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Ko Waiaapu te Awa
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Chairman's Report



Apirana Mahuika

Tena tataui o tataui mate e whakamamae, e whakapouri nei i tena whanau, i tena whanau. Na reira ko tataui e pehia nei e nga whakamataui o te wa, kia kaha, a, kia mau ki Te Ariki hei whakaruru i tena, i tena o tataui.

What a marvellous month we have had as an iwi. We have won the Third Division NPC Rugby, and this result has to be positive for our pride and self esteem as an iwi. Our Ngati Porou East Coast team is to be congratulated for the way in which they have played the game all season. Praise should be expressed also for the Coach, Joe McClutchie and all the Ngati Porou Rugby administrators, managers etc, including the Chairman Bill Burdett. Heio, ka nui nga mihi. Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti hosted the Ngati Porou Festival during Labour Weekend, and this too was a great event and occasion. Thank you cultural participants for making the festival a success, and to Hauiti for a great cultural celebration.

May we continue with this event as it is very significant to the retention of our spiritual and cultural pride as Ngati Porou.

On the 30th September 1999, we signed agreements with the Crown regarding an official accessway over Pakihiroa Station to Mt Hikurangi, together with a conservation covenant. The Crown was represented by the Minister of Conservation, the Hon Dr Nick Smith and members of his staff. Sadly, after the signing Hugh Barr, a pakeha conservationist, has brought legal action preventing us from registering the accessway. A court

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Chief Executive Officer's Report



Amohaere Houkamau

Tena tatou i o tatou mate e hinga mai nei, e hinga atu ra, no reira ratou kua wheturangitia, haere, haere, haere. Tatou nga waiho tanga iho rataui ma, tena tatou.

In the last six weeks Ngati Porou has had much to celebrate and in true 'Nati' style we have gone out and literally painted the town blue (not red!).

The fifth Ngati Porou Hui Taurima was a success and was 'stresslessly' hosted by Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti on the 23rd October.

The Festival has become a pilgrimage for expatriate Natis to come home to be revitalised and to rekindle and strengthen whanau and bonds while being immersed in a Nati energy flow of waiata, witticisms and whanaungatanga. Kia ora koutou nga whanaunga o Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti mo o koutou tautoko mo tenei taonga o tatou.

A new phenomenon hit the East Coast in the week leading up to and the week after the grand finale of the NPC Third Division competition in Ruatoria. The phenomenon was 'Blue-out', all the business establishments and shop fronts in Ruatoria were awash with blue and white balloons, streamers and slogans encouraging Ngati Porou East Coast to a spirited win. Cars that streamed into Ruatoria from the North and South created a symphony of toots as they passed homes, displaying placards that encouraged people to 'toot' their horns as a sign of their support for Ngati Porou East Coast. Every second car was painted with 'Pro-Ngati Porou' slogans and the chanting of Nati! Nati! Nati! swept around Whakarua Park stopping 'Lion Red Poverty Bay' supporters in their tracks.

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Chairman's Report (continued)

hearing in about March 2000 will be held to consider Hugh Barr's court action. At that time I will contact as many of our people as possible to come to the court to support our mana over Hikurangi. On the matter of Hugh Barr's court action, Te Runanga O Ngati Porou will stand alongside the Crown to fight the matter.

Heoi kei te inoi atu mo nga tautoko kei tena, kei tena o tatau.

Election Year!!! that is - "The Silly Season" - is upon us once again. Politicians are promising us many things, while some are determined to terminate the Treaty Claims by iwi. In all we have several candidates standing for different political persuasions, and I wish each of them well in their campaign and aspirations.

I will end my comments here and commend to you all this edition of Nati Link.

Ma Te Atua tatau e manaaki, e tiaki.

Kia Ora

A T Mahuika

Chief Executive Report (continued)

The Sky Commentators, Air New Zealand Officials and Rugby Union Officials on site summed it up by saying they had never been treated to such hospitality, spontaneity and sheer love and enthusiasm for the game of rugby than that they experienced and witnessed at Whakarua Park. "That is what heartland rugby is all about" perhaps we can bottle it and sell it to the All Blacks who could do with an injection of excitement, energy and pure inspiration.

The return of the 158 person C Company delegation that travelled to Italy, provided us with a more sombre occasion for reflection and commemoration. Never-the-less it was the first real opportunity for many to release unshed tears for those whanau members that never returned home and to re-build relationships with the Italian people, who were most appreciative of the C. Company's contribution to the war effort.

