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THE MAN FROM HIKURANGI MOUNTAIN

Pakihiroa Station Manager 'Parekura' alias 'Bill' alias 'Scarlett' Poi has been farming for over five decades. Despite the down turn in farming, Pakihiroa is holding it's own and contributing to Ngati Porou development as well. For the past three years Pakihiroa has contributed \$30,000 toward the Ngati Porou Education Fund as well as repaying the mortgage on Puanga Station. Scarlett is not only a Farm Manager. He is the caretaker of the gateway to our sacred maunga. Meet the man from Hikurangi Mountain.



The Man from Hikurangi Mountain - 'Scarlett' Poi on his trusty steed Reedy.

Scarlett Poi's nanny Kataraina Poi wanted the best for her eldest mokopuna. She wanted to send him to Te Aute to be educated and get a good job. But at the age of fifteen Scarlett left school to go droving with his uncle, John Poi. It was his first taste of farm work and he liked it.

That was in 1947. He spent the following eight years moving around the country doing all sorts of farm work.

By 1955 he was back in Ngati Porou, working in the Tapuaeroa Valley for Wallace Tako Snr. One of the highlights of the job was working with the likes of the late Graham Aupouri and the late Sam Reedy.

"I went mustering with Graham and Sam. They knew what they were doing and they worked hard. Not like fullas these days. In our day we'd be up at 4am to start work. These days they don't start till 8 o'clock. Actually there's not many like Graham

and Sam around anymore. The best shepherds come from the Coast. To me you don't have to go to college to be a good farmer. It's that practical experience that counts."

After a short stint at Rip Station he moved to Waimoana Station in Gisborne to work for Ian Fraser.

"He's the best man I've ever worked for. I was there from 1969 to 1978 and I learnt a lot. The wages weren't the best but when I left he gave me \$10,000 which I put on a house in Gisborne."

The Fraser family helped to get him a job in the freezing works in Gisborne and then he returned to farm work at the back of Tokomaru Bay.

In 1988 Scarlett moved to Pakihiroa Station. Te Runanga o Ngati Porou had purchased the station from the Crown on behalf of Ngati Porou and although the station was well stocked, the quality of stock left much to be desired.

"I knew in myself that wasn't right. The way I learnt to farm was that you aim for quality and not quantity. So we got rid of the excess stock and outside breeds and concentrated on building the bloodlines of the Williams' original stock. That's the best thing that ever happened."

These days Pakihiroa stock fetch the highest prices at sales. Pakihiroa runs 11,500 stock units on a 2500-hectare block. Scarlett and his cousin Regan work Pakihiroa.

In 1994 the Runanga purchased Puanga Station in Gisborne. Mo Koia manages this 265-hectare block. Scarlett oversees Puanga and excess stock from Pakihiroa is moved to Puanga for fattening before sales. Three weeks ago floodwaters washed out the Pakihiroa Bridge that provides access to and from the station and the mountain. The wash out of the Pakihiroa

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ngati Porou kei nga pito e wha – tena koutou! Tena koutou kua whakakotahitia e tenei tino taonga a tatou te iwi, 'Nati Link'. He hononga i tipu ake i runga i tera whakatauaki 'Walapu koka huhua'. Kei te rere tonu nga roimata o te aroha mo ratou katoa kua mene ki te po. No reira e hika ma, haere atu i runga i te aroha o te Atua, i runga hoki i te mana o te wairua tapu. Tatou kua whakapanitia nei, tena koutou. The impending GDC Elections raises again the issue of ensuring a Ngati Porou voice at local authority level, be it within the current system, or within a system that we collectively design and operate. To get to that stage though, we must begin grooming our young men and women as potential councillors, potential politicians, and potential leaders. Our future lies with our youth and our ability to position ourselves in the seats of power at local, national and international levels.

So Ngati Porou, let's ensure there is unity for purpose – to provide better opportunities for our people. Let's ensure unity of people – a Ngati Porou voice on our local authority. Let's tip the balance of power in Ngati Porou's favour. Apirana Mahuika.



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HUI NOMINATES TWO NGATI POROU CANDIDATES FOR THE GDC ELECTIONS

There was unanimous support for the Runanga Chairperson Api Mahuika to stand for Mayor and for Selwyn Parata to stand for the Waiapu ward in the impending Gisborne District Council Elections, from those who attended the June Hui-a-Iwi held at Pakirikiri Marae. While Api has not confirmed acceptance of the nomination, Selwyn has accepted the nomination on the basis of the show of support from the hui-a-iwi. The hui confirmed that both possess the qualities needed to represent Ngati Porou interests on the local authority.

The Runanga's draft 1998/99 Corporate Plan Summary of Findings from Round 1 of the Consultation Hui and the Runanga's draft Strategic Plan were key items discussed, said Chief Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau.

Tamati Reedy gave a C2000 report stating that securing funding from the Millennium Trust for Ngati Porou C2000 events for and beyond 1 January 2000 was a priority for the Runanga. CEO Amo Houkamau noted that the GDC had committed a total of \$800,000 to Gisborne's First Light Tourism – during the last two years and she had asked First Light Tourism's CEO Maxine Walsh, what Ngati Porou

was getting for this investment.

Runanga Community Injury Prevention Programme worker Ripeka Pohatu spoke about their first successful marae-based drivers licensing programme where a 100% pass rate was achieved by the thirty course participants. She said all the participants were overwhelmed by their success in passing and very positive about the course. Most of the participants had spoken about the course to their friends and the team has already had 85 people enrol for the second Ruatoria course and 41 enrol for the course planned for Wharekahika.



Runanga Community Injury Prevention Team. (Back Row - left to right): Aroha Hamilton (Administration Support), Jacqui Rangiwai (Kaiawhina), Aroha Rangihuna (Team Leader).

Seated at front: Ripeka Pohatu (Kaiawhina).

The CIPP Team ran a successful Drivers Licensing Programme at Te Aowera Marae in June. All their course participants passed their Driver's License. More programmes are planned for Ruatoria and Wharekahika.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I attended the tangi of one of my relations who died suddenly last month. A couple of days before he died, he'd asked a friend, "What is there in the future for my children?" He owned a small business and had secured quota from the Runanga to make money fishing. He was a marae man, always in the back doing the work. He knew how to manaaki people, ahakoa ko wai. He'd done all he could to secure a future for his whanau. He knew that to get somewhere in life, you had to do your bit for your own. He had the right attitude. That's the attitude needed to create a better future for our children, whether it be within the current education system or one we design ourselves. That's the attitude that saw Sonia Keelan wing her way overseas to a different life and new experiences. That's the attitude that will see our kids move from junior rugby at Whakarua Park, to becoming All Blacks. The future is what we make it.

