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THE END OF THE (LONGEST) DAY ▲ 5am starts and military roll calls are now over for a group of tamariki from Waikirikiri School and Ilminster Intermediate in Kaiti, Gisborne. The students were participants in the second intake of ATAWHAI – a boot-camp and motivational programme co-ordinated by Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and the NZ Police.

The 9 week course concluded at the beginning of July with “The Longest” Day. The intakes were set the task of completing a series of demanding challenges over a 6 hour period. Their last test of endurance was to pull a fire-truck down the main street of town (turn to the back page for this action shot). The next intake of ATAWHAI students will start up in Term 4 of the school year.

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CHAIRMAN’S MIHI



Ngati Porou, tena tatau i wo tatau mate. He ahuatanga tenei kare e taea te karo, no te mea, he kakahu haere tenei. Ko ta tatau he tu pikari ki muri nei, me kore noa e tutuku nga tumanako a te hunga kua wehe atu, me nga wawata e koroingotia ana e tatau e te hunga ora, hei painga mo Ngati Porou inaianei, me apopo.

I wish at the outset to thank and congratulate Jasmine Kaa for the revival of the Nati Link and the professional journalism she has brought to this publication. I am more assured of my opinion expressed in the previous Nati Link, that shortly we would be able to have our own “newspaper” with stories about us going forward.

I therefore commend this edition to you all and recommend that you read it because the stories herein disclose how we are able to assist our home 50 marae by being members of ‘Nati Power’. You will see by the article in this regard how you can register for Nati Power.

There are some references made also to the C Company of the 28th Maori Battalion, together with the journey of remembrance undertaken by many of our people and kids who visited places where our men fought during WWII. The C Company House in Gisborne will be opened on 15th November 2014. This is a very important event. It is hoped, that time and space allowing, Jasmine and her team

will do a story of the origin to C Company House and the monumental task many of us have had to make to this dream to come true.

Yes! We have purchased the former Gisborne Hotel / D.B. (now Te Tini o Porou) and the rationale for this acquisition makes good reading and sound investment as a means of assisting our people. Since the purchase of Te Tini o Porou, we have experienced some key issues, when considering who are our tradespersons, who will carry out the work required to refurbish this place. Finding these people proved to be difficult. It was so because we do not have a register of our people, not only tradespersons, but professionals also. We need to address this urgently.

This edition of Nati Link likewise dates and names special events during the months of August – September 2014.

One of these key events is Te Ture Whenua Maori, which offers a doorway for us to explore how we see the utilisation and management of our lands in the future and in the process empower ourselves to manage the problems we face, one of which is multiple ownership of lands.

In conclusion, I am always mindful of the many who contributed and believed in the concept of a Special Legislative Body for Ngati Porou or a Trust Board Structure for Ngati Porou. Their belief has now become a journey of some 29 years to date. Many have passed on, and many are still with us. Dr Monty Soutar has undertaken to write on those early years to now. It will be an exhilarating read I am sure, and a disclosure of where we were – where we are and where we want to be in the future. We need all of us to empower each other in order that the future will be enhanced for those to follow.

Ma Te Atua tatau e manaaki.

Kia ora

AT Mahuika

CHAIRMAN, TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU

UPCOMING EVENTS *August – September*

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

Nati Connect Hui
PALMERSTON NORTH
5pm to 8.30pm
Mana Tamariki,
165 Grey Street.

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

Te Ture Whenua Māori Hou
Engagement Hui
Starts 1pm
Pakirikiri Marae,
TOKOMARU BAY

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

Nati Connect hui
DUNEDIN
University of Otago

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

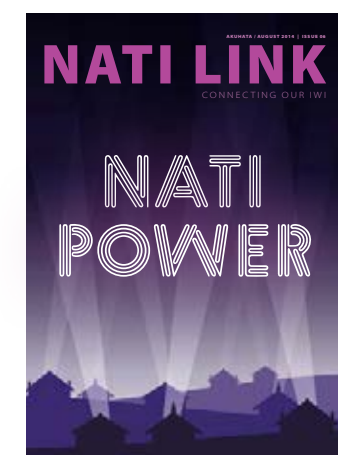
NPEC vs Buller
Whakarua Park
RUATORIA

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

Nati Connect hui
CHRISTCHURCH

THURSDAY 4 – SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Ta Apirana Ngata
Lecture Series
WELLINGTON



ON THE COVER

The graphic illustrations for the front cover story *Nati Power* were designed by Trudy Lewis and Sarah Gibson.

To sign up for Nati Power go to www.contactenergy.co.nz/natipower.

Te Tini o Porou



Te Tini o Porou is the new name of a well-known Gisborne institution, which will soon be transformed into a multi-purpose facility serving Ngati Porou and the local community.

At the end of June the iconic Gisborne Hotel was officially purchased by Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou. The vision for the complex is the creation of a centralised hub offering a range of commercial, educational, and community services. A building which formerly housed a liquor outlet was also included as part of the sale, and will now be turned into a sport and recreational facility for youth.

The immediate plans for the redevelopment of the 3.2 hectare site, situated on the corner of Tyndall and Huxley Road in Kaiti, will take effect within the next few months.

This involves converting a section of the main building into offices and meetings spaces for Whanau Oranga, the social services division of the Runanganui. At present Whanau Oranga operates across four separate buildings along Wainui Road. When the renovations are complete these services will then be housed at the same venue, providing a “one stop shop” for the wider community. It will also create benefits for the organisation through savings in cost efficiencies and improved cross-collaboration amongst staff.

Stage Two of the redevelopment will involve revamping



ABOVE ▲ Te Tini o Porou is the new name of the Gisborne Hotel. In June the Gisborne Hotel was officially purchased by Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, and it will soon be transformed into a multi-purpose facility serving Ngati Porou and the local community.

The immediate plans for the redevelopment of the 3.2 hectare site, will take effect within the next few months. Architectural designs for Te Tini o Porou have been designed by Tere Inslay (Ngati Porou/Te Whanau a Apanui) of Kauri Architects. Tere has also been involved in designing the C Company House, which will be opened this November.

LEFT ◀ Left to right: Gary Harding (Whanau Oranga); Teepa Wawatai (TRONPnui Chief Executive); Bonnie Parata (Whanau Oranga); Kuini Williams (Te Tini o Porou Administrator); Tom Irwin (Whanau Oranga); Jeanette Johnson (Whanau Oranga); Hepa Akuhata-Brown (Whanau Oranga); Amoe Tarsau (Whanau Oranga) and Sharyne Tuari (Whanau Oranga).