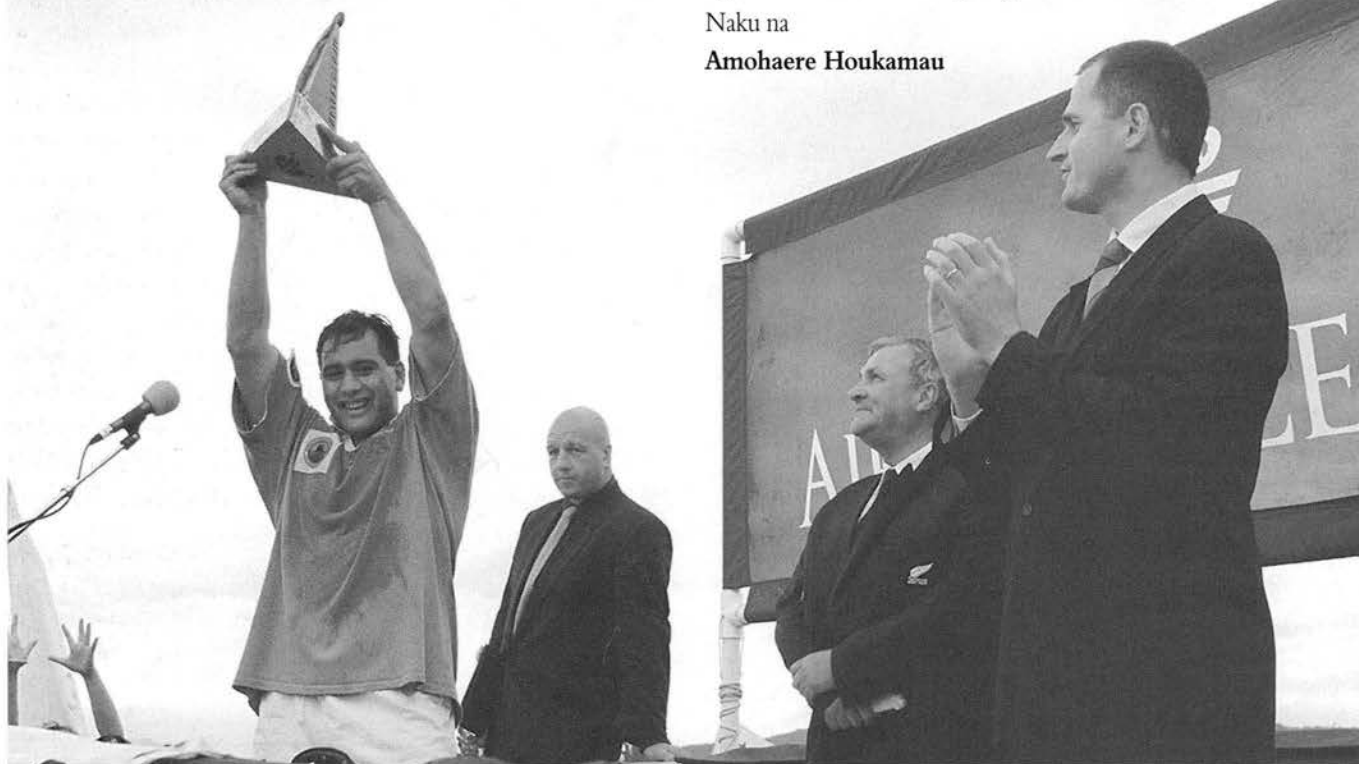
Te Runanga O Ngati Porou sponsored two taonga, a photograph of Hikurangi Maunga in a carved frame which was presented to the Pope and a 'toki' carved by Jack Brooking called Tumatauenga, presented at the Mayoral function in Rome.

Our final celebration was the 'hand-over ceremony' for the new Board of Trustees for Te Runanga O Ngati Porou. The Runanga has 10 new Board members and 10 Trustees who were re-elected.

My congratulations to the new Board members and my thanks and appreciation to all the out-going Trustees.

Naku na

Amohaere Houkamau



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NGATI POROU EAST COAST RUGBY



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“Way to go Ngati Porou”

Tena tatou Ngati Porou otira i to tatou tima whutupaoro i wikitoria i te NPC 3rd Division. Ka mau te wehi o te takatu o te whitiki hoki o nga kaitautoko i a Ngati Porou i runga i te papa takaro o Whakarua i a tatou i whakataetae ana i o tatou whanaunga o Turanganui-a-Kiwa.

During the last month we have seen history being made, Ngati Porou East Coast made it into the semi-finals of the NPC 3rd Division for the first time in eighty years as a provincial team, then to win the Final, before a jubilant home crowd of approximately 6,000 people. Ka mau te wehi!

Of historical significance also is the fact that the Ngati Porou East Coast team derives from the smallest provincial union in the country and it is the only Iwi sponsored team in the country.

Without a doubt the team's success has been rightly interpreted as an Iwi success and the positive hype and recognition has contributed to a revival of fierce 'Nati' pride and unity. And, if there was ever a time that we needed to unite, believe in ourselves as Ngati Porou, then it is now the eve of the year 2000 as we are set to lead the world into the next millennium.

The confidence gained from that one victory wipes out successive failures and demonstrates the principle “ma te wa”. It was inevitable that Ngati Porou East Coast would one day rise to the occasion, and



what better day to do that than when the name Ngati Porou is emblazoned on the sky-blue jersey.

Some people may say “hika what's all the fuss, it was one game of rugby”. Others will tell you that the energy and enthusiasm generated by the crowd and the game that day gave a renewed confidence in the knowledge that if we put our hearts, minds and souls together on one kaupapa, then we can achieve anything.