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Erana Reedy (nee Keelan) - EDITOR

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bridge is just one of the setbacks that Scarlett and the Pakihiroa Management Committee comprising Selwyn Parata, Tate Pewhairangi, Wi Mackey, Koro Dewes, Lance Rickard and just recently Te Kotahi Atkins, have had to deal with. The Tapuaeroa river has also claimed the station's woolshed, stockyards and shearer's quarters. Last year the station replaced the woolshed moving it to higher ground, but the covered stockyards and new



Scarlett and his mokopuna Nelson crossing the swollen Tapuaeroa River from Pakihiroa Station. The Pakihiroa Stn bridge was washed away in June cutting off access to Hikurangi Mountain.

shearer's quarters are yet to come. Scarlett jokes that the Gisborne District Council might be better

off reconstructing the cable car (a platform attached to cables with pulleys) that was used before the bridge was built in 1971, to get to and from the station.

"One of the station workers Des Tahata came home from a night at the pub and went over on the cable car. The cable car had stopped in the middle of the river. Thinking he was on the other side, he got out and dropped on a sandbank in the middle of a flooded river. He was lucky. Hughie Hughes had to come and rescue him."

Scarlett is used to rescuing people. Mainly those who climb the mountain either ill equipped or unprepared for the changing temperatures.

"I've saved two fullas who got so far then hurt their ankles. Then there was a girl who went to meet friends at the hut. The weather changed, it started raining. Her friends phoned to ask if I'd seen her because they hadn't gone to the hut as planned. Regan and I went looking for her and we found her half frozen lying in a drain. Any longer out in the rain and she would have died."

He has a deep respect for Hikurangi and the surrounding mountains Taitai, Wharekia, Aorangi and Whanokao.

"When the old man is smoking his pipe or is wearing his cap that's a sign about the weather. Our mountains are tapu. They are the source of our

river Waiapu. Ko Hikurangi te maunga, ko Waiapu te awa, ko Ngati Porou te iwi. Pakihiroa is our mountain – it is ours, Ngati Porou. You respect it, it will respect you."

Pakihiroa Management Committee Chairperson Selwyn Parata said as well as having commercial value, Pakihiroa provides a turangawaewae for everyone of Ngati Porou descent.

"There are those of us that have land and there are those of us that don't. Through Pakihiroa every descendant of a hapu in Ngati Porou has a turangawaewae. Hikurangi is culturally and spiritually significant for all of us, he tika ra te korero 'Tu tonu mai koe maunga Hikurangi – tuohu ko nga uri e'.

Scarlett intends retiring after the Year 2000 Celebrations, when he turns 68. He'll move back to work a 300-acre block of whanau land in the Poroporo valley. It will be a well-earned rest for a man who has gained the respect of farmers, Maori and Pakeha, throughout the East Coast.

"As long as you try to learn and you have the right attitude about work, you will succeed. Managing a farm is about earning the respect of your workers, getting in there and doing it. Leading by example."

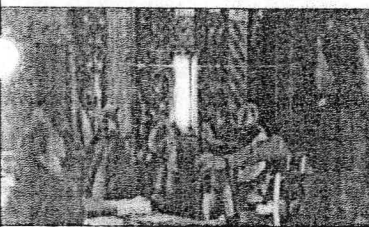
'Whatu ngarongaro te tangata ... toitu te whenua'.



PROTECTING OUR 'TAONGA' FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

On 10 August at Pakirikiri Marae in Tokomaru Bay, the Waitangi Tribunal will convene the first hearing of evidence from Ngati Porou 'expert witnesses' as part of Ngati Porou's contribution to the Intellectual and Cultural Property Rights claim. In this report we background the claim, shed a bit of light on what intellectual and cultural property rights are – and how this claim is crucial to the survival and protection of everything, we as Ngati Porou, regard as 'taonga'.

The Intellectual and Cultural Property Rights Claim was first lodged with the Waitangi Tribunal in 1991. Ngati Porou is one of six iwi seeking protection of our 'taonga' – our intellectual and cultural property. The other iwi include Ngati Kuri, Ngati Wai, Te Rarawa, Ngati Kahungunu and Ngati Koata. What is 'intellectual and cultural property'? It is information that is generated from the human mind or information that is derived from our cultural beliefs and practises – our taonga. Our knowledge of the healing properties of the kawakawa plant is an example of intellectual/cultural property. Our moteatea and whakapapa, is intellectual/cultural property. The cultural and spiritual significance of our maunga Hikurangi, is our intellectual/cultural property. So why lodge a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal? The Tribunal was established



Ngati Porou Counsel Gina Rudland speaks about the preparation of the Intellectual Property Rights Claim to a hui of Ngati Porou expert witnesses held in May this year at Pakirikiri Marae, Tokomaru Bay.

in 1975 to investigate breaches of the Treaty and advise government on appropriate action to address treaty issues. Through the Treaty of Waitangi signed in 1840, the Crown affirmed the *tino rangatiratanga* of whanau, hapu and iwi over their resources, their taonga. What this claim seeks to prove however, is that the Crown has, through

various policies and statute, compromised the retention and protection of our taonga. The Ngati Porou dimension of the claim focuses on our intellectual property although the basis of the claim was to protect native flora and fauna, like the plants used for rongoa Maori. In this claim, iwi are seeking the right to establish and develop laws and policies to manage and protect their own taonga, to participate in and benefit from existing and future technological advances and to determine and protect our intellectual property rights.

An example of technological advances is the propagation and sale of the red kaka plant, a plant native to Te Araroa. Iwi kainga were not consulted for permission to use and sell the plant, which has cultural significance to them and yet the plant is being sold in garden centres throughout the country.

Tama Poata of Te Whanau a Ruataupare lodged the claim on behalf of himself, his hapu and Ngati Porou. A filmmaker for many years, Tama cites privatisation laws as an example of how Maori images have fallen into the wrong hands.

"The Heritage programmes are now owned by Paramount Studios in America. My concern is that the images of our tipuna, recorded for Sunday morning programmes could be taken overseas, then used and abused. How do we know those images won't be put on teatowels or toilet paper. We have no control over the process."

Preparing the Ngati Porou evidence has been a labour of love for Ngati Porou Counsel for the claim, Gina Rudland of Te Whanau a Takimoana and Hinerupe and Kristen Kohere of Ngati Piritai, Te Whanau a Rerewa and Hinerupe.

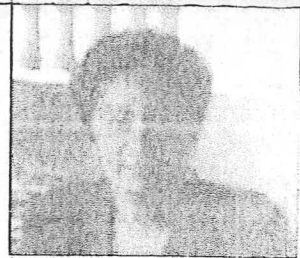
"Through our research we've found that a lot of korero has been lost. Some tikanga and history is found in books written by Mohi Turei, Reweti Kohere and Apirana Ngata, but that knowledge is far removed from everyday life on the Coast. If our research shows that's the case now, where will we be in ten years time? This claim seeks to make the Crown accountable for their role in producing this scenario and attempts to get some practical outcomes for Nga-
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTARY

Tena tatou Ngati Porou, 'te iwi moke, te iwi whanoke'.

