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Sun sets on Pakihiroa experience

"If you want to work on a farm? Then get out and get experience." That's the advice from retiring Pakihiroa manager Scarlet Poi who, after 50 years working on Ngati Porou East Coast farms, knows what he's talking about.

He attributes the current difficulty finding good shepherds and fencers to the fact that many young workers are staying put on the one farm rather than getting out to find other ways of doing things.

"If you stay on the one farm, you get set in one way of doing things. It's important to get work with other farms since different people have different ideas," he says.

"That's why pakeha get on all the time. I noticed early on that they send their sons away to get experience. Good shepherds and fencers are hard to find. It seems to be a forgotten thing." Bill Poi, who gained the nickname Scarlet back in his Tikitiki schooldays because of the reddish hue of his hair, started his career at the age of 17 when he took on a job as a cowboy on a Kaiaua farm, north of Tolaga Bay. His role was to milk the cows, make the butter and mow the lawns. He was the "gofer" for everyone else working there and consequently quickly gained a wide knowledge.

His long association with the Tapuaeroa Valley



Scarlet Poi farewells Pakihiroa Station and the Tapuaeroa Valley.

and the Williams families began in 1952, at the age of 20, as a shepherd at Taitai Station which encompasses the past battle fortress of the same name (Taitai). He then moved to the Gate (Ranganui) Station for Colin Williams. He first worked at Pakihiroa as a musterer in 1962 before moving across to the Rip (Raparapaririki) Station as manager for Tony Williams in about 1963-64.

In 1969 he got a transfer to Ian Fraser's station, "Waimoana" at Wainui which was previously owned by Miss Winifred Lysnar. After leaving school the Fraser boys — Digby and Simon —

worked with him for a few years and in 1980 he took up a job at the Kaiti freezing works as a yard stockman which quickly made him appreciate the wide, open spaces. He then went to work at Tim Burke's Waitahaia on the "west" side of Hikurangi for about four years, and in 1988 returned to the Tapuaeroa Valley to work. "When Ngati Porou bought Pakihiroa, I thought I might have a chance at the manager's position. I was lucky to have good references from the Williams and Frasers but most Ngati Porou people living at home know who I am, 'nga mea Pakeke'."

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Report from the chairman

Apirana Mahuika

Tena ano tataui i roto i wenei ra o Te Aranga, me te ra whakamaumahara hoki ki nga tama a Tumatauenga i hinga i nga pakanga nui o te Ao. Me maumahara ano hoki ki nga hoia o nga pakanga o muri mai i tera e mohiotia nei ko te Pakanga Tuarua o Te Ao. Kaua hoki tataui e wareware ki nga wahine i haere

ki nga pakanga nei ara. Ko nga Neehi me te hunga whakauru atu ki nga mahi hoia. Ki a rataui me nga aitua e takataka nei i o tataui Marae kaenga, haere!! haere!! haere! Tena tataui o rataui roimata i te Ao Tu Roa nei, tena koutou, otira, tataui katou.

In the previous Nati Link, I made references to reports being made in respect of our Treaty

Claims. For the past nine years Ngati Porou has been in negotiation with the Crown, specifically DOC for the return of Mt Hikurangi to Ngati Porou ownership and care. We finally reached a settlement package with the Crown in September 1999, which included a Deed of Access and a Conservation Covenant.

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Report from the chief executive officer

Amohaere Houkamau

Tena tatou, nga uri o nga hapu o Ngati Porou mai i Potikirua ki te Toka a Taiau.

Tena tatou i o tatou mate, te hunga e hinga mai nei e hinga atu ra i nga Marae maha o te kainga horapa ki te whenua. No reira ratou kua wheturangitia, haere, haere, haere. Tatou nga kanohi ora a ratou ma, tena tatou.

The range of articles contained in this issue of Nati Link reflects the diversity of Runanga activities, issues and programmes. On our Economic Development front, a major Ngati Porou Fisheries Hui is planned for May 20. This will provide people with a good insight into the fisheries industry and an introduction to key industry imperatives and initiatives.

Four years of prudent management of the Mana Loans Portfolio has enabled the Runanga to rebuild our "Mana Putea" and we are now in a position to provide loans to Ngati Porou entrepreneurs who wish to develop and/or



enhance existing and new business enterprises. The Runanga is one of only a handful of iwi/Maori organisations still administering Mana Loans.

Developments in housing have really taken off with the completion of a three to five-year Ngati Porou Housing Strategic Plan.

The Runanga is working in national forums to progress the iwi/Maori housing strategy and income-related rents policy. Its Housing Team has reached a significant milestone with 100 Housing Corporation loans approvals. Therefore one in every seven people who attended the Runanga's Home-Ownership Skills Workshops has received lending finance to build, purchase and/or re-locate a new home or upgrade an existing home. New Housing Team members are Lillian Tangaere-Baldwin, Ruatoria, and Nikorima Broughton, Gisborne.