Photo courtesy Gisborne Herald.

Whanau Oranga are the Social Services arm of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and they offer a range of programmes and services including Youth, Tuhoono Whanau, counselling, budgeting, restorative justice, amongst many others.

the present conference and accommodation facilities. The kitchen and dining room will also be remodelled, including the establishment of a café. Once these facilities have been upgraded, it is envisioned that hospitality training courses will also be run on the site.

Dr Apirana Mahuika, the chairman of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou says the site’s new moniker contains a depth of meaning, reflecting the multiple purposes and benefits the complex will have in the near, and distant future.

“Te Tini o Porou’ can be translated to mean, ‘The many descendants of Porou.’ All of our whanau and hapu within Ngati Porou are able to find a connection to this eponymous ancestor, and as a facility, ‘Te Tini o Porou’ will be of benefit to the current generation of Ngati Porou, and those yet to come.

“Also ‘Tini’ means ‘many’, therefore the new name reflects the myriad of services, skills, talents and people who will be based at and using this facility. This includes the many whanau and organisations from the area who we work and collaborate with.”

Dr Mahuika is excited by the opportunities that Te Tini o Porou will offer to Ngati Porou youth.

“We now have the space to be able to provide training and recreational facilities for our young people. We can run Sports Academy programmes for our up and coming sports men and women, in our new gym and the surrounding field. We

The meaning behind Te Tini o Porou

Dr Apirana Mahuika, the Chairman of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, outlines the rationale behind the new name for the former Gisborne Hotel in the following korero

It reflects the myriad of different groups that will be based at this facility. For example, Youth Justice, Sport and Recreation, Social Services, Second Chance learning, Conference Centre, Accommodation to name a few.

Each of these purposes will have specific outcomes with the ultimate aim of benefiting nga tini o Porou (the descendants of Porourangi).

It also reflects the range of competencies that the providers of these services bring to benefit out people.

Nga Tini o Porou refers to the whakapapa of the various whanau, hapu of Ngati Porou to Porourangi. It is therefore specific to Ngati Porou, unlike Te Tini of Toi which encompasses the different iwi groups who connect to Toi through whakapapa and who compete in rugby for the Tini o Toi trophy. The Tini o Porou is about Ko Hikurangi te maunga, ko Waiapu te awa, Ko Ngati Porou te iwi.

Last, and not least, it is simple and easy to remember but has a depth of meaning behind it. It could even become a brand, for example, Te Tini o Porou Social Services, Te Tini o Porou Sport and Recreation.



▲ A section of the main building will be converted into offices and meetings spaces for Whanau Oranga, the social services division of the Runanganui. At present Whanau Oranga operates across four separate buildings along Wainui Road. When the renovations are complete these services will then be housed at the same venue, providing a “one stop shop” for the wider community. *Conceptual Designs courtesy of Tere Insley, of Kauri Architects.*



▲ Whanau Oranga office space. *Conceptual Designs courtesy of Tere Insley, of Kauri Architects.*



▲ A building which formerly housed a liquor outlet was also included as part of the sale, and will now be turned into a sport and recreational facility for youth. *Conceptual Designs courtesy of Tere Insley, of Kauri Architects.*

can provide class room space and tutors for our young people entering the hospitality, health and social services industries. We can also run cultural and sporting festivals, and any other event here which helps lift the aspirations and self-esteem of our youth. Educating our rangatahi and providing pathways for future careers is going to be a major on-going feature of Te Tini o Porou.”

The kaupapa behind the new community hub differs significantly from the original purpose of the building when it was developed in the early 1970s. Before the Gisborne Hotel’s owners Trudy and Joseph Meredith took over the establishment in 1993, it was known as the DB Gisborne Hotel, and was one of the many hotels built in New Zealand by the Dominion Breweries corporation in the middle of residential areas. However over the past 21 years Trudy and her husband Joseph have predominantly operated the premises as an accommodation and conference facility. For Trudy the hand over of the hotel to Ngati Porou is a decision she is very proud of.

“The vision for Te Tini o Porou is the same one that I had for this place 15 years ago, but people were not ready for it back then. I wanted to see it being used to help the community, and especially our young people and mothers. So I decided that I would hold on to it, until the opportunity arose for that dream to happen. Joe and I are really happy that Ngati Porou have got it, but it was my gut feeling that someday they would.

“Our people are ideal for the hospitality industry, and I see the potential to invest in other areas where youth will benefit. We also need to awhi the whole family and their needs, and get back to the communal sharing of responsibilities rather than one on one. However I am only one person, but together Ngati Porou will be able to achieve a lot more than me on my own.”

Over 12,000 of the estimated 70,000 plus Ngati Porou Iwi members reside within the Gisborne and East Coast region. And a large majority of this population live within the Kaiti community where Te Tini o Porou is located. Although the new premises will largely cater for those who live in Gisborne, Dr Mahuika says that the benefits will eventually extend to Ngati Porou where-ever they may live.

“As the organisation gets bigger it needs the space to grow, so we can provide more services, programmes and experiences which help to develop the potential of our people. Because at the end of the day it’s all about people development. We can’t just sit on our money. Our future depends on how we accommodate our people now, and prepare them for the future. We can do lots with this building over time, so let’s not be restricted in our vision.”

OFFICIAL OPENING The community will be invited to attend an official blessing of the Te Tini o Porou site in a few months time.

CONFERENCE AND ACCOMODATION FACILITIES Te Tini o Porou’s conference and accommodation facilities are available for large and small group bookings. **Please ring Kuini on 06 868 4109** for more information.



“Kia tika a muri, kia tika a mua”

It was a proud moment for class valedictorian Tamati Reid when he and other graduates of a marae based hospitality programme received their tohu at Rahui marae in Tikitiki on the 6th of June.

Over the past three years Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Skills Active Aotearoa have partnered together to offer Ngati Porou communities the opportunity to attain a National Marae Catering Level 2 certificate. The certificate programme is held on marae in different areas, and delivered by Matekino Tuhura from the Whanau Oranga team of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou.

The qualification helps marae kaimahi to upskill in cookery and food preparation, and also addresses the food safety (kaitiakitanga) practices of marae as well. The certificate can also be used as a stepping stone for those interested in pursuing further training or employment in the hospitality industry.

In his valedictorian speech Tamati acknowledged that the marae was where he did his apprenticeship. As a young boy his job was to peel the potatoes and wash the dishes. As he grew up his responsibilities grew as well and he was given more tasks like cutting and portioning meat. However one day his father told him that his job at the back in the kauta was now done.