The themes that continually weave in and out of the articles in this third issue of 'Nati Link' are all to do with dreaming our dreams of a better future for ourselves, our children, mokopuna and future generations of Ngati Porou. The key to it all is that we share a common dream, based on the celebration of our uniqueness, the richness of our cultural heritage and the unquestionable commitment to the philosophy that to dream is to have belief in a future. To create a future is to take responsibility for ourselves. To take responsibility for ourselves, is to achieve mana motuhake. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the contributions that you have all made to setting the future direction for Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, and affirming the role that the Runanga has fulfilled in respect of Ngati Porou development. Tena tatou.

Amohaere Houkamau - CEO



CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

In our last issue we outlined the joint venture between Te Runanga o Ngati Porou and the Ministry of Education to improve the quality of education in Ngati Porou. 'Whaia te Iti Kahurangi - Strengthening East Coast Schools Project' is the result of that partnership. It's the project aimed at creating better future for our children.

Ensuring the Strengthening East Coast Schools Project is whanau, hapu and community driven and focussed, is a major priority for Gardiner and Parata Ltd who won the contract to manage this project. Wira Gardiner and Hekia Parata, own the company and Apryll Parata-Blane is Project Director.

"Our approach to the project is based on the belief that to make positive change, we as communities need to C.A.R.E. – change attitudes and raise our expectations. This project enables everyone who has a stake in education, the opportunity to design a system that meets our needs and fulfils our dreams for a better future," said Apryll Parata-Blane.

There are twenty-one school communities between Potaka and Whangara and each have the opportunity to develop a plan for their school. The plan will incorporate the dreams of parents and caregivers for their children, identify the barriers to providing quality education and propose ways in which those dreams can be achieved. Everyone who has a stake in education, including the students and extended whanau have the opportunity to add their dreams to the wish list for education. All twenty-one schools were given the opportunity to appoint their own Community Facilitator who will work with the community to develop their plans.

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The Strengthening East Coast Schools Community Facilitators at the first training session which was held at Ngata College, with Dr Linda Smith.



HOUSING NGATI POROU - REALISING THE DREAM

In 1994 the Ngati Porou Housing Report prepared by the Runanga and the Ngati Porou Housing Committee was presented to Murray McCully, Minister of Housing at Iritekura Marae, Waipiro Bay. The report provided specific data on the number of people living in substandard homes, makeshift shelters, overcrowded conditions in every community ma i Potikirua ki Uawa. The report recommended that Ngati Porou would find it's own solutions to drive this kaupapa, with support from government and the local authority. What was the government's response to the Ngati Porou Housing Report and how successful has the Ngati Porou Housing Project been?

The government's primary response to the 1994 Ngati Porou Housing Report was to develop the Low eposit Rural Lending Programme. The programme was piloted in Ngati Porou and also in Nga Puhi and Te Aupouri in 1995. It allows for prospective home-builders or buyers to undertake twelve two-hour Home Ownership Skills Workshops. In Ngati Porou the courses are co-ordinated by the Runanga. Participants who complete the course requirements can then apply to the Housing Corporation for a housing loan, with a minimum deposit of 5%. However many whanau cannot afford even a 5% deposit because their income barely covers their living costs and thus the ability to save is very difficult. The cost of building homes in Ngati Porou is

more expensive because of additional costs like septic tanks, roading, purchasing water and power connection. These are the realities that the Runanga's Housing Team, Mike Brown, Kaa Mill and Cina Tangaere work with. They organise the Home Ownership Skills Courses and manage the two Emergency Houses in Tokomaru Bay and Ruatoria. Housing Team Leader Mike Brown said the courses are empowering.



Runanga Housing Team Leader Mike Brown and Housing Co-ordinator Kaa Mill.

"Those who come on the courses have little or no knowledge about home ownership, but at the end of it they know the risks and benefits of home ownership and go into that decision fully aware of the responsibilities. That's the programme's greatest strength," said Mike Brown. The courses are very popular and they have a 75% success rate. Kaa Mill says getting people on the course and seeing them participate is the highlight of her job.

"Staff from the Maori Land Court come in to talk about building on multiply owned land. The Runanga's Budget Service runs a workshop on bud-

geting. They learn how to do minor repairs like changing fuses. We have a workshop on landscaping and gardening. These skills help our people become more resourceful," says Kaa.

Other spin-offs from the Ngati Porou Housing Programme include the development of Ngati Porou owned and driven initiatives that specialise in building affordable homes, like the Te Whare Wananga o Ngati Porou's Carpentry Course.

"As well as building affordable houses of excellent quality, the course enables trainees to learn the skills associated with building homes. That increases the pool of skilled carpenters in the community for local people to access. We hope to provide further courses in other trade areas like electrical work, and plumbing, so that our own people are skilled in those areas," said Te Whare Wananga o Ngati Porou CEO, Mark Isles.

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Beyond the call of duty - cleaning up the Ruatoria Emergency House which is administered by the Runanga, is Housing Co-ordinator Cina Tangaere and Roxanne Reihana.

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-ti Porou to look at preserving what is left is handed on to future generations," said Kristen.

A taonga in danger of being lost, is our language. Wayne Ngata is Head of Tairāwhiti Polytechnic's Maori Studies Department that provides Maori language and tikanga programmes and a module on moteatea. He said past education policies prevented the development of reo Maori and that has a direct impact on the retention of moteatea.

"Economic development became our primary aim, especially in the days of A.T. and the land development initiatives. But in the process of developing economically and surviving, we lost focus on retaining the reo. Preserving our moteatea and other tikanga

depends on how well we preserve our reo," said Wayne.

Koro Dewes believes that establishing a Ngati Porou Archives/Museum is a means of protecting our taonga. While lecturing at Victoria University in the 1960's Koro interviewed a number of Ngati Porou pakeke including Heni Ngaropi White, Arnold Reedy Snr, Pine Taiapa and Dick Stirling. The recordings are held in the university archives and the Dewes family has requested copies of the recordings to be returned to Ngati Porou. The next step is to find a suitable storage facility for the material, which can be accessed and used by Ngati Porou.

"This is a part of our history in oral form. This type of information should be available for educational purposes. An archival facility would ensure the transmission of our cultural heritage, the recording of Ngati Porou diction, recording our music, and above all would promote language acquisition and appreciation. We have the technology to record and store that information and make it available for here and now, and the future. Knowledge is power. That is why this claim is significant," said Koro.