The Hui-a-Iwi on the waka Te Aio o Nukutaimemeha, held at Ohinewaiapu Marae, Rangitukia on April 30, was well-attended. The most reassuring aspect was that everyone who wanted to say something had their say and once all views were aired we came to a consensus on the outcomes of the hui which were:

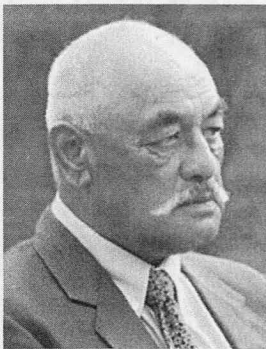
- The waka will remain at Te Hatepe. Trustees of Hahau B7 Block and the Runanga will meet to discuss building a shelter for the waka, access and insurance protection
- A wananga will be held over the next 12 months to discuss all aspects of our 'traditional' and 'contemporary' waka building and paddling/sailing practices and traditions as part of our preparation for the waka's launching
- A panui will be sent to all Ngati Porou marae/hapu inviting them to identify and nominate an appropriate kaihoe to represent their marae/hapu kaihoe for the waka.

No reira ki nga tumau, nga kai-korero me nga matua, tipuna e tae mai nei ki te hui a iwi, tena tataua katoa.

Report from the chairman (continued from page 1)

Apirana Mahuika

The agreements acknowledged Ngati Porou mana tuku iho and our turangawaewae rights over our mountain and our right and ability to manage the associated conservation estate. The agreement formalised a designated public accessway over Pakihiroa to Mt Hikurangi which allowed for convenient foot access by the public while



providing Ngati Porou with the right to close public access for up to 50 days per annum.

The formalisation of the Deed of access is a first, because agreement had not previously been reached in respect to public access over Pakihiroa to the mountain.

Soon after the signing, Dr Hugh Barr and associates objected to the Crown's negotiation process and placed an injunction before the Court, putting the agreement and settlement on hold pending a court hearing. This was scheduled for May 15, 2000 but the Crown Law Office now seeks an adjournment until August. As recently as late April, the Crown Law Office advised us of some new developments including a series of conferences with a view to reaching some out-of-court settlement. Heoi ano taria te wa!

acres of Ngati Porou lands were confiscated by the pen, that is successive Acts of Parliament. In this sense our claim differs from that of the Waikato raupatu claims which are based on confiscation by the gun. I hope a series of consultation hui will resume over the next few months so our people can be updated about the nature and detail of our claim and they can drive the claim, determine the size of the claim and agree to appropriate settlements and establish appropriate structures for administering and managing these settlements. The research data collated has to be the basis of Ngati Porou archives from which Ngati Porou students and scholars will access and add to the information. This data is invaluable for the compilation of a series of Ngati Porou whanau, hapu publications which will culminate in a

The WAI272 Claim is progressing slowly and more research is required before our case is ready for presentation to the Crown for direct negotiations and/or the Waitangi Tribunal. Research under the WAI272 claim, lodged on behalf of Ngati Porou, reveals that some 500,000

comprehensive history of our iwi. The material provides an opportunity to develop a Ngati Porou tikanga, reo, history and a Treaty/legal curriculum for schools and whare wananga. I have prepared a draft curriculum on these topics for Te Whare Wananga o Ngati Porou.

Without the assistance of Legal Aid, our high legal costs would have been hard to meet. We also appreciate the funding support from the Crown Forest Rentals Trust, who have been the major funding source for our WAI 272 claim.

The Waitangi Fisheries Settlement Assets continue to elude allocation, and we once again find ourselves being dragged down the litigation trail by some Maori who cannot accept the decision of the Auckland High Court or the Appeal Court. Therefore our fisheries settlement cash assets are being whittled away by horrendous legal costs. Millions spent to date could have been invested thus adding value to the cash settlements to be allocated to iwi.

Heoi ano taria te wa, tena pea kei te wa te rongoa mo tenei kaupapa. (Let us bide our time and perchance time will provide the appropriate remedy for this issue.)

I hope you find this issue of Nati Link stimulating and challenging. Waiho iho ma te Atua tataua katoa e manaaki e atawhai aiane, a, ki nga ra hoki kei mua i a tataua.

Strategy to improve housing and employment

Ngati Porou are poised to rewrite housing history on the East Coast.

Over the next three to five years, Te Runanga o Ngati Porou will implement a fully-integrated training, employment and economic development programme to substantially improve housing within the district. The timing is right for this development with a new housing team of Lillian Tangaere Baldwin and Nikorima Broughton and a Labour Government that wants to be creative and achieve real changes in housing.