Tamati says, “My father told me that my job was now ‘te mahi whaikorero’, which means moving from the kitchen duties to the paepae at the front of the marae. I did not know

that some 60 years later I would be standing here receiving this certificate and being recognized for those things I had learned in the kauta – the old style kitchen we now call the wharekai.

“The role of our marae kaimahi behind the scenes is so important. Like the saying goes, ‘When the back of the house is good, the front of the house will run smooth – Kia tika a muri, kia tika a mua’.”

CLASS OF 2014 ▲ This year’s Marae Catering class valedictorian was Tamati Reid (pictured front row, third from the left hand side). Last year’s valedictorian, Te Oraitia (Dot) Manuel (standing to the left of Tamati) was also there to support the graduates of 2014. The ceremony was attended by 15 of the graduates (altogether 30 students from Gisborne, Ruatoria, Te Puia Springs, Tikitiki and Te Araroa attained this tohu this year), as well as kaumatua from the marae and local community. Representatives from Skills Active (Ron Taukamo, Craig Hutchinson and Ihaka Waerea), the Runanganui and Tairarwhiti District Health also came to support this kaupapa.

TO JOIN OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMME contact Matekino Tuhura at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou in Ruatoria:

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NATI POWER

JOIN THE NATI POWER
REVOLUTION

We are starting a revolution, a power revolution, its called Nati Power. This is a scheme which harnesses the collective purchasing strength of Ngati Porou all over Aotearoa, for the benefit of all our marae within the wa kainga.

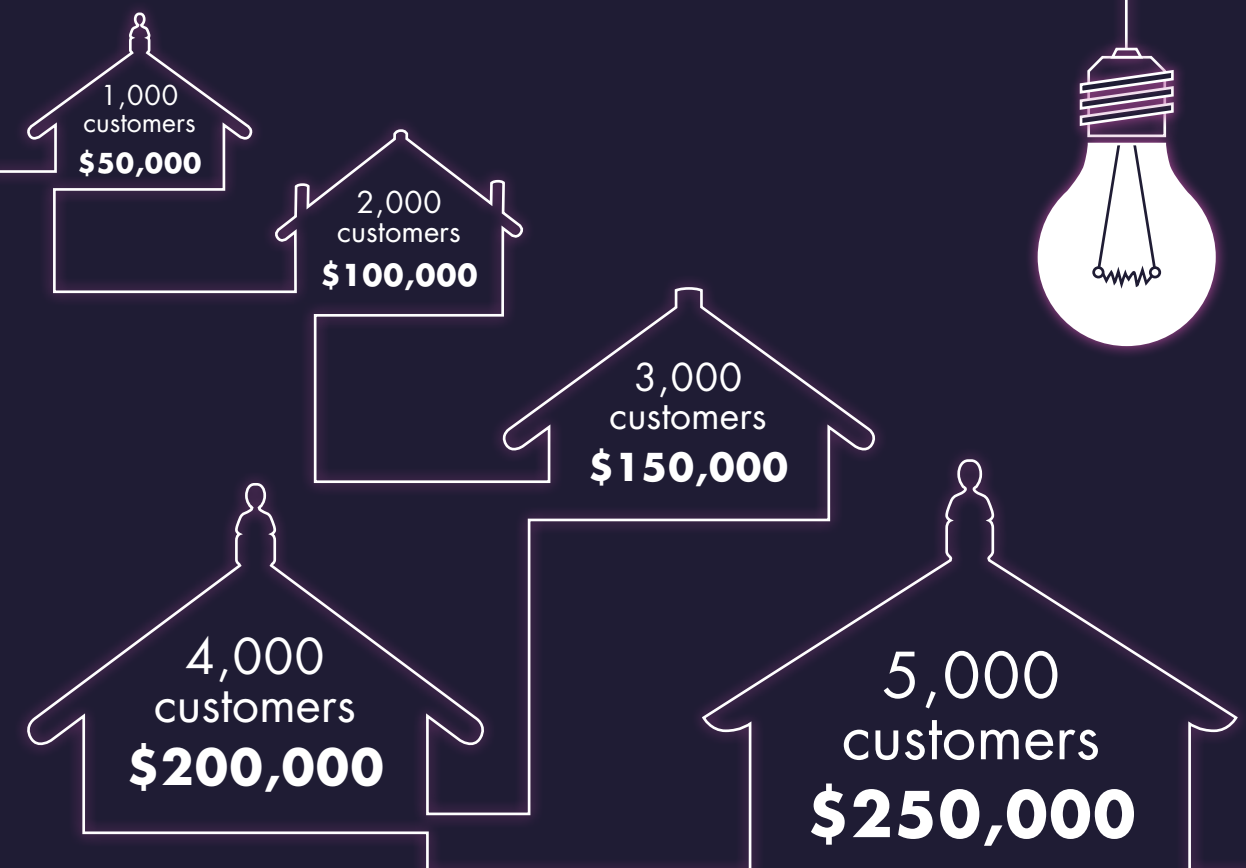
Recently Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and energy provider Contact Energy signed an agreement to establish the Nati Power scheme, which is modelled on a customer loyalty programme. For every Ngāti Porou household registered with Nati Power (they can either be an existing or new customer of Contact to register), \$50 will be contributed by the company to help pay for the electricity and gas bills of our marae. The more people who sign up, the more contributions will be generated.

It has been estimated marae within Ngati Porou spend approximately \$2000 to \$3000 a year on their energy needs. That's a huge cost for many marae committees and the haukainga to bear, in addition to the other expenses incurred

when keeping the marae facilities operating. However paying the monthly power bills is crucial to ensure that when whanau return home for their family reunions or tangihanga, the lights are switched on, they have a cooked kai, and there is hot water in the cylinder to wash the dishes and have a shower.

The Nati Power scheme is the initiative of Toitu Ngati Porou, the cultural development and distribution arm of the Runanganui. One of Toitu's main responsibilities is to support Marae development, and other projects they are currently working on include marae grants, marae insurance and marae conservation. At the end of May Toitu Ngati Porou chose the half time break of a Ngati Porou East Coast home game, to

NATI POWER MARAEE SIGN UPS



publically announce the Nati Power scheme. The gathering at Whakarua Park in Ruatoria provided an appropriate setting for this occasion – where ever the Coast plays the collective strength of the Iwi is demonstrated en mass. The multitudes of Natis around the country who turn up to support their Iwi team personify “Nati Power” and show we are a force to be reckoned with.