Kristen Kohere said it is important that Ngati Porou support the claim. She hopes Ngati Porou will show

their support by attending the hearings that commence from 10-14 August at Pakiniki Marae. Dates for further hearings are currently being negotiated and details of the other hearings will be confirmed at a later date. Ngati Porou experts giving evidence will cite examples of our history, whakapapa and tikanga. Those Nati's wishing to find out more about Ngati Porou taonga, will definitely benefit from attending the hearings and providing support.

"Intellectual property is where it is at in terms of value and asset to Ngati Porou – not only in terms of our spirituality and cultural being, but in terms of the commercial future."

If you would like any further information regarding the claim or more details about the hearings, ring Erana Reedy (06) 8648211 or fax (06) 8648938, or Kristen Kohere (04) 4724899.



The claim is also about preserving and protecting indigenous flora and fauna.



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FROM WHAREPONGA TO ARGENTINA

Argentina is a world away from the small, isolated, coastal community of Whareponga, in more ways than one. But for Sonia Keelan of Te Aitanga a Mate, it is her home for the next seven months as she sees out her American Field Scholarship. And with true Ngati Porou tenacity, seventeen year old Sonia has tackled and overcome the language barrier and the 'culture shock' of living in a different world.

Concordia is a small Argentinean community, four hours drive from Buenos Aires. Sonia tells her parents Kapa and Lucy, that Concordia is similar to Ruatoria in size. People are not very 'well-off' in Concordia, in fact meeting children and adults' begging on the streets for kai or money was a real eye opener for her.

"We take so much for granted at home. Over here you see 'real' poor people. I feel sorry for them especially the little kids on the street," Sonia wrote in one of her letters.



Sonia (centre) hanging out with two of her school friends. Both friends are called 'Romina'. Sonia attends school in Concordia for four hours a day. What a life aye!

Sonia's attending the local college and has already made a number of friends that she 'hangs out' with. And she gets plenty of time to 'hang out' and learn about her adopted country because school only runs from 7am in the morning, to 11.45am! After school she meets with her host parents Licia and Jorge Perez and their four children Guerlismo, Pablo, Laura and Gabby and they have lunch together in town. Lunch is the main meal of the day – but

guess what? They don't have butter over there! (Must be no cows in Concordia!)

The Perez whanau are native Argentineans. Licia and Jorge own a mower shop in Concordia, have a big six-bedroom home and a 'flash' car. Sonia

Sonia with her adopted whanau the Perezs' - (from left) Gabby, mother Licia, father Jorge and Jorge's brother.



says only one in twenty people in Concordia might have a 'flash' car – the rest she says, 'are like the ones that Harry Brown drives around Ruatoria!' The cost of living is very high. A small bottle of coke costs \$3! But her host whanau is very generous. They paid for all of Sonia's schoolbooks and supplies. Licia, who is the only one in the whanau that can speak a little English, has helped Sonia learn Spanish. Sonia left home with a zero knowledge base in the Spanish language. She can now korero Spanish quite fluently (she may have inherited Hose-Manuel genes somewhere!). Any other person might have felt intimidated about going to a different country, meeting new people and lacking the ability to speak to and understand them, but not Sonia. Her parents Lucy and Kapa say she's always been one to tackle challenges head on.

"Sonia's the type that, if she wants something, she'll get it. She hassled Mark Higham at the Hikurangi Foodmarket for a part-time job for her trip and got it. She's not scared of anything," said Lucy.

Raising the \$10,000 that was required for Sonia's fare and pocket money was a challenge for the whanau, but one undertaken with hard work, perseverance and humility. Shop days were run in Ruatoria and Lucy's sister Isobel organised fundraising events in Auckland. Whanau, immediate and extended, the Whareponga Marae Committee and local organisations and charities, contributed to the fundraising, in addition to Sonia's own personal savings.

"We are happy she's there because it will be a good experience for her. We'd like to thank everyone who helped to get her there," said Lucy.

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You have to be resourceful if you want to own a home, according to Cina Tangaere. Of the 372 people who have completed the courses, 48 whanau have accessed mortgage finance through the Housing Corporation. Of the 48, 34 have bought existing homes, nine have built new homes, three have relocated homes and two have renovated.

"When you are on the dole and you've paid most of your bills, there's not much left at the end of the week to put aside for a deposit," said Cina.

A recent Massey University survey revealed that 3-5 years is the most realistic time frame to raise a deposit. This reflects positively on the 48 whanau who have managed to raise a deposit despite the economic climate in Ngati Porou.

Bobbi Morice attended the Runanga's first course. With whanau support she raised her 5% deposit for a small cottage which was relocated on whanau land. Her loan managed to pay for the home and relocation costs. The plumbing still needs to be connected and the house is in need of a paint job.

"If there wasn't the 5% deposit I would never have been able to afford my own home. I'm managing the mortgage, but I'm renting in Gisborne now too so that I can go to Polytech. Saving for the improvements is hard for now, but at least I own my own home," said Bobbi.

This year the Housing Corporation is considering enhancing the programme by fixing the interest rate term for a longer period (once interest rates drop of course), and designing a formula for quantifying the sweat equity component which then can be used as part of the deposit.

Runanga CEO Amohaere Houkamau said they are also exploring ideas of a revolving putea to purchase homes, which will enable the Runanga to develop a rent-to-buy programme with prospective home owners.

"We have come to a stage where there is an emerging confidence amongst the Runanga and the Housing Corporation. We have just completed negotiations to continue to provide housing support services to clients within the Ngati Porou rohe for the next twelve months. Our aim is to maximise

the opportunities to house our people under the Low Deposit Rural Lending Programme," said Amohaere.

This year's service contract focuses on working with graduates of the Home Ownership Courses to develop personalised home-ownership plans and move whanau closer to achieving their home ownership goals.



Bobbi Morice and her daughter Atawhai. Thanks to the Low Deposit Rural Lending Programme Bobbi owns her own home.



NGA KAITIEKI

She's straight talking. She's down-to-earth. She's grassroots. Maria Whitehead of Ngati Patuwhare has been a Trustee for Rohe 3 since 1987. She's led a very busy life within her whanau and community and with her beloved marae Te Rawheoro. She's taking things easy these days.

Maria was one of the twelve children of Rongowaea Toheriri and George Ihaia Marino. Born and bred in Tolaga Bay she dropped out of college in the fourth form to begin working. There were no benefits in those days so she went out shearing. She met up with and married her late husband Porourangi Whitehead. He worked for many years on the Titi-rangi and Hauiti land blocks and once they had a family, they both went out working to save for their home.

"We both went shearing, fencing, scrub cutting. You name it we did it. I might not be able to do those things these days, but we worked to try and make a living, to try and make a life."

Maria was the only one of her brothers and sisters to remain in Tolaga Bay. She'd like to see some of her whanau land used as a papakainga for those of her whanau who wish to return home one day.

"I look at my moko's and I don't want them to ever cut their ties with the place."