The full development of this programme will see the Runanga support the development of trade training opportunities, micro businesses, local employment and the development of construction depots within the region. Four depots could be established within

the next three to five years with training and employment developed in the 2001-2003 financial year.

Runanga chief executive Amohaere Houkamau says Ngati Porou have a prime opportunity to be creative in meeting our own housing needs in a cost-effective and culturally appropriate and environmentally-friendly manner.

"This vision will ensure training and employment opportunities are optimised and the use of local materials enhanced where possible. Local training and employment initiatives and the use

of local materials is essential to achieving autonomy. It will also ensure that the maximum level of mortgage funding available from Housing Corp and/or the private sector stays within the local community."

She says a housing programme specific to Ngati Porou needs is necessary because past policies have failed to address the bulk of housing needs in the rohe.

"But in creating its own autonomy, Ngati Porou should not remove the obligation of the Crown

formula model that takes account of the additional costs associated with living in isolated regions. The key components are:

- fixed interest rates on home mortgages for the full term of the loan
- lower deposits for clients having difficulty raising loans and further relief through "sweat equity"
- enhanced use of sweat equity to produce no deposit lending in special circumstances, i.e. the homeowner's commitment has been realised

in other ways

- suspensory loans to cover establishment costs and extra charges associated with power connection and water supply.

The model also proposes securing private sector mortgage finance in addition to Government assistance. Talks and negotiations between the



More homes for Ngati Porou people is the aim of a new housing strategy initiated by Te Runanga o Ngati Porou.

to house its citizens. Alternative solutions should be found which allow the Government to interact in a supportive way, when and where it is necessary."

Affordability continues to be a key problem for people seeking home ownership in the rohe. This is made worse by the extra establishments costs associated with building on the Coast and the fact that the current Housing Corporation funding formula for mortgage finance does not meet the needs of rural-isolated clients.

The Runanga is proposing a new funding

Runanga, Housing Corporation and selected banks continue with the aim of further developing this model.

"A model needs to be developed which explores a joint venture between Ngati Porou and conventional banking institutions, with the Housing Corporation providing loan protection insurance for each of the loans generated."

Funding is being sought through the Community Employment Group to further develop the housing initiative and the regional employment opportunities.

Proposing a mix of solutions to meet needs

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou is considering a mix of emergency, rental and individually-owned homes to help address the housing needs of its people.

It is part of a range of products and services being looked at in its bid to provide affordable, energy-efficient, good quality housing solutions for Ngati Porou. The final mix of individually-owned homes, Housing New Zealand rental stock and community houses supplied will be determined on community needs.

Isolated rural communities will be the first focus, ensuring families facing the greatest hurdles are assisted as a priority. This follows the 1994 analysis of housing needs within the region, which was the foundation of the Ngati Porou housing programme.

Runanga chief executive Amohaere

Houkamau says housing cannot be seen in isolation. It requires an integrated development strategy which looks at problems facing whanau and hapu as individuals strive to achieve home ownership.

Over the next two years the Runanga plans to review its housing outputs and current contracted programmes such as Low Deposit Rural Lending (LDRL), enhance its delivery of housing solutions and create its own policies. While the number of LDRL courses (including home ownership workshops), participants and housing plans has exceeded expectations, a shortfall remained in the number of new loans generated, particularly in more isolated rural regions within the rohe. The first stage of the plan began in December with an internal review and new staff appointments.

The Runanga has been an active member of the Iwi Housing Forum since it was established in May 1999 by Te Aupouri, Nga Puhi, Ngai Tai, Ngati Kahungunu ki te Wairoa and Ngati Porou.

The Forum's role is to support iwi members' housing aspirations while advocating improvements to housing policies and programme designs. It also analyses impediments hindering the ability of iwi to achieve respective housing goals.

The Runanga has become a "lead agency" with other Forum members in the design and development of a model for the Government's new Maori Housing Strategy which illustrates the need for Ngati Porou to be working at all fronts – building houses at home and building partnership relationships with the Crown.

Hui to focus on best use of fishery assets

Interested in finding out what is happening in the fisheries industry? Want to know how Ngati Porou can get the best returns for their fisheries investment and enhance employment and training opportunities? Then you need to attend the Ngati Porou Fisheries Hui on May 20 at Pakirikiri Marae, Tokomaru Bay. Waitangi Fisheries Commissioner Whaimutu Dewes will open the hui with an address on the Waitangi Fisheries Settlement Act and the pre-settlement assets that will be

allocated to iwi. The value of Ngati Porou's allocation is estimated at \$26 million, including fishing quota, shares in Moana Pacific Fisheries Ltd and Sealords, and a cash settlement.