Amohaere Houkamau is the Chairperson of Toitu Ngati Porou and she says the Nati Power scheme provides a practical and simple way to support marae.

“We recognise the burden that our marae are facing with their power bills, and this product is a way for all of Ngāti Porou, wherever they may live, to contribute to our marae and alleviate some of the pressures on the iwi kāinga. We all, both at home and away, benefit from the mahi of our iwi kainga in keeping our marae functioning daily.”

“Toitu Ngati Porou would like to set a target of attaining 5000 customers to sign up to the scheme, from a total Ngati Porou population of around 72,000. If we reached this goal this means Contact would provide a contribution of \$250,000 a year to our marae. The power bills of fifty of our marae would be paid, and any left-over funds could potentially be used to collectively pay the insurance of all our marae. This would take a huge financial pressure off our marae whanau.”

The Nati Power scheme also provides personal benefits for the consumer. Each household receives a 22% discount on their power bill if they sign up, and also pay online and on time. For the marae to receive a contribution from Contact, the customer must still be registered with Nati Power on the 31st of December 2014.

“The scheme represents a win – win opportunity for all,” says Amohaere. “Not only is this scheme a winner for our marae, but the customer also benefits by having a good deal on their electricity or gas bill, while also feeling good about making a contribution back to home.”



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The more people who join Nati Power, the more support we can all give directly to our marae.

So please encourage your whanau and friends (even if they are not Ngati Porou) to switch over to Nati Power and help power up our marae.



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up Ngati Porou
marae!



The more
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join Contact, the
**more power
to the
marae!**



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CEO KORERO

Last week I signed up to Nati Power and I urge you all to do the same because if enough of us sign up we will keep the lights on at all of our marae.

It's worth remembering that the East Coast was the last region in the country to be connected to the "grid" in the mid-1960s, several decades after it was readily available everywhere else in the country. That's one of the things I hated about coming back when I was a kid and it made me appreciate the convenience of having electricity where we lived near Whakatane.

I'm reminded of a story my cousin Brigitte told me about the novelty of

the arrival of "hikolation" in Tikitiki when she was about five years old. She and her brother Trevor were the youngest and last of my cousins to be brought up by our grandparents Riwai and Mihi Keita Wawatai. Riwai and Nanny Mihi were from the generation that was directly impacted by the War so they adopted values of simple living, community service and personal sacrifice. Those translated into everyday attitudes like "Ngati Porou pride", appreciating what you have; helping others, being good to people; looking after your stuff and never wasting anything. She and Trevor would stand

by the light switch as evening drew near. Waiting till it was dark enough to switch the light on because they were not allowed to flick that switch, until it was dark enough to warrant light. Ten years later in 1975 they got a television set but they only had it for a week. Riwai said, "Take that thing back. If you've got time to watch TV, you've got too much spare time. There's plenty you can do around here."

Those living elsewhere around the country take so much for granted like good roads, reliable power and telecommunications, high-speed broadband and easy access to good health services. But such things don't readily exist on the Coast.

Let's keep the lights burning to enable us all to "do plenty around here."

Teepa Wawatai

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU

GET CONNECTED ◀ Come along and meet Teepa and some of his team from Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou at Nati Connect (see below for more info). Three hui have already been held in Wellington, Hamilton and Auckland (the Auckland whanau are pictured in this group shot).



NATICONNECT

Ngati Porou are a diverse and dynamic people. Over 90,000 of us are living on the Coast, around the motu, and in almost every segment of the globe. Together as an iwi we share common goals and aspirations, ideas and moemoea.

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou would like to find out what kaupapa are important to you as Natis. We also would like to share with you korero about the mahi we have been doing on the home front, and on the national scene on behalf of Ngati Porou everywhere.

Please come along to one of our nation-wide update hui and get connected.

PALMERSTON NORTH HUI

Wednesday 13th August,
5pm-8.30pm
Mana Tamariki
165 Grey St

DUNEDIN HUI

Saturday 30th August,
Starts 12.30pm
University of Otago

CHRISTCHURCH HUI

Sunday 31st August,
Starts 12 noon
Venue TBC

FOR MORE INFORMATION please visit our website www.ngatiporou.com or email jkaa@tronp.org.nz

Ngata Lectures

4 – 7 September 2014

Te Papa Tongarewa
Wellington



Karanga mai! Karanga mai! Karanga mai!

Ngati Porou are being called to Wellington in September to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the prestigious and popular lecture series named for one of the country's greatest politicians, Sir Apirana Ngata.

The Sir Apirana Ngata Memorial Lectures have rarely been held outside the heart of Ngati Porou but this year, between 4 and 7 September, one of those rare occasions is happening at Te Papa Tongarewa.

Topics of significance to all Māori – whakapapa, te reo and waiata/haka to name a few – will be delivered by a number of Māoridom's leaders including the Chairman of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Dr Apirana Mahuika, Sir Tamati Reedy, Dame Iritana Tawhiwhirangi, Honourable Hekia Parata, Te Papa's acting CE Dr Arapata Hakiwai, Huia Kopua from NZ film Archives and artist and composer of the All Black haka, Derek Lardelli.

Hosted by the Ngati Porou ki Poneke taurahere, programme details and registration have now opened on its website:
www.ngatiporoukiponeke.org.nz

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TE TOKA TRADES TRAINING CONSORTIUM

Building a strong foundation for the future of our young people, our regional economy and our Iwi is the kaupapa behind a new trades training initiative called Te Toka.

Te Toka (to be launched later this month) is designed to enable more Māori and Pasifika learners, aged 18-34, to obtain trades apprenticeships and qualifications that lead to skilled and sustainable employment.

A consortium made up of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, EIT Tairāwhiti and Lincoln University are behind the Te Toka project. The roopu were one of five groups selected by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Tertiary Education Commission recently to provide increased opportunities in the trades industries for Māori and Pasifika communities.

The Te Toka consortium will work with local businesses and organisations to achieve their common goals of helping young people to complete their studies and gain jobs across a range of industries including carpentry, farming, forestry, hospitality and administration.

Allan Jensen, Chief Financial Officer for Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou is the project lead for Te Toka and says the scheme provides an important opportunity for Ngati Porou to transform our economy and prospects.

“Te Toka will help create training and career opportunities for our young people, so they don’t need to leave Gisborne or the Coast to upskill themselves, or to find jobs. We need a strong base of work ready people who can start in employment straight away, instead of using contractors or others from outside the area. As an organisation, we are deeply involved in developing our own Ngati Porou primary sector industries and working with other organisations to develop our community and regional infrastructure assets. So Te Toka will help to support the training of our Ngati Porou people to carry out the mahi that needs to be done.”