No reira kia ora tatou katoa

Amohaere Houkamau

**NGATI POROU EAST COAST RUGBY**

Photograph courtesy The Herald



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Te tima toa a Ngati Porou

Auina ake te Ratapu, ka tu ko te pakanga whakamutunga o tenei mano tau. Ara, ko te kemu whutupaoro o te Reanga Tuatoru mo te Air New Zealand National Provincial Championships ki te papa o Whakarua. Waimarie hoki a Ngati Porou East Coast, me Lion Red Poverty Bay i te rironga o tenei tu ahuatanga i a raua, i Ruatorea rawa!!! Ahakoa hinga ranei, toa ranei a Ngati Porou, parekareka tonu rawa atu. Tangi mai ai te umere a Nati ma i te mutunga o te kemu, i toa ano nga uri a Porourangi (me Fiji hoki). Kei whea ke te mutunga o te harikoa, koia tenei ko te ekenga o te tima ki te tihi o Hikurangi i papa ai te whatitiri i hikohiko ai te uira i ru ai te whenua i te turangahakoa a Ngati Porou, ka mau ke te wehi!

Na Ngarangi Walker



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MAI TURANGA KI RANGIATEA

"He Kakano i ruia mai i Rangiatea"



A Ngati Poroutanga grant of \$500.00 was allocated from Te Runanga O Ngati Porou Trust Fund to help subsidise the travel costs for Gisborne Girls High School. The Trust Fund is confirmed annually by Te Runanga Trustees pending the availability of surplus monies. Other grants allocated from the Trust Fund are; Education, Putea Whakataui (hardship), Hapu Development, Rangatahi/Whanau Development, Taura Here Development.

Ko tera hoki te whakatauki ahua wawata ki a matou nga wahine toa o te kura wahine o Turanga-nui-a-Kiwa.

I te marama o Mahure i tenei tau i haere matou ki tawahi ki te whenua tapu o a matou tipuna. E kiiia nei ko matou hoki nga

kakano i ruia mai i Rangiatea, ko matou hoki nga mokopuna Maori o Rangiatea.

I eke wakarerangi matou mai i Akarana ki Tahiti. Mai i Taihiti i eke matou i tetahi "Cargo Boat". He tino rereke tera waka ki a matou – kore turu, kore moenga. I moe matou ma runga papa. Te maro hoki o to matou moe. Tekau ma tahi haora te roa o tera haerenga.

I tae matou ki Rangiatea i te moata o te ata. ki tera moutere tino ataahua, tino miharo hoki.

Ko te mea nui mo matou te iwi Maori ko te haerenga ki runga i a Taputapuetea, te marae rangatira o nga Maori katoa o te ao. Na tenei marae i ahu mai nga waka o Aotearoa.

He maha nga mea pai rawa atu ki a matou – nga wai moana ataahua o te rohe, nga marae tapu, nga rakau kokonati hei kai ma matou.

Engari ki a matou hoki ko te mea tino rawa atu, ko nga uri o reira, ara ko Ngati Maohi. No reira nga mihi nui ki te whenua tapu o Rangiatea, ki nga tangata whenua. Na ta koutou awhina, me ta ratou aroha e pai ai ta matou haerenga.

Ka ea nga kopu. "He kakano i ruia mai i Rangiatea kia kore e ngaro"

Na
Kahurangi Waititi

Turanga – wahine, Turanga-nui-a-Kiwa
Iwi – Te Whanau-a-Apanui/Ngati Porou



Victor Taingahue kicks the 35 metre field goal that separates the sides.

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TE HUI TAURIMA O NGATI POROU 1999

Anei tetahi pitopito korero mo to tatou hui taurima

Haruru tapuwae ana te papa i Uawa i te rangi i hui tahi ai a Nati ma ki te haka, ki te waiata, ki te whakangahau ano i te hui taurima a Ngati Porou ki roto o Te Aitanga a Hauiti. Kaore i arikarika te putunga mai o te tangata, pakeke mai, tamariki mai, ki te kawae i nga waiata haka a Ngati Porou mo Ngati Porou, ki te hui tahi ano ki nga whanaunga, ki te whakahikohiko hoki i te ngakau o tamawahine, o tamatane ki nga



ahuatanga, ki nga tikanga na reira ano i kiia ai tatau ko Ngati Porou, he iwi moke, he whanoke.

Katahi te hui pai ko nga hui penei na, i rere ai te ihiihi, i

wana ai te wehi, i te matakitanga atu i nga kapa e patere ana, e tioriori ana, e ngangahu ana, e whakahihi ana i runga ano i te turangahakoa. Ka mutu ko te pai o te noho tahi a nga whanau, a nga hapu o Ngati Porou i runga i te whakaaro kotahi, ko o tatou tahu mai i te po e tuitui ana i a tatou i roto i a Porourangi tatou i roto i a Porourangi iwi. Ka nui nga mihi ki a Ngati Porou kei te whenua, kei te kainga hoki mo koutou i tautoko mai, i whakanui mai, i whakarangatira mai i ta tatou hui.

Hei whakakapi ake ko te mihi nui hoki ki a to tatou tima whutuporo; ehara i te tima pango i hinga atu ai i rawahi, engari ko Ngati Porou East Coast ke mo koutou i whakatauiria atu ki te ao, kaore ma te moni, engari ma te ngakau nui, ma te upoko pakaru ano e eke panuku, e eke Tangaroa, ka tu mai te toki, ka haumi e, ka hui e, ka taiki e!