One of her strong ties in Tolaga Bay is to her ancestral marae Te Rawheoro. The name Te Rawheoro was taken from the famous Whare Wananga Te Rawheoro. In the old days it was a Ringatu strong hold.

"That's how Ngati Patuwhare got its name. The Ringatu karakia early every morning and when it's time for karakia, they knock on the wall to let everyone know it's time. That's how we got the name Patuwhare."

She's spent many years as the Chairperson of the marae and also the Chairperson of the Hauiti Maori Committee. She is also a Maori warden.

But she hasn't limited her effort to the Maori community. She was an active member of the St Johns Brigade in the 1970's and 80's and also helped to establish the Uawa Rugby League Club in 1985.

Around that time the Kohanga Reo movement had begun. Maria moved to set up a Kohanga Reo at Puketawai Marae. With their first seeding grant of \$5000 they were able to hook up the electricity and water.

"Those were neat days. I couldn't speak Maori, but I could sing really well. And at that time we had the likes of Mum Ruth and Nanny Suey come in and korero to the kids. A lot of people say, you can't speak Maori, what are you doing in Kohanga. But even if you can't speak Maori, you can still think Maori."

Then she became involved in employment and training through the Uawa Kokiri, which she managed for many years. The Kokiri provided Life Skills programmes, a Driving skills programme and Book Keeping. She spent some time with the Kokiri before leaving to develop the Te Rawheoro Kohanga Reo.

When her husband Porourangi had a stroke, she nursed him until his death in 1996. She, with the help of her son, now care for her handicapped brother Ian.

When time allows she takes off to Gisborne to visit her mokopuna Larissa and Danica and for time out for herself. She's considering standing down in the next Runanga elections.

"I'm trying to slow down – to get a life. I think it's time to let the young people take the lead in the Runanga. They are more ruthless and more business minded. We need a lean, mean working machine – that's the only way to go."

Her mokopuna are the light of her life and make the years of hard work for the whanau and community, worth it.

"I love my moko's. I want them to have a good life, to be healthy and happy."



Maria Whitehead (centre) and the 'lights of her life' her mokopuna Larissa (left) and Danica.

Mauria mai ko oku painga. Waiho atu ko oku wheru.

Highlight my strengths, not my weaknesses. A saying unique to Ngati Porou (as far as I know!). Being of that

mind, what are the two most abundant resources Ngati Porou has, that are unique to Ngati Porou. Our land and our people. Only problem is that our two most abundant resources aren't linked. The majority of Ngati Porou live away from their land. This doesn't mean they are not involved, but it does mean that only a few carry the flame (ahi kaa?!)

At a recent hui in Gisborne the strength of our Maori land owners showed through. The Meat Research Development Council was looking for a community group to assist in the appointment of a Facilitator to select and organise MRDC sponsored 'Monitor Farms'. Monitor Farms are farms chosen as 'guinea pigs' to trial recommendations from a collective of experts to develop and improve the productive potential of each property. There are 26 in the country but only one in the Gisborne-East Coast-Wairoa region. Its time is just about due.

The hui was dominated by representatives of Maori land owners from Potikirua to Raupunga, who, surprisingly were more articulate in the English language and managed to express themselves more succinctly than their pakeha counterparts. Consequently Arnold Reedy and myself were successfully nominated to the selection panel with Bill Te Kahu from Wairoa and Mark Gemmell from Rere. The desire to participate was firmly registered.

To be part of this process is but a small step towards the realisation of the political-economic strength we can flex in these arenas. To fully participate in forums such as the Meat Board, Wool Board etc, which previously have been pakeha-dominated, provides a door to opportunity for land and people development within Ngati Porou. We should participate, fully. 'To walk away is to let them win'.

CAM'S CORNER



James Collier Rangiwai appeared in the very first issue of Nati Link, with his mates from Hiruharama Kohanga Reo.

I te marama o Hune i aitia te

pepi a Jacqui raua ko Steven Rangiwai a James Collier Rangiwai. Ko Jackie tetahi o nga kaimahi o Te Runanga o Ngati Porou. E toru anake nga tau o James Collier a, ko te mea tino pouri rawa atu, no na tata tonu nei ia ka whakatoria ia ki waenganui ia tatou. Inaianei kua tangohia atu ano. Ko tenei te mea tino aroha mo tenei mokopuna, tae atu ki tona whanau. No reira e te pepi James – Haere. Takahia atu te ara whanui a Tane ki te tihi o Hikurangi. Whakawhiti atu ki tua o te pae mamao, ki te hui-huinga o o tatou matua tipuna e tatari wahangu mai ra. Ki te whanau a Jackie, a Steven, a Leeann me Piri – ka nui te aroha kia koutou. Kia kaha koutou.

NGA KAIMAHI

H In our last issue we spoke to Tahito McClutchie about a return
E hikoi from Tuparoa to Te Whanau a Apanui that was planned for
the year 2000. Tahito advises that the hikoi may not take place
P in the year 2000 – but Nati Link will keep you informed of any new
developments.

A We also ran a story about the Waipiro Bay/Te Puia Springs
N Community Services Trust. The Trust organised *Treble Court*
U *Photos* to take copies of the photos in the wharehau at Kiekie
I Marae and *not* Dunstan and Kinge. Sorry for that mistake!



TAURA HERE REPORT

Many of our Ngati Porou whanaunga live in Christchurch and this month's Taura Here report comes from the Ngati Porou Taura Here ki Waitaha. Maruhaeremuri Stirling is currently Chairperson of the Taura Here and Monalisa Johnson, Secretary.

The late Wahawaha Stirling, Upoko of Te Runaka o Otautahi o Kai Tahu and his sister Kiwa Hutchen both worked tirelessly in the Maori community. Kiwa's valuable contribution was recently acknowledged by the receipt of a National Acknowledgement Award of \$5000.

Manu Korero - Hunia Pooley, from Tikitiki was placed second in the Junior Maori Section and Ahuriri, mokopuna a Maru was placed third in the Senior English Section of the Regional Manu Korero Speech Competitions.

Waka Ama - Keeping young and the 'young at heart' Nati's active and occupied is something that Willie Turei, son of Brown Turei, is committed to. He's hoping to establish a Ngati Porou Waka Ama club as part of an initiative to promote and encourage Maori to participate in the sport.

Ngati Porou Festival Preparations - And on the cultural front - Nga uri a Porourangi raua ko Tahupotiki have united to prepare for the Ngati Porou festival to be held in Whangara over Labour Weekend. Porou Koa ki Waitaha and Te Ahikaaroa have combined, under the tutelage of Tauira Takurua of Tokomaru to prepare for the Festival. Whanau from both roopu represent Porourangi and Tahupotiki and they are fundraising to make the long trip home. Ngati Porou Kapa Haka continue, 1-3pm Sundays with whanau hui.