NGATI POROU at forefront in ICT

Savvy technological advances by Ngati Porou was acknowledged at a prestigious national ceremony held at Sky City in Auckland in June.



Marcus Lloyd, the Group IT Manager for Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou was one of three finalists nominated for the top prize at the 2014 CIO (Chief Information Officer) Awards. The nomination was not only an achievement for Marcus and his whanau, and the TRONPnui Group, but also for the Iwi. This is the first time the mahi of an Iwi organisation had been acknowledged in this category.

The Awards were part of a two day national CIO Summit, and among the companies such as Google, and Microsoft who attended the event, Marcus was the only representative of an Iwi or Māori organisation.

Marcus says he found it to be an exciting and fulfilling experience to reach the finals of the Awards and the nomination, “represented the accumulation of a lot of hard work, vision and great support by the team at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou.”

Marcus says the judges felt that the work to consolidate the diverse needs of Iwi organisations was a technological challenge, and that, “Ngati Porou were able to successfully navigate and bring this all together. They also felt that the work we are doing was an example to all Iwi and was worth recognizing.”

Although the Chief Information Officer of the Year award went to Kevin Angland of IAG, Marcus says being recognized along side his peers in the ICT industry was positive and uplifting. “For myself professionally there are good opportunities out there to build a strong professional network and work with exciting people. For the Runanganui, the Awards sets our Iwi alongside some of the most advanced

and forward thinking companies in New Zealand. It presents Ngati Porou as a strong force in using technology to advance our Iwi.”

The mahi Marcus and the Runanganui are doing in the IT space include collaborating with a local ISP provider to build a large regional high-speed network, and establishing Wi-Fi connections at marae throughout Ngati Porou. The online presence of Ngati Porou is also currently being re-designed, which will enable Natis anywhere in the world to connect, collaborate and access resources. A unified communications network joining together Runanganui subsidiaries and associated organisations over 20 sites has also just been completed. One of the many IT projects Marcus is most proud of is developing a collaborative relationship with mobile communication provider, 2 degrees. An outcome of this relationship was the launch of the Ngati Porou and 2 degrees Association, where 5% of monthly mobile bills are

“For the Runanganui, the Awards sets our Iwi alongside some of the most advanced and forward thinking companies in New Zealand. It presents Ngati Porou as a strong force in using technology to advance our Iwi.”

donated back to the Ngati Porou community. At the moment the Runanganui and 2 degrees are promoting a national marketing campaign and a special incentive is offered to Natis who join the scheme (see opposite page).

Marcus believes that ICT provides the way forward for Iwi around the country to deliver services to their people, connect their whanau together, and to strongly position their goods and services in new markets worldwide. He says, “ICT not only will enable Iwi to play more of a significant role in building a better Aotearoa, but also is the future for providing employment for our people.”

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KEI WAREWARE TATAU

L-R: Hana Nikora, Latasha Wanoa, Lynette Harrison, Taylah Sykes-Martin and Turuhira Dell-Keelan.

Photographer: Mike Jonathan.



KEI WAREWARE TATAU
28th Maori Battalion Legacy Tour

In May 2014 Ngati Porou historian Dr Monty Soutar led a large contingent to the lands where our tipuna fought during World War One and World War Two, to Tunisia, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

Originally the pilgrimage was to take place last year, to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Tebaga Gap where 2/Lt Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa Ngarimu won the Victoria Cross. The majority of the participants were descendants of C Company of the Maori Battalion. For many it was an emotional pilgrimage and the realisation of a long held dream to pay homage to their tipuna who did not return home. For some, including the large representation of rangatahi, it was an education about the contribution and sacrifices of our Papa.

For those who were not on the journey, the Ngarimu VC Pilgrimage Europe 2014 Facebook page provided up to the

minute coverage with postings made by members of the roopu and connected people to what was happening.

Leanne Tamaki who works alongside Dr Monty Soutar at the Ministry for Culture and Heritage was on the tour and shared the following images and korero on behalf of Monty and the group for Nati Link. Leanne administers the 28th Maori Battalion website and welcomes contributions to the website.

The tour group will meet again at the opening of the C Company House and launch of the te reo Maori version of Nga Tama Toa on November 15th.

Kei wareware tatou



TEBAGA GAP, TUNISIA ▲

It is no mean feat carrying our group of fifty (sometimes eighty strong) and all of those we brought with us on your shoulders. But our kaitaki Abraham Karaka (Ngati Maui, Ngati Putaanga, Te Whanau a Hinerupe, Te Whanau a Tuwhakairiora) did it every time he led us onto a battlefield or cemetery.

Abraham steered us up onto Hikurangi at Tebaga Gap – barefoot, on rocky ground and with the threat of scorpions under some of those rocks. The rest of us were thankfully, well-shod. We held a service on Hikurangi and then stood on Pt 209 facing Hikurangi and honoured Ngarimu and his men with waiata and haka.

Having been to Tebaga Gap only enhances one's understanding of the deeds accomplished here. There really is no substitute for 'takahi i te whenua'. The significance of this place has been amplified. It was an incredible day and one not to be forgotten.

Photographer: Siobhan Houkamau



MAUMAHARA – CEMETERY SOUDA BAY ▲

We prayed, we sang, we cried, we remembered, we honoured them – acknowledging their sacrifice and sharing our collective grief to alleviate that loss.

To honour our dead is sacred custom to us and it's important our tupapaku are returned to their ukaipo. It can be hard to reconcile our Papa being buried in foreign lands. On visiting the cemeteries you cannot help but be struck by the incredible care bestowed upon them. The disjuncture of their distance from home is allayed by the care, honour and respect shown to them by the home people.

The land on which this cemetery stands is the gift of the Greek people for the perpetual resting place of the sailors, soldiers and airmen who are honoured here. – Suda Bay cemetery plaque

Photographer: Leanne Tamaki



WHAIA NGA TAPUAE – HAKA AT 42ND STREET ▲

One of the battle sites where the Maori Battalion forged their reputation is an olive grove near the quiet Cretan village of Tsilikalaria. In a tidal wave of a bayonet charge they annihilated 80 Germans. As the story goes Hemara Aupouri possessed of ihi, wehi and wana jumped up onto the embankment and began the tutu-ngarahu – a haka in the moment of battle. This inspires the Maori Battalion into action.