Na

Wayne Ngata



Ka mau te wehi te manaaki a Te Aitanga a Hauiti i o ratou tuakana taina i whakaemi ki te papa takaro o te kura a rohe o Uawa. Pokia ana te papa i te tangata ki te matakitaki nga roopu haka mai i te wa kainga ki nga roopu haka a Ngati Porou kei te whenua e takatu ana.

He ataahua te matakitaki te whakarongo hoki i tena whakatipuranga i tena whakatipuranga e waiata ana e haka ana i nga taonga taketake a Ngati Porou.

Ka pai te rangi ataahua mahana ana nga hiihi a Tama-nui-te-ra, a mahana ana hoki te noho a te momo kotahi ki te korero, te whakawhiwhiti whakaaro, ki te tuhonohono hoki i o ratou kawai tangata.

Neke atu i te rua mano nga tangata i tatu mai ki te tautoko i tenei ra

whakahirahira a Ngati Porou.

Tekau ma waru nga kapa haka, a, ko te mea miharo rawa atu ko te kite i te hunga nohinohi e haka ngatahi ana i te taha i nga mea tu pakeke o ratou tipuna tuarua tuatoru hoki.



Te mutunga mai o te reka o nga kai i hokona e tena whanau e tena whanau. Na hoki te nuinga o nga wahi hoko kai he roopu mahi moni mo nga kura, mo nga marae, mo nga kaupapa no roto ake i te takiwa o Uawa.

Na reira koutou nga whanaunga kaore ano kia tae mai ki nga hui taurima a Ngati Porou me ata whakawatea nga ra e rua a te tau e tu mai



nei mo tenei hui nui whakaharahara i roto o Tokomaru i raro i te maru o Marotiri maunga e tauawhitia nei e Te Whanau a Ruataupare me Te Whanau a Te Aotawarirangi.

I timata a Ngati Porou i nga taurima i te tau 1995 i roto o Tokomaru. I te tau 1996 ka tau te kaupapa nei ki Ruatorea ki te papa tipu o Uepohatu. 1997 ki roto o Te Kawakawa mai i Tawhiti. 1998 ki roto o Whangara mai i Tawhiti a hurihuri haere nga taurima ki roto te rohe mai i Potikirua ki te Toka a Taiau i runga i te tono a nga hapu o aua takiwa.

Heoi ano ra kare hoki he kaupapa i tua atu i tenei, mena he whakaaro wahau hei whakapai ake i nga whakahaeere a nga taurima me tuhi mai ki to tatou Runanga.

Na Selwyn Parata

I te wa whakata o Reipa, ka whitia te Tairawhiti e te ra. I te Rahoroi i tu mai te hui taurima a Ngati Porou ki Uawa. Ko te Aitanga-a-Hauiti. I haere mai nga ropu mai i Kirikiriroa, i Papaioea, i Hukarere, i Te Whanganui-a-Tara, i te wa kainga hoki. Ka muia te papa e te mahi a te Nati ki te tautoko i te kaupapa. Harikoa ana te ngakau ki te rongoi nga waiata tawhito, nga waiata hou me nga haka taparahi a Ngati Porou. Ko Whangara-mai-Tawhiti tetahi o nga ropu, ko Hikurangi tetahi atu o nga ropu i tu ki te haka. Ehara tenei hui taurima i te hui whakataetae. Ko tenei tetahi o nga wa ka hoki mai nga uri o Ngati Porou ki te whakanui i to tatou Ngati Poroutanga. Ki a matau he wa tenei kia taea e matou te kitekite i a matau ano. Ka taea hoki e nga whangaunga mai i nga taone te hoki mai ki te wa kainga. Ka rawe te tu a nga tamariki pakupaku i te atamira ki te whakaatu mai i o ratou "wares" ki te iwi matakitaki. Ko Shane Nikora te tangata i whakakoakoa i a matau i tenei hui. Ka mutu te tangata hatakehi ko ia. I reira ano nga toa hoko kai, hoko ahikeremi, hoko hate, hoko aha atu hoki. He nui no te kai moana ka kino hoki te reka o te paua o te kina. He ra tino pai tenei mo te iwi horapa i te rohe o Ngati Porou. Ka nui taku mihi ki nga uri a Hauiti mo ratau i whakapaukaha ki te kawae i tenei hui whakahirahira a Ngati Porou.

Na Ngarangi Walker



TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU 1999 ELECTION RESULTS

MEMBERS

Kapunga DEWES
 Apirana MAHUIKA
 Atareta POANANGA
 Wiremu KAA
 April PAPUNI-ILES
 Selwyn PARATA
 William BURDETT
 Hopa KEELAN
 Taina NGARIMU
 Tui TAKARANGI
 Tuta WILKIE
 Rawiri COLLIER
 Nolan RAIHANIA
 Paiharehare WHITEHEAD
 Patrick KOPUA
 Tawa PAENGA
 Anaru PAENGA
 William IRWIN
 Lawrence
 TUKAKI-MILLANTA
 Denise REID

VOTES

511
 498
 432
 414
 363
 637
 576
 543
 501
 438
 280
 274
 258
 252
 247
 68
 50
 Noho-Kainga
 Noho-Kainga
 Noho-Kainga