The day-long hui will feature a range of guest speakers chosen for their expertise and knowledge of the industry. Subjects to be covered include global and domestic marketing, profit sharing, catching crayfish and wetfish, aquaculture for mussels, crayfish and paua. The Runanga sees the conference as the first step

towards two key board activities – establishing a Ngati Porou Fisheries Strategic Plan, and developing the most appropriate organisational structures to manage Ngati Porou's fisheries assets. Both will involve extensive consultation and participation by Ngati Porou whanau and hapu members. Further information can be obtained from conference manager Kody Pewhairangi, at 06 864 5448, a trustee or Arnold Reedy at 06 864 8121.

Gene has eyes fixed firmly on Olympic goal

Gene Walker has it sussed. Her dribbling skills are keeping pace with her time management skills. And her teacher training is keeping pace with her hockey schedule. As far as she's concerned, there's no other way to tackle it. It's that kind of attitude that could well see the

18-year-old right and left half competing in New Zealand women's Olympic team in Greece in 2004.

The eldest of Paul and Jo Walker's three daughters, Gene is in her first year of teachers' training at Palmerston North. She plans to work with Maori children in low socioeconomic areas in the belief that if she helps one child she will have success. She started playing hockey at the age of 12 and, while at Tamatea Intermediate and Sacred Heart College in

inspired by NZ representative and Maori mother Tina Bell-Kake – named best centre half/striker in the world – who is still competing at the top level.

Gene's rep team membership means an extremely full calendar comprising weekly

Six series. This is her fourth season in the series.

The support of her parents has been an important factor in her success, as has her determination, hard work, time management skills, natural talent and strong Christian faith.



Whanau support has been a major factor in the success of aspiring hockey player Gene Walker (left) pictured with her parents Paul and Jo.

Her mother Jo says Maori players have to be exceptionally good to get in the squad.

"They have to play 10 times harder. But they perform well with whanau support. We have identified that young Maori need top coaching. They have the natural talent but the coaching is very expensive." Much of Gene's success, they say, can be attributed to the input of top New Zealand coach Jill Smith who coached and supported her while she was living in

Napier, went on to become a rep player for all age groups in the region. She has played national Under 18s hockey since she was 13. She is now in the Manawatu Women's team, NZ Under 21s, NZ Under 21 Maori team and the NZ Academy (one step off the New Zealand team itself). She recently returned from Australia after playing qualifying games and expects to make the NZ Under 21 team competing in the World Cup series in Argentina next year.

Playing hockey at this level means a lot of sacrifices and a commitment to both teaching and sport. But the number of top women hockey players who are schoolteachers is an incentive, as is the strong Maori contingent in the Under 21s and academy teams. She's also

National League games with her Manawatu team and virtually daily training before tournaments get under way. During May she had an Under 18s tour and three test matches against Australian sides.

Hockey skills seem to be in her blood with both grandmothers — Jean Ogilvy and Ellen Hiroki-Keelan – former Coast players.

Of Ngati Porou, Te Aitanga a Hauiti and Whakatohea descent, Gene is aiming for a place in the 2004 Olympics team. And with several NZ players planning to retire after the Sydney Olympics, she may have ample opportunity for achieving her goal.

That means this year will be an important one, particularly with selectors attending every game of the six-week National Womens Super

Hawke's Bay.

The Walkers devote much time and money into supporting both Gene and hockey in general. They help raise funds through events such as sausage sizzles and Paul coaches a few school hockey teams and helps with training and refereeing.

Younger sisters Linda and Michelle are successfully chasing from behind. Linda is trialling for the Hawke's Bay Under 18s and Michelle is in the Under 14s squad.

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou is also encouraging her with a grant towards Gene's travel expenses this year.

And what does Gene like about the sport itself? "It's so fast and skilful. It's a hard game but I'm passionate about it."

In short

East Coast Forestry Project

Sustainable management is the main objective of the East Coast Forestry Project, under new guidelines released last month. Future funding applications for new erosion control projects must comply with this requirement. Applications for the first of two tender rounds this year must be in to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry by May 31. This is for blocks over 50 hectares. The second tender round for blocks between the new minimum size of five hectares and 50 hectares closes on June 30. For further information, ring the Ministry on 06 867 3158.

Tolaga Bay speed zones

The location of the 50km/h speed limit signs at the northern end of Tolaga Bay is the subject of an investigation by Transit New Zealand. Residents want the signs moved about 100 metres so traffic approaching the township slows before the sports ground. If the Automobile Association, Police and the Gisborne District Council are in favour, Transit will approach the Land Transport Safety Authority for permission to relocate the signs.

Medical hui on Coast

Maori health professionals shared the latest medical research with students and the community at a three-day Te Ora Maori Medical Practitioners Association scientific conference at Hauiti Marae in April. Keynote speaker was diabetes expert Professor Garth Cooper. The conference theme was Maori healthcare in the new millennium.