Accompanying us on the pilgrimage was Hemara Aupouri's daughter Ruby Mill, mokopuna Libby, mokopuna tuarua Rhia-Maina Mataira and other near-relatives Waihuka Wanoa and Tawhai Aupouri. Like their Papa, Rhia and Tawhai respectively led the group in the haka 'Ka panapana' and 'Ka mate'. The group did each haka 'out of their skins' – it wasn't a performance, it was a true tribute performed in remembrance of Hemara and the Maori Battalion's deeds and bravery.

The police arrived as we were leaving, apparently the neighbours were terrified after hearing war-like screams coming from the grove.

Photographer: Leanne Tamaki



AOHUNA SOUTAR TAKEN AT HER GRAND UNCLE'S GRAVE, PHALERON CEMETERY, ATHENS ▲

Passing on the knowledge of these places and the feats of our Papa was an important aspect of the pilgrimage. Every time Monty recounted the history of a place, battle or person, he made it clear that we all have this knowledge now and it behoves us to share it.

During one of our long bus trips our youngest traveller Aohuna Soutar eloquently shared with us her understanding of the pilgrimage. She said that we need to remember the sacrifices our Papa made for us. The history and the stories of the Maori Battalion are in safe hands with children like her.

Photographer: Oriwia Soutar



MAUMAHARA – PAYING OUR RESPECTS ▲

So much tender emotion is made easier when shared – fellow pilgrims Zandria Taare, Jossie and Erin Ngata spend time with their Papa Lance Corporal Paetahi Metekingi at the Faenza War Cemetery in Italy.

For some of us, it was the first time visiting and paying our respects to our Papa. In these moments we grieved for them buried in lands so far from home; we remembered our whanau, past and present and all of that love and loss while we were at their gravesides. Kei warewaretia.

Photographer: Roberta Savolini



FROM HICKS BAY TO THE COLOSSEUM ▲



CONNECTING WITH THE BERBER WHANAU ▲

We met some amazing people on this trip. In Tunisia, we visited the home of a Berber whanau. The Berber are the native people of Tunisia. They fed us bread, almonds and mint tea. We performed Paikēa and in return the kuia and kotiro pictured in this photo with Graham Hingangaroa Smith, played the drum and danced.

Their women wear a tattoo on their chin, akin to moko kauae and their kilim (woven wool mats) have patterns similar to patiki and niho taniwha.

Photographer: Mike Jonathan



GEORGE AND MONTY ▲

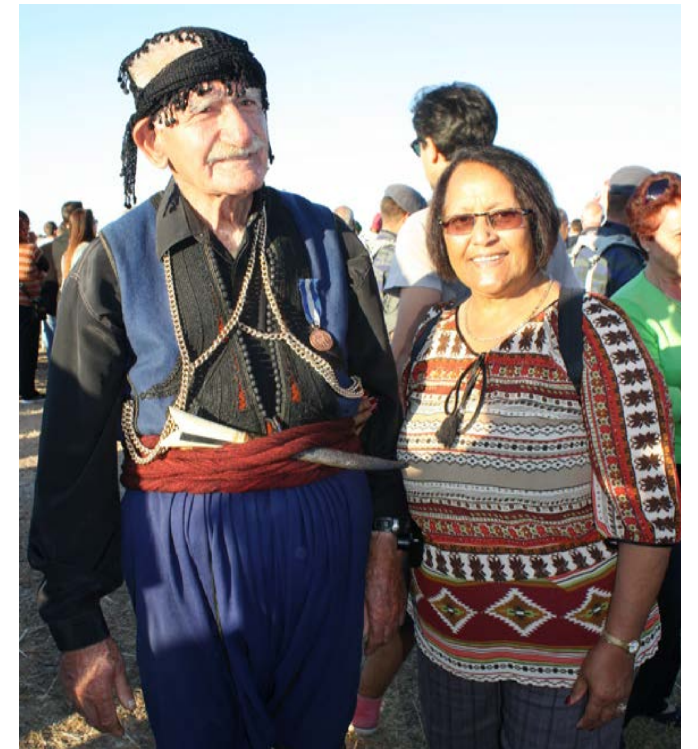
This is George Evangelopoulos. Monty magically met him on the side of a road on Mt Olympus (Greece) in 2011 while following a hunch to find some pits the Maori Battalion had dug in 1941.

George has a position similar to a DOC ranger in this area and showed Monty where the pits were. We checked out the pits and held a service to remember three of the Battalion who died there. Afterwards, George's family hosted us at their vineyard.

Photographer: Leanne Tamaki



OUR AMAZING KAI AT PRATALE, ITALY ▲



TAINA MCGREGOR WITH A CRETAN LOCAL AT THE MALEME AIRFIELD ▲



ROSANNA TACCI BEING HUGGED BY NAREEN CHAFFEY ▲

We had a number of official engagements in Tunisia, Crete and Greece and quite a few in Italy - Florence, Tarvanelle, Pratale and Faenza. We were welcomed and hosted with great enthusiasm, love and appreciation. Until you experience it for yourself, it's difficult to understand the appreciation felt by these people for the sacrifice our men made in trying to liberate their countries.

This Italian woman is Rosanna. She met the Maori Battalion when she was a young girl. She remembers their incredible kindness and also how handsome they were. When the boys from the pilgrimage group performed their haka at Tarvanelle the Italian school girls got very excited. It was easy to see how our Papa of the Maori Battalion made Italian women's hearts flutter.

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WHANAUNGATANGA ▲

We were brought together through the deeds of our Papa. We have had amazing experiences in the places they fought, lived and died. I don't think any of us will forget this journey. It was an incredible privilege to be part of this once in a life-time trip. The bonds we have forged will be cherished.

Photographer: Mike Jonathan

Priceless Experience

by Moana-Lee Raihania



I'm the fortunate one...

Tena koutou katoa, I te taonga o tōku Pāpā Tipuna – Ko Te Kuri a Paoa te pari, Ko Maraetaha ta te awa, Ko Ngāti Rangiwahō te Hapū, Ko Ngai Tāmanuhiri te iwi. I te taonga o tōku Māmā Tipuna, Ko Marotiri te maunga, Ko Hauini te awa, Ko Ruataupare te hapū, Ko Ngāti Porou te iwi arā, Ko Moana-Lee Raihania tōkū ingoa. Ko au te mātāmua mokopuna o Nolan raua ko Ana Raihania. Nā rāua nei au i whāngai a pakeke noa.

