai of Tikitiki. She also pledged a 10-year service to Ngati Porou Hauora.

"Returning to the East Coast was the only way I could gain the knowledge and skills of my Ngati Porou sice, as well as experience Ngati Poroutanga." With a background in nursing, teaching and counseling she is well suited to oversee the quality standards process at NPH.

Te Miringa Huriwai is also the complaints officer and encourages those who have issues or suggestions regarding NPH's services to contact her at the office in Te Puia Springs.

Telephone 36 3646803 Email temiringah@nphauora.co.nz



Tourist Information Centre now open for business

Tourism Ngati Porou's first tourist information centre on the East Coast opened its doors in Ruatoria's Main Street, in November.

Visitor numbers to the East Coast are steadily increasing with the approach of the summer holiday period. Ruatoria's handy location is roughly the mid-point of the Coast with banking, shopping and other public amenities.

4WD Tours

Designated vehicles are provided for all 4WD Tours to Mount Hikurangi and the Maui Whakairo. For enquiries please contact Kerry Johnston (7 days a week) on mobile telephone 027 676910 or at the Visitor Information Centre.

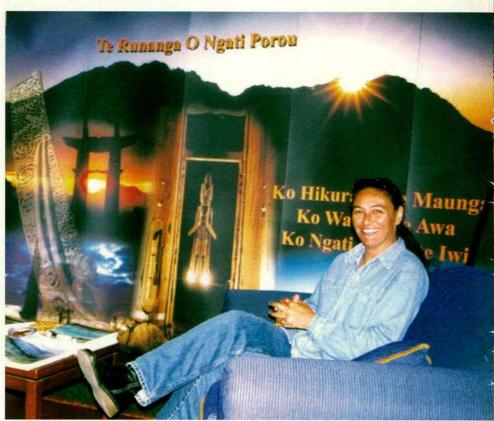
For further information contact:

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Visitors to Mount Hikurangi

Terrain

Walking from Pakihiroa Station to the mountain's summit will take at least 8 hours one way, at a steady pace. The journey is by farm track for the much of the way but reverts to rugged steep terrain around 5km from the summit.

Fitness Level

A reasonable level of fitness is required.

Estimated Track Times

The walk from Pakihiroa Station parking area to Maui Whakairo covers 9km and takes around 4-6 hours, one way. The hut is situated at the 10 km point. From the hut to the summit it takes approximately 1½-2 hours.



The weather can be unpredictable.

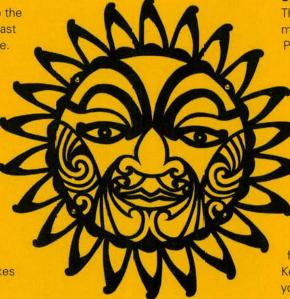
Wear and carry appropriate clothing and equipment required for travelling in remote mountainous areas.

Hut Accommodation

The nightly rate for use of the hut is now \$15 per night. Permission must be obtained prior by contacting Kerry Johnston, as above.

Departure from the mountain for safety reasons please contact Kerry as soon as you are able to advise you are no longer in the area.

Have a safe enjoyable adventure



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