ROHE

Potikirua ki Waiapu
 Potikirua ki Waiapu
 Potikirua ki Waiapu
 Potikirua ki Waiapu
 Potikirua ki Waiapu
 Pohautea Ki Tawhiti
 Pohautea Ki Tawhiti
 Pohautea Ki Tawhiti
 Pohautea Ki Tawhiti
 Pohautea Ki Tawhiti
 Tawhiti Ki Rototahe
 Tawhiti Ki Rototahe
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 Rototahe Ki Toka a Taiau

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

ROHE 1

Ellen STANTON 300
 Peri NGATA 290
 Henare GREEN 272
 Kakapawaiwaho TIBBLE 266
 Bailey MACKAY 246
 Tipuna TANGAERE 216
 Chris HAENGA 198
 Parekura KAA 183
 Edward WHITE 161
 Maruhaeremuri
 STIRLING 73

ROHE 4

Waaka KERR 43
 James PIWARI 34
 Te Rarua
 Mc CLUTCHIE-MORRELL 21

ROHE 2

Hiria JOHNSON 391
 Polly TE RAUNA 357
 Eru POTAKA-DEWES 354

ROHE 3

Tate PEWHAIRANGI 240
 Edina COULSTON 229
 Lybia HAYES 192
 Georgina JOHNSON 166



**NGATI POROU WAI 262 HEARINGS CONCLUDED****1999 Elections Cont.....**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all those who voted and to reassure voters that their ballot papers were treated with the upmost confidentiality, by the Returning Officer and her team.

The Returning Officer confirmed that all voting procedures complied with the prescribed regulations in the Maori Trust Board Acts (1985).

However, despite our compliance with the legislative requirements and the genuine effort made to run a cost-effective and robust election we do recognise that there are improvements that we will need to make for the 2002 Trustee Elections including:

- confirming the legislative requirement for a minimum of 3 noho-kainga candidates per rohe to be appointed as Trustees
- clarifying the definition of noho-kainga. A noho-kainga candidate according to the Te Runanga O Ngati Porou Act is a candidate who resides in the rohe that he/she is standing for election in
- designing a new format that ensures ballot forms have been completed appropriately and are able to be checked off against the register while ensuring that the 'confidentiality' of the ballot is made more apparent

Postal Voting

Elections were conducted by postal voting this year. In order to conduct this election by postal ballot an amendment to the Runanga was sought and enacted on the 27th August 1999.

**Returned Ballot Papers**

The rate of return of ballot papers shows an increase in participation by those beneficiaries who are registered on the Runanga roll and eligible to vote. There was a 9% increase in the total votes cast for this election in comparison with the previous election.

**Change of Addresses**

Of the voting packs distributed, 7% were returned either because they were incorrectly addressed or the beneficiary no longer lived at that address. The Runanga is committed to ensuring all beneficiaries have the opportunity to exercise their vote, therefore we need your assistance in updating us, with any changes to your contact details.

**Acknowledgements**

On behalf of Te Runanga O Ngati Porou, I wish to acknowledge all those who participated in the election process. To all the candidates, nga mihi nui ki a koutou and to all those that voted, Kia Ora. Your participation in the process indicates an increasing confidence and interest in the Runanga. To the Returning Officer Mere Pohatu and her team who gave above and beyond the call of duty, your support is acknowledged and appreciated.

Finally, I have pleasure in confirming the official results of the 1999 Te Runanga O Ngati Porou Elections.

Amohaere Houkamau, Chief Executive Officer

The final Waitangi Tribunal hearing for Ngati Porou evidence in support of the WAI 262 treaty claim was held in August. The hearing at Rahui Marae, Tikitiki, was the third held in Ngati Porou. Previous hearings were held at Pakirikiri Marae, Tokomaru Bay, in August 1998 and Uepohatu Marae, Ruatoria, in April this year.

WAI 262, sometimes referred to as the 'flora and fauna' claim, concerns Maori cultural and intellectual property rights to taonga, including indigenous plants and animals. The claim was lodged jointly by a number of claimants on behalf of their respective iwi. Ngati Porou film maker, Tama Poata, was one of the original claimants and claimed on behalf of Te Whanau A Ruataupare and Ngati Porou.

Counsel for the Ngati Porou claim, Ngati Porou lawyer Gina Rudland, led the witnesses through their evidence that covered a broad range of issues involving Ngati Porou cultural heritage and intellectual property rights. The claim as it related to Ngati Porou was worded as "a claim to protect matauranga mo nga tikanga o Ngati Porou; te whakautanga i te mana motuhake o Ngati Porou; nga taonga tuturu me nga taonga tuku iho a Ngati Porou".

Topics addressed by Ngati Porou witnesses included:

- Te Reo O Ngati Porou
- Ngati Porou composition – waiata, haka etc
- Ngati Porou audio recordings
- Ngati Porou war effort
- Matauranga Ngati Porou, education systems
- Rongoa
- Loss of, changes to Ngati Porou names of sites, localities
- Loss of Ngati Porou bio-diversity
- Degradation of catchments, environments: Hikurangi, Waiapu, Whangaokena, Te Motu o Paikea
- Rakau, harakeke etc
- Genetic technology
- Images – film, print, photographs
- Ngati Porou designs
- Mahi Ta Moko, whakairo, raranga
- Ngati Porou artifacts
- Crown policy

Gina Rudland emphasised that the Ngati Porou WAI 262 claim was both historical and contemporary in nature.