From our large Raihania whānau I was given the privilege of escorting Dad (Noel) to Italy. Whilst I knew it was going to be a trip of a lifetime, it never dawned on me how life changing it actually would be. I grew up in a family where Te Hokowhitu a Tū was a way of life for Mum (Ana). She and Dad taught us waiata of the 28th Māori Battalion, yet Dad, a 28 Veteran, would never speak of the war.

On 8 May 2014 Dad and I started our journey flying out from Gisborne with tears quietly trickling as the whānau wished us bon voyage. It wasn't until I clicked the seat belt that it hit me, "I'm 'IT' for Dad", this tino taonga loved by so many. I'm his "kaitiaki", charged with making sure he gets home safe and well. OMG the plane just got heavier!

Dad was the only 28 veteran with the tour group of 50 adults and 30 Secondary School students all hailing

from the East Coast and all of whom were descendants of a C Coy Soldier. His presence was priceless and the tour would not have been the same without him.

NGĀ URUPĀ ME NGA POHATU MAUMAHARA

One of the cemeteries we visited was Forli War Cemetery where twelve of the forty-one 28th Māori Battalion Soldiers buried there, were from Dad's Platoon. He visited all of his comrades. It is unimaginable to guess what his recollections were as we laid a poppy at each of their beautifully kept graves. Dad's 1st cousin, Ned Pohatu, is buried there. Dad recited the story of Ned's demise to the Tour party, it was a devastating end to his young cousin's life. The emotions of seeing row upon row of young Māori men played with the mind, confusion as to why they came here to fight in a war that wasn't theirs. Did they have to make that ultimate sacrifice for our freedom? What would have happened if our men didn't come to this foreign land? I suppose we will never ever really know, but I do know if the Germans had won the war, they would have no hesitation invading Aotearoa and wiping out our race. For this reason we will never forget them, they truly did sacrifice their lives for our freedom.

As I mentioned the urupā are a sight to behold with a flower garden fronting each grave. The local children in every district visit the graves of our

men every year, singing to them and laying poppies. It was amazing to see them and their parents at the cemetery when we arrived. Our rangatahi gave a performance especially for them, sealing a life long relationship and showing our appreciation for looking after our loved ones.

TANGATA WHENUA – ITARIA

The Italians are such a beautiful race. They are expressive, emotive, honest, loving, caring people. A lot like us really. They were in absolute awe of Dad. It became evident there was a deep connection and gratitude by the Italians for the 28th Māori Battalion. Everywhere we went they would approach Dad to embrace him with a kiss, touch his face, have a photo, salute him, shower him with gifts.

It was so over-whelming seeing these foreigners feeling the same way and respecting Dad like we do back home. The tears that flowed from when they met Dad was heart wrenching especially when they would relate their war stories and how the Māori Battalion saved their lives and liberated their villages.

It was especially poignant when the children offered the same respect showing they were aware of their

▲ Left to right: Papa Noel and Moana-Lee at Tarvanelle, Noel and 28th Māori Battalion descendants advancing onto Cassino War Cemetery, faces of the Italian tamariki who visit our loved ones.

country's history and the part the Māori Battalion had played in their liberation. Once again Dad took it all in his stride, keeping his emotions within, and thanking them all for coming and sharing their stories... in the Italian reo of course!

SPECIAL MEMORIES

It's difficult to single out any one memory as the entire tour was so special and emotional. One of the reasons Dad agreed to go on the trip was because of the Rangatahi. It was important to him that the stories of the 28 be known and remembered. Having the students on the trip was priceless for him and yet if you ask the students on the trip they would say the same about him. It was evident our future generation felt the emotion, heard the stories, saw the devastation, met the descendants and best of all got to know Dad, not only as a figure head of the legendary 28th Māori Battalion, but as their very own Pāpā. Thanks to their acquaintance the Raihania Whānau just extended by 30 mokopuna.

Meeting HRH Prince Harry was another nice little surprise. Prince Harry attended the 70th Commemoration of the Battle of Cassino. He was flanked by the New Zealand Governor General, Jerry Mataparae and his wife and the Italian Ambassador along with forty New Zealand Returned Servicemen who fought in the Battle of Cassino.

Our tour group performed the thunderous infamous haka, Rūaumoko, to the Prince and proceeded to entertain the hundreds of people that



came to commemorate the occasion.

Another special occasion was meeting Pope Francis. This wasn't a chance meeting but one that was organised for Dad by the Honorable Chris Finlayson and the New Zealand Embassy. Without their help there's no way we would have been able to navigate our way to the front of the square with 30,000 people in attendance! He truly is, as they say a People's Pope and very charismatic. Witnessing how the crowd reacts to him was an experience in itself. It was a huge privilege to meet His Holiness and having this photo will last a lifetime in our whānau. Thank you to the Honorable Chris Finlayson and the New Zealand Embassy for making this happen and taking care of us.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Dad and I wish to thank all of you who supported our trip to Italy. Thank you to Monty and his tour team, the ladies at House of Travel, the Honorable Chris Finlayson, the Italian Ambassador and his staff and lastly to the Tour Group and the Rangatahi, this has been a trip that will connect us forever.

Finally, I really was the lucky one... to be right there by Dad's side, feeling the emotions and hearing the stories. When I arrived home there was a certain relief that I had fulfilled my duty for my whānau and got Dad home safe and sound. But there was also a loneliness, an inner cry and silence. I didn't want to leave Dad, I didn't want to stop feeling the emotions and hearing the stories.

The trip may be over but the stories will live on. As Dad often said on the trip, "The ultimate sacrifice – Theirs is not to reason why, theirs is but to do and die!"

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.



- ▲ Papa Noel meeting Prince Harry at the 70th Commemoration of the Battle of Cassino.
 - ▶ Papa Noel meeting his Holiness Pope Francis at the Vatican.
 - ◀ In moments of solitude Papa Noel took the opportunity to remember his fallen comrades.
 - ◀◀ Local Italians flocked around Papa Noel wherever he went, to pay their respects to him.
- All photos courtesy of Moana-Lee Raihania.*



FROM GISBORNE TO GLASGOW



“Harden up Princess!” That’s the catch cry familiar to all of Esther ‘Aunty Kiki’ Velloza’s judo charges, whether young or old, novice or Commonwealth medal contenders. “I say it to the girls, and the guys, when someone has a bit of a whinge – oh, harden up!”

The fifth dan and judoka extraordinaire has earned the right to be a tough taskmaster – she’s dedicated 35 years of her life to judo, a form of unarmed combat that combines shoulder throws, defensive techniques, mental agility and 18th century Japanese spirituality.