Tolaga kapa haka group

Whangara tutors have helped lift the school's kapa haka group performance. They supported the maiden speech of Ikaroa-Rawhiti MP Parekura Horomia at Parliament and are now preparing for the Secondary Schools Kapa Haka competition in Christchurch in June.

Rohe by-election

One nomination was received for the nohokainga vacancy in Rohe 4. Although no election will be held, the Runanga is awaiting the Minister of Maori Affairs' approval before the appointment is made official.

Lifting education outcomes

A strategic plan drawn up as a starting point for the Kiwa Education Partnership was aired at hui convened by the Runanga for parents and caregivers of students attending Ilminster Intermediate, Kaiti, Te Wharau and Waikirikiri schools.

The Kiwa partnership is an iwi/community/government initiative to raise the quality of education outcomes for students at Gisborne schools.

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou contracted Deanna Harrison, Wai Eruera and Karen Mahuika to facilitate the hui, record the feedback and compile a report on the findings. Deanna, a former researcher for the Runanga, says the main concern to come out of the meetings was a perceived lack of consultation.

"People were concerned they had not been involved in the process," she says. "The programme is about improving outcomes for Maori learners and for that to happen there needs to be a partnership which requires Maori to be involved."

Runanga CEO Amo Houkamau says the



Photo: The Herald

Kiwa Education Partnership management team members include (third from left) Runanga Chief Executive Amohaere Houkamau

findings highlight her earlier concerns about the lack of consultation undertaken by external research consultants.

"I was adamant that we needed to engage whanau because I also believed that they had not been adequately consulted. The Runanga took the initiative and now this is what we have done. Now we have to maintain dialogue and this requires additional resources. The Ministry of Education indicates funding will be available for this purpose."

The Kiwa Education Partnership was launched at Muriwai Marae towards the end of 1999 in response to concerns about improving educational outcomes in the Gisborne region. Members are Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa, local primary and secondary school principals, Gisborne District Council and the Ministry of Education.

Mana loans injection for Ngati Porou enterprises

If you want to take advantage of the Mana Loans funding available this year from Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, get ready to prepare your application. All applications must be received at Runanga offices no later than 4pm Friday, June 30.

The Mana Loan Portfolio is available to Ngati Porou individuals, businesses and organisations wanting to start new enterprises or expand current enterprises. Those eligible must be Ngati Porou individuals or organisations, have an ability to repay the loan (or have an excellent loan repayment record with the Runanga) and provide adequate security such as investment properties.

The cash build-up of Mana Loans Funding is the result of cumulative efforts of good clients and the concerted efforts of Runanga Management during the past four years to revive the Mana Loans facility.

This year the Runanga will lend up to \$50,000

to a single client. Interest rates will be negotiated on a basis of market rates with the Runanga offering finance between 1-2% less than market rates. To maintain economic viability, strict compliance with securities and repayments is required.

The Runanga has reviewed the criteria for Mana Loans over the years to limit "damage" bad debtors were causing to the portfolio, and to target lending finance to enterprises that had a whanau/hapu focus for benefit.

Economic Development Manager Arnold Reedy says the loan portfolio is a Ngati Porou asset, which the Runanga is charged with administering on behalf of all its beneficiaries. Loans will be paid back according to an agreed repayment schedule. Reneging on repayments reduces loan availability for other Ngati Porou. For more information contact Runanga offices or Arnold Reedy at Ruarua.



Over half-way to her professorship goal

Virginia Warriner has a vision. To be a university professor like her uncle Tamati Reedy.

And when she graduates this month (May) with a BBS and MBS (1st Class Honours) from Massey University's Albany campus, she will be more than half-way to her goal.

In December 1999 she completed her Masters of Business degree (majoring in management) for which she wrote a report on 24 Maori exporting businesses including some from Tairāwhiti.

Virginia (nee Wright) is the daughter of Wikitoria Reedy and the late Ross Wright. Her grandmother Iritana Haig lives in Gisborne. Her grandfather was the late Kotuku (George) Reedy.

In her third of five years of study, Virginia received a Te Runanga o Ngati Porou education grant – an acknowledgement of her pursuit of tertiary education and her Ngati Porou links on



Virginia Warriner

She currently tutors first-year Massey-Albany students in Organisation and Management and Business Communication. She will soon work

both sides. She has also received grants from Ngati Whatua and Tai Tokerau Maori Trust Board to which she also has tribal affiliations through her father.

Although never a resident of the East Coast, Virginia has fond memories of her holidays with whanau at Ruatoria.

with Maori students requiring extra help in these papers. In May she hopes to begin PhD studies in the international business/strategic management area on a topic that continues the theme of Maori exporting businesses and other indigenous exporters.

Her work ethic seems to follow in the family. Daughter Sian is in her second year at Otago University studying for a BSc in nutrition. Sian's main ambition is to work with Maori in the areas of obesity and health-related diseases. Son Wiremu is in the 6th form and has his eyes set on a BPhEd in sports management.