Nga Mate o te Wa - Rongo Tautau o Mangatuna, raua ko Pixie Nahona tetahi o nga tamahine a Kath raua ko Pepi Te Wehi o Ruatoria. Kua nehua raua ki Otautahi.

He Panui Hura Pohatu - Ko ta Wharekawa Kaa. 29 August a te tekau karaka i te ata, ka huraina te pohatu whakamaumahara o Leanne Kaa, ki te urupa o Ruru ki Bromley i Otautahi. Ko to Karakia Brown ki Hauiti 23rd October, he tira kei te hanatu mai i Te Waipounamu.

Newsflash! - **Goldie Exhibition** - Vapi Kupenga and ropu touch down at Christchurch Airport from Sydney, around midnight Thursday 31 July, with part of the exhibition.

Hei korero whakamutunga, Maru Stirling says that Ngati Porou now has 56,003 members - her mokopuna Te Pere o Te Tairawhiti, me ta Kim Wetini tamaiti, me te tamahine a Te Wera me Maria Tuhou! Ka mutu ra i konei, nga mihi, Na Maru.

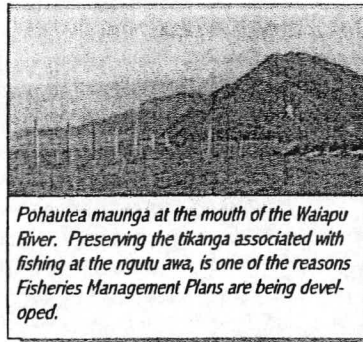
LET'S GO FISHING



Whanau and Hapu

Control over Customary Fisheries

The Customary Fisheries Regulations must reflect the traditional customs and practises of whanau and hapu. That is why the Runanga and the Horouta District Maori Executive have joined forces to achieve mana moana in customary fisheries. They are working with Ngati Porou hapu to design their individual Fisheries Management Plans tailored to suit the tikanga and practises specific to each hapu.



Pohautea maunga at the mouth of the Waiapu River. Preserving the tikanga associated with fishing at the ngutu awa, is one of the reasons Fisheries Management Plans are being developed.

Horouta District Maori Executive Chairperson Lutie Tangaere said the Treaty of Waitangi guarantees whanau and hapu exclusive rights over their resources. "Our aim is to get whanau and hapu to control their customary fisheries. We did it in the past. There was Wi White in Te Araroa and Nehe Reid in the Waiapu and they were responsible for ensuring noone contravened the lore and customs associated with our fisheries. If someone did breach those tikanga a hui was called at the marae and the perpetrator penalised.

It's this sort of control that we want to bring back," said Lutie.

This view, said Runanga Chief Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau, has always been consistent with the Runanga's perspective on ensuring hapu and marae retain their kaitiakitanga of their own kapata kai. The Runanga's role was to facilitate these developments as and where necessary.

Runanga Economic Development Manager Arnold Reedy said hapu were using the Te Whanau a Hunaara Seafood Management Plan as a framework to develop their own plans.

"We want to ensure that the Crown's Customary Fisheries Regulations reflect the tikanga and practises of the various whanau and hapu within Ngati Porou. If we can control our customary fisheries, then we ensure our mana moana" he said.

They hope to have the hapu fisheries plans completed by September. The draft regulations will then be assessed for consistency with our hapu tikanga. If not, representation will be made to government to make the regulations consistent with our tikanga.

Their next hui will be held in Wharekahika on August 9. They are expecting NZ First's Maori MP's to attend this hui.



Kate Wharepapa and Metua Cassidy at the screening of 'Nga Tikanga Tapu a Tangaroa me tana iwi a Ngati Porou' at Te Aowera Marae. Beau Haereroa of Te Aowera hapu appeared on the video to explain the significance of the whakatauki - 'Te Aowera kai tuna pakupaku'.

NEW LOOK CORPORATE PLAN - NEW LOOK RUNANGA

An internal audit activity, focus on whanau and hapu development and a Treaty Claims branch are just some of the new initiatives in the Runanga's 1988/99 plan. Chief Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau said the Runanga is always looking at ways of improving performance and that's happening not only in terms of operations, but also in the presentation of the Corporate Plan. This year's plan includes photos of staff and Trustees, a list of marae contacts and Ngati Porou hapu.

"The Iwi Development branch has been renamed the Whanau/Hapu Development branch as it rein-

forces the Runanga's commitment to devolving service provision to hapu as the most appropriate service delivery mechanism to whanau. Our social services will increase their focus on working with hapu to be able them to take over the delivery of services," said Amohaere.

Auditing internal operations will become an annual event, in the same way the Annual Audit is conducted on the Runanga's financial accounts. This year the Runanga's Human Resource Management system was reviewed and improvements suggested, which included the reformatting of job descriptions and the introduction of performance agreements for Staff and Trustees.

Customary Fisheries, Hikurangi Covenant and

Treaty Claims Research activities have been amalgamated into the new Treaty Claims department. These activities were previously managed under different branches. The Economic Development Branch has expanded its activities to include a feasibility to establish a Ngati Porou bank, a Ngati Porou Accounting Service and the development of an Investment Portfolio.

The Corporate Plan will be provided in Maori and English, as part of the Runanga's commitment to promoting *te reo ake o Ngati Porou*.

1998/99 Corporate Plans will be available from Runanga offices from 21 August 1998.



LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVING MANA MOTUHAKE

It is countdown to the Gisborne District Council Elections. There for the taking - the Mayoralty, eight seats in the Gisborne Ward and one each in the Waiapu, Matakaoa, Uawa, Taruheru-Patutahi, Cook and Waikohu wards. Previous council experience not required, but commitment to Ngati Porou development is essential. Any takers?

Yes - it's that time again. Time to start identifying and encouraging would-be councillors and to check whether all your whanaunga are on the roll to vote in the elections. Runanga Chief Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau said the 1996 Census showed that Ngati Porou make up 25% of the total population in the Gisborne/EastCoast area, therefore we should be aiming to have at least 25% or more representation on the local authority.

"We need to position ourselves in our local authority to effect change and influence at the decision making level. By doing this we move closer to achieving and contributing to our own mana motuhake and we gain experience in learning the



Well-known in whanau, hapu, iwi and community circles, Selwyn Parata was nominated to stand as a candidate for the Waiapu ward in the forthcoming GDC Elections at the June Hui-a-Iwi.

machinations of how a local authority operates. My approach is to learn their game plan and change it to suit us. If it costs us more energy and time than what we are getting in return, then create your own game plan and your own team."

Chairman Api Mahuika wants to move on this concept. He likes the idea of a Ngati Porou Local Authority and sees the Gisborne District Council Elections as an opportunity for Ngati Porou to get the necessary grounding in local authority matters and then move on.