While the Ngati Porou portion of the claim has ended the Tribunal hearings are to move on to Ngati Kahungunu and Ngati Koata. Crown and expert evidence is also still to be heard. A finding by the Tribunal on this significant and far-reaching claim is not expected for some time yet.

Each of the hearings was very well attended. For Ngati Porou the hearings have been a useful opportunity to observe and participate in the Waitangi Tribunal hearings process as a precursor to the Ngati Porou land claims still to be heard. Much valuable information has been recorded for posterity and the evidence has impressed on Ngati Porou the loss of control of much of their own knowledge and taonga. There is much at risk still, due to the inherent commercial value of the taonga and matauranga. Recognition by the Crown of the validity of the WAI 262 claims, followed by appropriate action would help protect ownership and control of Iwi intellectual and cultural property rights.



28TH MAORI BATTALION C COMPANY

Reflections on the C Company Veterans' Tour of Italy

On his return from the recent tour of Italy with the C Company veterans group Returned Serviceman Nolan Raihania took time to speak with Nati Link about the experience.



Nolan says the purpose of the trip was to revisit the World War II battle grounds in Italy and to pay their respects to their fallen

comrades lying in Italian cemeteries. For the remaining C Company veterans this was possibly their last opportunity to undertake a trip like this.

He says there had been a desire to have the remains of the soldiers brought home for reburial. However, once the group discovered the obvious pride and appreciation shown by the Italian people in tending the war graves, they realised that it would be 'sacrilege' to contemplate moving the soldiers. "The cemeteries were beautifully kept – the headstones, lawns and flower beds" says Nolan, "It would break the Italians' hearts to move our boys."

There were some 158 tour members, 18 of whom were C Company veterans. Family of both the veterans and the dead joined the tour. The group visited five or six principle cemeteries. "We were just like one big happy family. When we got to the different urupa we were one solid unit. After that everyone would go to visit their own relatives."

When asked what the response of the Italians was, Nolan said "They were overjoyed. The older generation still remember the Maori Battalion. There were great numbers present and they were very respectful of what we were doing." At each visit to a cemetery the group would be accompanied by the mayor of that particular place. "At Faenza we had lost a lot of our troops. The Italians took us to the place where Sam Paniora was killed. Sam was the uncle of the Soutar boys who were with us on tour and we were taken to the actual house where he was killed. That was very touching. Very sad"

Apart from being able to visit the graves of comrades, one of the highlights for Nolan was a visit to a winery that had been New Zealand Army Headquarters during the war. "Of course our top Battalion officers and C Company commanders had gone there to discuss strategy for the military attacks with General Fryberg and other officers." Nolan says the Italians remembered them well. They knew the names of Peta Awatere, Bully Jackson and others because the Battalion officers had signed their names in a book at the winery which the Italians still kept. They asked the veterans to sign their names on this visit. "They looked after us well with good food and wine. They brought out special wines for us that they had kept for years."

At one visit the Italians showed film from the time of the war. In one snippet of film Nolan recognised a 17 year old boy with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. "Everyone gave a cheer when they realised that it was me."

In the evenings the tour party would sometimes go to restaurants ("different from going to the pub!"). "We went to a special restaurant once where the entertainment was mostly opera songs. Of course once the entertainment was finished our group clamoured for their own opera singer to get up and sing. Naturally I sang the popular wartime song 'Mama' which was composed in Italy. The Italians really enjoyed it. They didn't think we could sing Italian songs." According to Nolan the veterans still speak some Italian, "enough to get by." "At every place there was a demand for 'Mama', even from our own group. In Rome some partisan leaders were present. They joined in and really enjoyed it. The old fellows had tears coming down their eyes."

Nolan said the group was fortunate to have amongst their number a fine kapa haka party led by Rawiri Matahiki. He recalls that during the war Colonel Peta Awatere had made it compulsory for Ngati Porou soldiers to attend regular haka practice. When the soldiers pulled back from the front line at one point they put on a concert for the local people. The venue was an auditorium, "an opera theatre complete with corporate boxes" says Nolan. "This time, at a mayoral reception, our tour party's kapa haka group was able to perform at the very same theatre. The haka was performed exceptionally and the group commented that they could feel the spirit of their kaumatuas."

Another highlight for Nolan was being able to have an audience with the Pope at St. Peters in the Vatican City, Rome. While it was not a private audience their group was escorted right up towards the front of a crowd numbering thousands. For safety reasons, however, they were not able to present their taonga – a picture of Mt. Hikurangi – in person to the Pope. At each mayoral reception different taonga were presented to the hosts and others were received in return.

Nolan is full of praise for the young people who went on the tour. "We had a wheelchair brigade there and our young people were just terrific in looking after our old veterans". Nolan says the trip was just long enough. Everyone was getting tired. "If we missed anything it was our own kai, a good boil up. Meals in Italy are pasta presented in different forms. When we got to Rome on our way home some of the women went out and bought frypans, steak and eggs and we had a good cook up."

During the whole time the group was away a film unit recorded the events of the trip. "This whole thing culminates in the kawemate we are having on the 19th November at Uepohatu.", says Nolan. The film crew will be there again to complete filming for a documentary to be made of the tour.