Grants will help further studies

Applicants for the \$31,000 available funding from the Runanga's Education Putea Fund should hear by the end of the month whether they have been successful. Nearly 300 applications were received.

Priority was to be given to students in their final year of study for diplomas, undergraduate and post graduate degrees.

In addition to individual grants, the Runanga also provides scholarships for students from the three area/secondary schools within the Ngati Porou rohe and language development funding for Ngati Porou kohanga reo and kura kaupapa. Runanga Education Grants Committee members are Atareta Poananga, April Papuni-Iles and Taina Ngarimu.

Programme gets families off to a good start

Babies born to "at-risk" whanau living between Kaiti and Muriwai will now be able to get help and support for the important "formative years" between birth and four years of age.

From July 1, Te Runanga o Ngati Porou will begin delivering the Family Start programme under a four-year, \$4 million contract with the Child, Youth and Family Service. The programme aims to provide intensive home-based support services to families with babies in need of support.

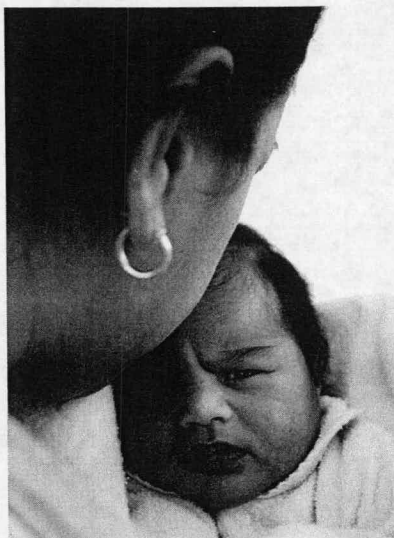
It is a new initiative designed to enable families with newborns to access a comprehensive range of health, education and other necessary services according to identified needs. It arose from the National Government's Strengthening Families programme aimed at getting children off to a good start and breaking the cycle of disadvantage and dependency.

Referrals to the service will be made by health professionals including Lead Maternity Carers, Gisborne Hospital's maternity services, Ngati Porou Hauora Board, Well Child providers and Plunket.

The programme recognises that whanau and hapu development models allow for more appropriate and effective service delivery to whanau. Although the programme is neither Maori nor Ngati Porou-specific, the majority of

referrals are expected to be Maori and of Ngati Porou descent. Referrals are made according to certain criteria which include sole parents with no or minimal antenatal care or whanau support, and whanau that present with substance abuse, mental health or relationship issues.

A whanau worker will visit each child and their



family for five hours a week for up to three or four years depending on need.

Runanga social services co-ordinator Huhana Tuhaka is impressed with the programme's "more realistic resourcing" of the Runanga's capacity to deliver an effective service.

Six whanau workers will be employed in the first year, increasing to nine in Year 2, 12 in Year 3 and 13 in Year 4. Each worker will take on a caseload of 15 families. A manager and senior supervisor will be appointed shortly.

The ability to establish supportive and effective relationships with whanau will be critical to the effectiveness of the whanau workers and the overall success of the programme. Their role will be to assist families reach a position where their own whanau networks are strengthened and they are able to access hapu and wider community support systems if required.

Whanau workers will also require knowledge of early childhood health and development practices, education, employment, housing and social issues impacting on families. They will also need to network and advocate on behalf of the families that they will be working alongside. The Child, Youth and Family have contracted the Lower Hutt Family Centre to do the staff training and programme evaluation. The Runanga is currently seeking suitable premises for the Kaiti-based service.

Runanga CEO Amo Houkamau says the contract provides a major injection to the Runanga's Iwi Social Services which is long overdue. "It's more comforting to have a four-year contract than the usual one-year contracts."

Major changes seen in farming practices

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The original Pakihiroa Station was bought by Sydney Williams in 1897 (but there is some confusion as to whether it was a sale or lease) and then divided into smaller units like the Rip Station. In 1985 the remaining parts of the station were bought by the Crown as a prelude to the return of Mt Hikurangi to the Ngati Porou people. The Runanga purchased the station from the Crown for the discounted price of \$300,000 on the basis it would allow public access to the Maunga.

Farming is in Scarlet Poi's blood. As the first Poi grandchild. It was expected of him.

His grandfather felled the bush on a 400 acre Maori Land Incorporation block at Tikitiki. When the 66-year lease was up, it was up to the family to put in the first bid for its purchase. Scarlet bought the block and, in conjunction with Ngati Porou Whanui Forests and Hansol, planted it in pines. He leases another 300 acre block, in Maori ownership. The blocks are now the focus for him and his wife Lettie.

"Farming is so different now. There's a lot more cutting up paddocks into smaller lots and more emphasis on the use of higher genetic rams and production. On a high country farm like Pakihiroa, it's much harder.