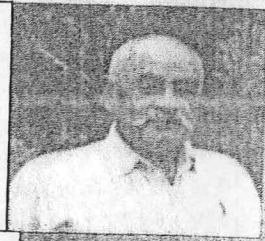
"We have to look at making sure we have people in place who are committed to Ngati Porou and we need to unite to put these people in. I hope our young people consider standing for these positions, to ensure that we do have a voice," said Api.

Tui Takarangi of Te Puawaitanga o Ruatorea knows how important it is to have a voice on the council. Te Puawaitanga o Ruatorea has actively lobbied the council for improvements to Ruatoria township. The lobbying has paid off. The town now has a playground; a basketball court; swings, streetlights and contractors are currently installing cobble stone footpaths in the main street.

"Improvements will happen if we note our concerns. My view is that we pay our rates, but what do we get for our money. We don't have a sewerage system, we don't have a library or museum, and we don't have a bus service or a water supply. We need to fight for what we can get and one way to do that is to get our people on the council," said Tui.

Amohaere Houkamau said many Ngati Porou received incorrect voting papers in the last election. The Runanga is establishing a working party to check the electoral roll and ensure that every

Api Mahuika supports the concept of a Ngati Porou Local Authority and the need to groom young Nati's for decision-making positions.



Ngati Porou eligible to vote has the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Everyone who is on the electoral roll will be sent voting papers. Copies of the roll will be available from the Runanga office in Ruatoria, Hikurangi Foodmarket in Ruatoria, Tolaga Bay Area School, Hatearangi School in Tokomaru Bay, Te Waha o Rerekohu in Te Araroa and Waikura School. Forms have already been posted out to all registered voters to check their enrolment details are correct. Voters need to check that the details are correct and if they aren't, the amendments should be posted back to the Registrar of Elections, using the Freepost envelope enclosed in the package. Nominations for candidates open on 31 July and close on 28 August. Voting papers will be delivered in the last week of September. Election Day is the 10 October. It is a matter of ticking your candidate's name and popping your voting form in the mailbox.

"Make sure you are on the roll. Support your Ngati Porou candidate and make sure you get out and vote, otherwise we will remain on the losing end of local authority funding and policy decision making processes," said Amohaere Houkamau.

5-YEAR PLAN RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

'An overwhelming success'. That's how Runanga Chief Executive Officer is describing the Runanga Review process that wound down this month. To have completed a nation-wide consultation programme of 48 hui in 4 1/2 months is a major achievement in itself, said Amohaere.

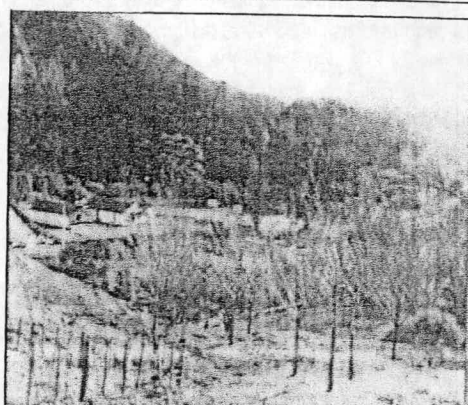
"The positive and proactive response of Natis at home and particularly abroad was outstanding and incredibly rewarding. People were surprised that the Runanga listened to and acknowledged what they said and then had produced a 5-year Strategic Plan that captured those key points," said Amo.

Overall the numbers attending the second consultation hui were reduced, partly Amo says, because every participant in the first consultation round, received a written summary of the hui issues and the draft strategic plan before the second round.

Many indicated 'they didn't have much to add, delete or change' and therefore were satisfied with the direction and approach that the Runanga had taken. Unanimous support for the Taumata Tirohanga - *Ko te whakapumau i te mana motuhake o Ngati Porou i roto i tona mana Atua, mana tangata, mana whenua* was achieved. However, people felt the Mission Statement should be revisited because it needed the same dynamic energy as the Taumata Tirohanga.

"People want more emphasis on our political leadership and moving and positioning Ngati Porou into key political positions. That's a priority for our people."

Ngati Porou have been given an opportunity to make submissions on the draft plan and the closing date for submissions is 31 July 1998. The final draft Strategic Plan will be presented for adoption at the next Hui-a-Iwi which will be held on 27 September in Rohe 1.



The sleepy community of Whareponga, with Whareponga marae to the right of the picture.

The Vision of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou is:

"To assert the sovereignty of Ngati Porou through it's people, it's land and it's resources."



PLANS WILL ENABLE HAPU TO MANAGE THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Currently the Runanga has one of the most comprehensive environmental resource databases in the country. Since 1995 they have been gathering environmental data to assist the hapu of Hinerupe, Tuwhakairiora, Takimoana, Te Aotawairangi and Hunaara, and the land blocks of Uruahi, Rotokautuku and Taurawharona, develop their own resource management plans. It's about empowering hapu to manage their own resources.

The Hapu Environmental Management Plans project was developed in recognition of the demands on our environmental resources and the fact that in terms of decision making, whanau and hapu were virtually powerless to determine how those resources are used. Over the past three years the project team has been collecting and storing information about the environment – the land, vegetation, soil, rivers, sea, and their significance to whanau and hapu. Project Manager Vianney Douglas said, with that information whanau and hapu are then able to develop a plan to manage those resources and control how they are used, preserved or protected.

"Hundreds of organisations have environmental resource information about us. Our aim was to bring all that information back to Ngati Porou and use it to support the decisions we make about the environment." Plan development is being trialed with five hapu groups and three land blocks, with the view of producing a process which other hapu can use to develop their own plans. The first phase of the project was the recording of areas of cultural significance. A number of pakeke were interviewed. The next phase was the compilation of an inventory of environmental resources. This meant accessing environmental data about the land held by organisations like Manaaki Whenua on soil class, vegetation cover, land use and rock type. Accessing some of this information was costly, but definitely an investment in the future, said Vianney Douglas. She said purchasing the Geographic Information System computer database into which all the information gathered is input and stored was a good investment. The project team comprising Deanna Harrison, Matu Ihaka, Rei Kohere and Pia Pohatu have mastered the system so well that they have been requested by numerous iwi to make presentations about the project.

"I think that's really neat for us. Ngati Porou is actually leading the way in resource management especially in the use of technology."



The Hapu Environmental Management Plan Project Team. L to R from back: Matu Ihaka, Vianney Douglas, Rei Kohere, Pia Pohatu and Deanna Harrison (seated in front).

The GIS is also able to store video clippings and photographs. Information can be secured so that it is only accessible to members or descendants of specific groups.

Vianney said the project encourages whanau and hapu to take an active role in the management of the environment.

"It will change our behaviour in terms of looking after and utilising our resources. If hapu have their own plans then the Runanga can develop an iwi environmental plan and policies so we remain focussed on what issues are important for hapu and whanau."