In Nolan's opinion it was a wonderful trip. "The kaupapa we went with was completed to our satisfaction. We feel much happier that our whanau and comrades have now been laid to rest. It would be a shame to bring them home, they are a reminder of our effort for peace, especially for the younger ones who may want to go over to Italy. Maybe if there is a next time we may be able to travel further up the country."

**NUTRITION AND INJURY PREVENTION**

Milk tasting - Kokiri, Te Aotawarangi Kohanga Reo, Tokomaru Bay.

On July 1 1999 Te Runanga o Ngati Porou gained two new contracts for the current financial year. The nutrition and injury prevention programmes will be funded by the Health Funding Authority - Central office in Wellington.

From January 1995 to June 1999, the Community Nutrition and Injury Prevention Programmes were pilot projects contracted to a joint venture group consisting of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa and Tairāwhiti Healthcare Ltd. The programmes were piloting the marae and community development models used to deliver nutrition and injury prevention messages.

The evaluations that were carried out by independent evaluators from Auckland University, recommended it was important that support be provided for the continuation of both programmes if health gains were to continue over time. Within Ngati Porou, major achievements included

- a wider range of healthier food choices served on participating marae,
- more marae with smoke free kitchens,
- children taking healthier lunches to schools
- an increase in the number of drivers that have obtained their drivers license,
- more drivers and passengers wearing seat belts,
- more people participating in 'Don't Drink & Drive' practices,
- an increased role in advocating for safer road conditions in the East Coast district.
- the establishment of a network of people trained in basic nutrition and injury prevention skills.

The Manager of the nutrition and injury prevention programmes, Hiki Pihema acknowledged that within Ngati Porou, the outstanding successes of the previous four years is a tribute to the dedicated efforts of whanau and hapu in using the nutrition and injury prevention programmes as one way of reinforcing their commitment to Ngati Porou reo, tikanga and taonga.

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou is fortunate that the team that has been responsible for working with whanau and hapu since 1995, will continue working with the two programmes.

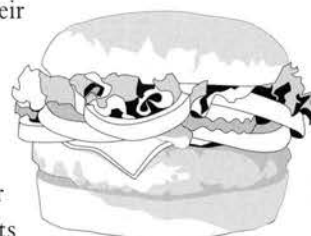
Margaret Pepere is the Nutrition Kaiawhina for Waiapu and Matakaoa. Doris Aspinall is the Nutrition Kaiawhina for Tokomaru Bay and Tolaga Bay. They each have a team of marae workers from Hinemaurea Marae ki Wharekahika, Matahi o te Tau, Awatere, Hinepare, Waiparapara, Te Rawheoro, Hauiti, Hinemaurea ki Uawa. Their nutrition programmes feature menu planning, budgeting, healthy food choices, food safety and smoke free kitchens.

Aroha Rangihuna and Faye Pohatu are the injury prevention staff who have a group working with them on the road safety campaigns. The focus of both teams will be

- to build on the successes of the previous four years, particularly in the areas of delivering marae-based nutrition and injury prevention services eg drivers licenses; food safety, initiatives focusing on a smoke-free kaupapa.

The teams will also continue their

extensive involvement with kohanga reo and schools. The injury prevention staff are currently working on a resource written in Ngati Porou reo for kohanga reo, that highlights



messages about crossing the road safely. They will also be assisting schools in promoting the benefits of a drug free, alcohol free lifestyle to their students.

The nutrition kaiawhina are working on effective ways of involving young mothers in programmes that will extend their knowledge and skills in the areas of healthy eating, menu planning and budgeting for the families meals.

There will continue to be an advocacy role in the nutrition and injury prevention areas. Improvement in road conditions throughout the East Coast district is an ongoing issue that requires collaboration with numerous agencies. Likewise, the nutritional status of Maori continues to be a cause for concern. Key results of the 1997 National Nutrition Survey for Maori have just been released.

- About six out of ten Maori were either obese or overweight.
- About a quarter of Maori men and a third of Maori women reported that their household 'can afford to eat properly' only sometimes.
- High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. The survey results showed one in five Maori had high blood pressure increasing to one in two for Maori men and women over 45 years.

While these results are alarming, of greater concern is - what is the government going to do to help improve these things for Maori? That will be part of the advocacy focus for the nutrition team over the next few weeks, because any improvements will ultimately benefit Ngati Porou whanau and hapu.



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DEREK TINI FOX

Independent Candidate

Kia Ora

In the selection of local MP for Ikaroa-Rawhiti this is a two horse race. The Labour candidate – Parekura Horomia – and myself Derek Fox running as an Independent. All the other contenders are too far behind in the polls to win.

I've chosen the most difficult path of all to get into Parliament. There has never been an Independent Maori MP elected in the history of the Parliament. But I'm doing it because I believe it is time Maori stood on our own political feet. I believe it's time we let go of the petticoats and waistcoats of other political parties dominated by other people, and formed our own broad-based credible political movement. It is time.

That is my aim immediately after this election is over. For more than sixty years about half of us have supported the National Party, by voting on the General Roll, and those of us on the Maori Roll have supported Labour.

I ask you, what have we got to show for that support? We are the most unemployed in this country, we have the worst health problems, we are the least educated, the most poorly housed and per capita – the most imprisoned.

We have waited all this time for Labour and National to govern fairly and rectify those problems, and they haven't. At the last election we voted New Zealand First into government, halfway through the term they jumped out. Delegating this job hasn't worked. Its time we did it ourselves.