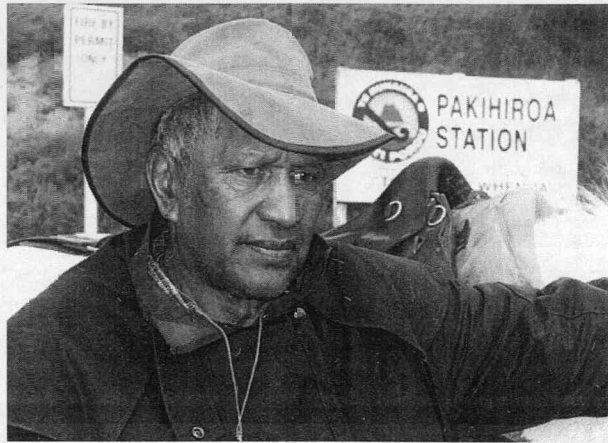
"When I came back in 1988 I saw a big decrease in the number of people farming. A lot of farms went into forestry including the Rip and the Gate stations. I also noticed that the level of the river was that much higher."

Scarlet has concerns about good pastoral farm land being turned into forestry, particularly since the promised jobs for Ngati Porou have not eventuated as expected.

"On every station you find that farm labour costs have been cut right back. For the past five years

Radio seeks manager

The Radio Ngati Porou Charitable Trust invites applications for the position of Radio Station Manager to start work July 1, 2000. This person would be directly accountable to the Board of Trustees and responsible for the day-to-day running of Radio Ngati Porou. Apart from the appropriate qualifications and experience, applicants should have an empathy and knowledge of Te Reo o Ngati Porou as well as a feeling for the local community. Application packs are available at Radio Ngati Porou in Ruatoria or by phoning 06 8648020 between 9am and 5pm. Applications close 4pm Friday May 12, 2000.



there's just been the two of us (Scarlet and his cousin Regan who has now been appointed manager) for the 3145 hectare block. We get people in to help with dagging and shearing and last July we got a handyman."

The station carries more stock now with 5000 Romdale X breeding ewes and 700 breeding cows plus replacements.

"Colin and Tony Williams farmed in a way that if you have less stock, you get better quality. They had the opportunity to do that since they had more than one property but they were also damn good farmers. And

they put on a lot of super – about 400 tonnes a year. We put on only 100 tonne a year. It's still a good farm but to keep it up to the standard Colin had the farm at, you have to keep up the fertilising."

And as Scarlet helped prepare cattle for the April sale, he paid tribute to the valley where he

gained the bulk of his experience, to the people who had given him a chance and to the other farm workers in the valley.

"We all worked here together, communicated with each other and helped each other. We were a good team. If something needed doing quickly,

we just did it. It didn't matter which farm you worked for. But you don't get that now."

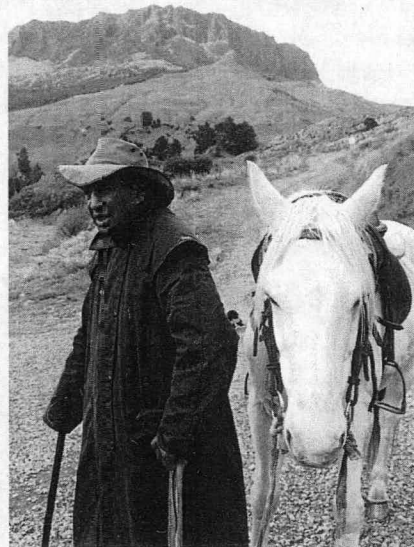
Throughout his farming years he worked with "top men", including the late Graham Aupouri, Prince Rickard and Selwyn Skudder. They were all top dog trial men.

Prince won a national title and Scarlet won a lot of Open Poverty Bay titles. He also breeds his own horses.

Pakihiroa cattle generally feature in the top three at the Matawhero sales and in April averaged over \$500 a head.

And what does he love about the lifestyle? "You're doing your own thing.

You're not hustling and bustling. As long as you do the job to the best of your ability, that's the main thing. Working on Hikurangi is another highlight – that's our Maunga, Ngati Porou's Maunga and now that we have it back, we have to hold on to it and never let it go... Toitu te whenua, the land remains forever."



How well do you know your Ngatiporoutanga?

Here's another 10 questions to whet your appetite. The answers are on the back page.

1. Where did the name Ngati Porou come from?
2. What canoe is in Ngati Porou moteatea commemorating the history of Aotearoa's "first discovery"?
3. Who discovered it and how did he find it?
4. What were the four significant events for Ngati Porou in the C2000 celebrations?
5. How many taonga are on the maunga and can you name two?