The Runanga has an agreement with the Gisborne District Council to provide advice on resource consents submitted to the Council, for a range of activities including subdivision and moving roads. This ensures the necessary groundwork is completed to ensure wahi tapu and other areas of significance to Ngati Porou are not desecrated. Vianney said the Runanga provides a link between the Gisborne District Council and Ngati Porou, but the hope is that a process will be developed so that hapu will be able to be contacted directly to advise about their own areas. Te Aitanga a Hauiti are already processing consents relevant to their area. Victor Walker from the Te Aitanga a Hauiti Mana Kaitiaki group said they are already looking to develop their own resource management plan and the experience of processing consents has been very beneficial.

"Our wahi tapu are non-negotiable, that goes without saying. The Runanga staff have been extremely helpful in terms of sharing their skills and allowing us access to the database. With the consents we facilitate consultation between the GDC, the developers and our people so that everyone who will be affected is informed and the right decisions are made. We report back to Te Aitanga a Hauiti every month."

The project team will be downsized at the end of July, with Pia Pohatu remaining to continue the team's work. The Runanga is exploring ways to support other hapu that wish to develop their own plans.

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An overarching strategic education plan for the East Coast will then be put together based on the individual school plans.

April Papuni (Central Schools), Hera Katipa (Northern Schools) and Erana Reedy (Southern Schools) have joined the Gardiner and Parata Ltd team as School Cluster Co-ordinators to provide support to the Facilitators. To assist the planning process, Community Facilitators underwent Future Mapping, Gap Analysis and Strategic Planning Training this month with Dr Linda Smith (of the Walkers from Mangaoporo) of Auckland University. The Facilitators are now moving among whanau in the community encouraging stakeholders to dream and then to



Future mapping and dream catching were the themes of the first training session for Community Facilitators.

shape those dreams into a strategy to create the school plan.

Apyll Parata-Blane has a message for all parents, caregivers, grandparents and whanau.

"It's time to blow the cobwebs and start dreaming. Dream about where you want your child to be in say, the year 2020. Do you want them to be confident, independent, creative, employed and making a positive contribution to the East Coast and the wider community? You bet!"

If you want to have input in to your school plan - ring your school for the contact details of your Community Facilitator or contact one of the Project Team Members.

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Use of the GIS computer system to record environmental information for hapu means Ngati Porou has one of the most comprehensive environmental databases in the country.



RUNANGA BUDGET SERVICE KAIMAHI PROVIDING A VALUABLE SERVICE TO WHANAU

If you faced the possibility of having no kai in the cupboard or paying off that overdue power bill, what would you do? You haven't paid your rates for the last ten years so the GDC is going to sell your house. Who can you call? A budget counsellor, that's who. And guess what? Ngati Porou has it's own Budget Service.

The Runanga's Budget Advice Counselling Service was set up in 1992 to provide confidential, accessible, culturally appropriate and free budgeting advice to Ngati Porou. Judy Kururangi leads the team, covering the northern area of the Ngati Porou rohe and Sonia Jones works the southern end.

Currently most of their clients are referred to the service by the New Zealand Income Support Service, some are referred to them by whanau, and others are self-referrals because they need help. Helping people is second nature to Judy Kururangi. She said the first point of call for her is to build a rapport with her clients and then move into the nuts and bolts of completing a budget analysis including assessing all benefit entitlements.

"Many of
actually



our clients don't
know what their

benefit entitlements are. Once that's determined we work on developing a budget, how much money is coming in, what their priorities are. We set a budget based on when the money comes in – if it's weekly then we put aside on a weekly basis a putea for kai, the phone, power etc. If you own a car and need to pay for a registration, that is included in your weekly budget so that say \$10 is put aside for your registration. Some say, oh we'll spend it if it's in our account – so we advise setting up another account so that you aren't tempted to touch it."

The payment of rates and the mortgage is always a high priority. Judy said many whanau do not realise that homes can be sold if rates are in arrears. Budget Services can advocate on behalf of clients with the local authority to avoid a mortgagee sale.

"That's success for me. Seeing that a home is not sold. I put everything aside and work really hard to stop the sale from happening, and it's worked." She averages about forty clients at one time, a third of which are summary installment clients. These are people struggling to pay off bills and have been referred to Budget Services by the Courts. Judy and Sonya will contact creditors and then develop a repayment process which ensures the debts are repaid and the whanau still has enough to cover living expenses.

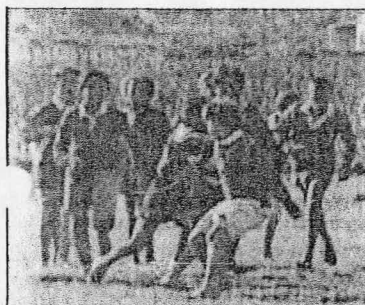
Judy provides budget advice to students at Tairāwhiti Polytechnic and tutors classes on budgeting. The service to Polytechnic students was initiated because there are significant number of Ngati Porou students at the Polytechnic. They also run a

Budgeting Module for the Runanga's Home Ownership Skills Courses, where they work with course participants to identify all the costs associated with buying or building homes and planning for mortgage repayments, insurance and rates. Judy says providing budget advice is not about judging people and how they spend their money, it's about providing them with information and advice which empowers them to make decisions for themselves. For Judy, that's one of the highlights of the job.

"I love the job, I love working with people. The highlight of my job is getting back to basics. Crossing the river to visit a client, skirt tucked in the bloomie, high heels in hand ... you know you'd never get that in an eight to five job. It's about meeting people at their level and doing something positive."



Runanga Budget Service Kaimahi Sonia Jones (left) and Judy Kururangi (right). "... providing Budget Advice is not about judging people ... its about providing them with information which empowers them to make decisions for themselves ..."



A young Waiapu player slips through the Matakaoa defence during a Raukumara grade game.

Ko Hikurangi te maunga - Ko Tokararangi te toka

I roto i te whakataetae whakamutunga i waenganui i nga karapu whutuporo o Ngati Porou mo tenei tau, ka hinga a Hikurangi i a Tokararangi i raro i te maru o Whetumatarau ki te papa takaro o Te Araroa. Ahakoa i kaha te marangai i taua ra, i kaha ke atu te karawhiu a Tokararangi i nga toa o Hiku-

rangi. Ka mau ke te wehi! I te mutunga i tuohu a Hikurangi a, i riro i a Tokararangi te wikitoria mo taua whakataetae karapu. *Kia ora ra te tima toa o Tokararangi me o koutou kaitautoko!*



Parents from Waiapu enjoy a sunny Saturday morning at Windy Park, Rangitukia, watching their children play rugby.



Matakaoa's Small Blacks team are primed and ready for rugby. Future All Blacks in the making!



NZ's top referee Steve Walsh 'does the honours' at the East Coast IAB Finals, with TVNZ's Mara programme filming the day.