I'm standing as an independent, standing for us. I don't have any government money to promote our take. The other parties get that and you would need to be blind and deaf not to have been on the receiving end of their propaganda. You won't see any billboards of me, I just don't have the resources. I have a very small team of dedicated helpers, a group of friends and other people who believe in me, and a whole heap of little people who are out there spreading the word. I declared my intention to run for Ikaroa-Rawhiti about 8 weeks ago. Since then I've driven 17 thousand kilometres around the electorate, and I haven't covered it all yet. I've held about 80 meetings in halls, kura, kohanga and marae, but I haven't got a hope of getting to you all. I'm hoping that when you go to poll, if we haven't yet met face to face, when you come to my name on the ballot paper you will think of my track record over the past thirty years working in various ways to try and improve the position of our people and give them a tick.

Parekura Horomia will be in the new Parliament anyway as he is so high up on the Labour List. The marae digipoll shows Parekura Horomia and I were neck and neck which indicates that by splitting your vote you can have two members of Parliament. You can vote for me with your electorate vote and thereby get a strong local MP responsible to you. And you can cast your party vote elsewhere.

I'm asking you for one vote on election day. I'm asking you to give me your electorate vote so we can start the process of forming our own political house and seizing the Rangatiratanga we were promised and have been waiting so long to achieve.

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PAREKURA HOROMIA

Candidate for Labour

Kia Ora

Ka nui te mihi kia koe, me te Whanau Whanui. I am of Ngati Porou, Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti, Ngati Kahungunu and Ngai Tahu descent. I live in Mangatuna, on the East Coast where I was raised and educated at Mangatuna Native School and Tolaga Bay District High School. I married at an early age and am now the proud father of three sons and equally proud of one mokopuna.

I have been a widower for six years and as such, have an insight into hardships that are faced by many of our whanau. My father's whanau is from Wharekahika through to Tikitiki. Our Tipuna Hekiera was involved with the Ringatu movement at Kaiwaka. For several years of my working life I have been involved in working with Maori Development. The challenge and "raupa" that comes from working alongside your people, for me is well known. For several years in the 1980's I managed 400-500 whanau on PEP and TEP, throughout Ngati Porou. Over that period of time I worked on most of the Ngati Porou marae renovating buildings, tukutuku and restoring carvings. I am experienced at senior management level in delivery and developing services to our Maori people not just in Tairāwhiti, but all throughout Aotearoa. By being in the government of the day, we can ensure a real say for our Maori people. I want to ensure that Ikaroa-Rawhiti has honest and direct representation in Government.

My commitment to whanau, hapu and iwi development is absolute. Mai rano kua raupa toku ringaringa mo te iwi.

To be part of a team taking Maori into the next millennium is a huge responsibility and an exciting opportunity. It would be a privilege to accept the challenge of being the next Government.

Parekura Horomia

WIREMU GUDGEON

Candidate for New Zealand First

Raised and educated at Tikitiki Maori District High School and Church College of New Zealand, Wiremu completed his studies in Hawaii before serving as an active member of the New Zealand Army in South East Asia. Returning to New Zealand he worked in a variety of positions before accepting the post of lecturer for the Department of Community and Continuing Education at Waikato Polytechnic. Wiremu is married with five children and enjoys rugby, hunting, squash and fishing in his spare time.

Wiremu has had a long association with a number of community organisations including the New Zealand Maori National Executive for Diabetics, Rangimoana Productions Trust, the Waikato Regional Road Safety Council and the Workforce Vision Strategy Focus Group for Waikato Polytechnic.

Wiremu also served as a Chairperson for the Maori Adult and community Education Association, University of Waikato and the Waikato Polytechnic and has sat on the Ethics Committee for Port Studies, The Waikato Polytechnic.

Wiremu Gudgeon

**HIKURANGI MAUNGA DAWN EVENT PROGRAMME****31/12/99**

9.00 am - 5.00 pm Assemble at Pakihiroa Station

5.00 pm Access to Mt Hikurangi will be closed off at 5.00pm
Designated 4 x wheel drive vehicles are available for transporting Pakeke (elders)

8.45 pm Farewell the Setting sun of the 20th Century
 - A salute of the 20th Century – the deeds, events, heroes and heroines of the past

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12.00 midnight Karakia
 Light Display
 - a synchronised light display involving 12-14 beacons on sites of significance throughout the Ngati Porou Rohe

3.00 am Dedication of the Maui Whakairo (Sculpture)
 - the Maui Whakairo standing within the magnificent compass setting 'Te Ana o Murirangawhenua'

4.00 am Meditation
 Dawn Chorus - The birds will perform their Dawn Chorus, greeting Tamanui-te-ra

4.20 am Karanga
 - Traditional call of welcome to the new dawn expressing salutations to the Sun, Hikurangi Maunga and Te Ao

Karakia
 - Spiritual offerings, prayers and blessings

Kapa Haka
 - a 500 strong Ngati Porou cultural group will perform a selection of traditional songs, haka and moteatea (chants)

6.00 am Descent from Mt Hikurangi

11.00 am Champagne Breakfast
 - Uepohatu Hall
 Whakarua Park
 Ruatoria

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