6. Name two old Whare Wananga of Ngati Porou.
7. Who was the most noted Ngati Porou leader from post-Treaty of Waitangi to the 1860s?
8. Name the Ngati Porou waka that featured in the C2000 celebrations and where is it?
9. What is the most recent public service institution handed back by government to Ngati Porou and what is it now called?
10. How does Ngati Porou iwi compare in size to other iwi?



High standard marks successful rugby tournament

It was all hands on deck for eight Ruatoria marae accommodating over 600 visiting rugby players during the Tini a Maui tournament in early March.

Hiruharama looked after Te Upoko o Te Ika from Wellington, while Tuwharetoa- Maniapoto stayed at Mangahanea. The Hawkes Bay Te Matau a Maui players were at Te Heopera, Manawatu at Te Aowera and Horowhenua-Kapiti at Rongo I te Kai.

Tinatoka, Ngati Porou and Rauru Marae hosted Turanganui a Kiwa and Horouta teams.

Uepohatu was the base for the meals.

A total of 14 provincial teams – men, women and colts – took part. The tournament kicked off under lights at Whakarua Park on the Friday night, after a powhiri at Uepohatu.

Ngati Porou East Coast chief executive officer and team manager Anthony Nelson says the high standard of play belied the fact that for most teams, it was the first game of the year.

The final of the round-robin contest saw Te Upoko o te Ika and Te Matau a Maui battle it out on Sunday afternoon, with the Hawkes Bay

players proving too strong for the boys from the capital. The final score was 23-10.

The Wellington women's and colts' teams fared better than their men. Te Upoko o te Ika women dominated their games with solid defence and skilful fast-paced attack, beating Manawatu 38-0 in the final to take home the Toko Te Kani Trophy. The colts beat Tuwharetoa in the final, winning the Huriwaha Maniapoto Trophy.

Two East Coast teams, Horouta Waka 1 and 2, were entered in the competition, with the No. 1 side winning two of their three games.

Forestry company set up for local benefit

Forestry is an erosion protection and diversification option for many East Coast landholders . This is the first in a series by Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd general manager Brian McKinlay.

Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd (NPWFL) has its origins in Ngati Porou Forests Ltd (NPFL) set up in 1989 by a group of Ngati Porou visionaries inspired by a Te Taitokerau forestry incentive scheme.

Five woodlots were established in the north of Ngati Porou in 1989/90 and in 1992 the company was incorporated under Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd. NPWFL established forests throughout the region from 1993 to 1995. Since a joint venture forestry partnership

was signed with Hansol NZ Ltd in 1996, plantings have continued on an annual basis. The company's long-term vision is to establish up to 50,000 hectares of sustainable commercial forest within Ngati Porou. About 60 percent of Ngati Porou's 135,000 hectares of land has been independently assessed as best suited to forestry.

NPWFL is a local company set up to benefit the local people. It does not buy land. Rather, it works alongside landowners who sign forest

rights with the company to ensure land ownership is retained. Landowners become members of the Ngati Porou Landowners' Trust and appoint the four NPWFL directors. NPWFL creates value for the Ngati Porou region through initiating commercial forestry ventures. This provides sustainable economic development and employment, regional development, erosion control and conservation of existing indigenous forests. Its structure allows local people to control their land and resources, which in turn allows greater self-determination for Ngati Porou.

Closer to decision

Two days of hearings at Ruatoria at the end of this month should determine the outcome of the District Council's plans to establish a landfill at the site of the existing Ruatoria transfer station.

Meetings have been held throughout the Coast and after lengthy consultation, the Council determined that a landfill at Ruatoria is the most efficient and cost-effective solution to disposing of waste on the East Coast. Independent commissioners engineer Ian Howatson, consultant Wira Gardiner and planner Alan Watson will hear submissions on May 29 and 30.

Answers to Ngatiporoutanga quiz

- Answers to the Ngatiporoutanga quiz from page 7:
1. It comes from the Ngati – meaning tribal descendancies, and Porou – a shortened form of the name Porourangi.

2. Nukutaimemeha

3. Maui – he fished it up from the depths of the ocean.

4. Poroporoaki to the old; the pouwhenua karakia of carved taonga on Hikurangi; Prime Minister's visit; international TV coverage of sunrise.

5. The nine taonga on the maunga are: Waka haurua, Hineramaukuuku, Te Kauwai O Murirangawhenua, Te Tihou a Maui, Te Taurapa, Irawhaaki, Te Hiku o te Ika, Waka Hoehoe.

6. Tapere Nui a Whatonga – Waiapu; Rawheoro – Hauiti; Ngati Porou – Kairaka; Te Aowera – Whakapaurangi.

7. Rapata Wahawaha

8. Te Aio o Nukutaimemeha at Hatepe – Te Ngutu Awa o Waiapu

9. Te Puia Springs Hospital. It is now called Te Whare Hauora o Ngati Porou

10. It is the second largest iwi in Aotearoa.

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