But despite Esther’s softly spoken demeanour, it’s not all zen. “I do yell and scream, but that’s to get the best out of someone.”

Amidst running a dojo, organising national and trans-Tasman judo events, and assisting Papa Api at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, Esther was recently named coach of the four female judoka set to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Two of the women, like Esther, are also Ngati Porou and Gisborne raised – Darcina Manuel is ranked No 1 in the Commonwealth, and Patti Grogan No 2. While their biggest threats to gold medal glory are the Scots, English, Canadians and Australians, Esther believes her girls will medal. “My main role is to support my girls... to make sure they’re mentally and physically prepared, whatever they want, whatever they need, they get. They need to perform.”

Success in Glasgow is bound to have positive spin off effects for the Gisborne based dojo Esther runs with 2013 New Zealand masters under 90-kgs champ Jason King. New entrants will be welcome with open arms, but Esther makes it clear that judo is not cage fighting which she describes as ‘violent’. “We don’t allow kids to go around kicking and stuff, if you want to do that, go and do karate, we keep it pure... There’s a time to be wild, there’s a time to control your body and mind and sit and reflect, that’s why we bow to each other to thank that person for being there.”

Discipline, hard work and sacrifice have been the cornerstones of Esther’s judo career. She’s a tough lady, but when asked about what inspires her work ethic, Esther takes a tender pause to reflect on her father and Gisborne transportation legend Te Moananui-a-Kiwa Reedy aka Mo Reedy who passed away a year ago. Through tears she explains, “Everything we ever needed for judo club, like new mats, he would buy them, he was always supportive... I think he would’ve been proud.” Then the emotion was blinked away, probably because Aunty Kiki had told herself to “harden up Princess.”

Na Tina Wickliffe.

◀ ▶ Esther “Kiki” Velloza is at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, coaching four Judo sportswomen representing NZ. Before she left for Glasgow Esther demonstrated some of her own Judo moves for Nati Link readers (she is pictured with Jason King from the Gisborne Judo Club). *Photos by Trudy Lewis.*



NGATI POROU BASKETBALL SCORES FOR THE IWI

The Ngati Porou Basketball Association was formed in 2008 to provide opportunities for nga mokopuna o Porourangi to learn and experience the game of basketball. Last month the only Iwi Association in NZ fielded five teams in Basketball New Zealand's National Championships, after earlier qualifying to represent the region in Napier.

The under 15 Girls and Boys teams travelled to Wellington to play against other teams in their age grade, while the under 17 Womens team travelled to Auckland to compete in their tournament. The under 19 Mens and Womens team journeyed to Nelson in the South Island to vie against their counterparts from around the country.

Jimi Hills, Chairperson of the Association, says that although these accomplishments are wonderful, he believes there are also other equally significant spin-offs which are a direct result from involvement in the sport.

"To me basketball can be used as a vehicle to encourage everyone, regardless of their ability or experience in the game, to develop a positive state of mind. The values we try to impress on all our participants, both young and old, are

manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kia eke ki te Taumata (strive for the ultimate)."

The Ngati Porou Basketball Association wishes to thank all the sponsors who helped support their roopu at the recent National tournament.

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The aspiration of the Ngati Porou Basketball Association is to strengthen the development of basketball within Ngati Porou.

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un19 men, un17 men, un17 women, un15 boys, un15 girls

Back Row Eric Lynch, Jessie Hills, Hunter Mokomoko, Nathaniel Paul, Klay August, Brandon Paul, Drea Calles, Preston Cockery, Izalah Kerisome
Lance Henderson, Hikurangi Mangu, Ngaru Williams, Stuart Leach, Te Ahiwaru Nukunuku, Paora Tuapawa, Turoa Kohatu, Te Ahomatua Morice, Kyle Tuhou Cronin, Tane Aranga Wills, Gerry Kora,
Girls back row - Rere Campbell Rangit, Rakai Papuni-Hohepa, Hori Mokomoko, Te Aniki Henare, Temaira Olsen Baker, Maia Rickard, Zara Collier, Merihine Poutu
Liberty Leef, Paris Te Rauna, Marama Elington, Ladeen Haerewa, Ihipera Mackey, Atawhai Papuni Hohepa, Hinekahu Collier Campbell, Michaela Houkamau,
Te Uarangi Olsen Baker, Autumn Olsen Clarke
Boys front row - Louie Rangihuna, Mikaere Murray, Quentin Takarangi, Kaea Hills, Genesis Tamatea, Roaney Lane Waru. Absent Sam Manuel, Billy Priestly



Bros to the Ballot

*Could the male vote make the difference in Ikaroa Rawhiti?
Na Tina Wickliffe.*

Rap and rock anthems rang out over the field, teenaged boys full of testosterone threw up hand signs, and older league heads punctuated tries with grunty punches to the air. It was the Rugby Park event that attracted every hard man in Gizzy with wrap around shades – the Warriors first-ever game on Tairāwhiti soil.

This is not the usual hunting ground for politicians, but then Mana Party's Te Hamua Nikora is an unusual candidate. When the rapping, Air Jordan wearing former television personality wasn't mc'ing the game, he was easily weaving through the crowd, posing for photos and introducing young 'breethas' to political rebel and Mana Party leader Hone Harawira. He insists the bro act is real. "I don't just dress up normal so that people will think I'm normal, this is how

I dress all the time. Me putting on a shirt and tie, koiraa te rerekeetanga, that's me dressing up to be a bit different, but the way I am, that's how I am."

But the self proclaimed Haati Naati concedes getting bros to the ballot on September 20th won't be easy. Most of Te Hamua's votes at last year's by-election, in which he came second to Labour candidate Meka Whaitiri, were cast by women. He hopes easily understood policies like 'a living wage for all' and 'Feed the Kids' combined with his relatable manner will win over undecided male voters who're doing it tough – guys much like him.

"I've heard a saying that bad politicians are elected to government by those who don't vote, so if we want the idiots to carry on that are already there, don't vote, it's that easy."



IKAROA RAWHITI CANDIDATES ▲ Although Mana Party Candidate Te Hamua Nikora and incumbent Ikaroa Rawhiti MP, Meka Whatiri will be competing at the ballot box this September, they are both united in agreement that young Māori males need to get out there and have their say come general election time.

Photo acknowledgements: Te Hamua Nikora, image supplied; Meka Whatiri image, source: Stuff 2013.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town incumbent Ikaroa Rawhiti MP Meka Whatiri is keeping an eye on the state of play at both the rugby and the ballot box. On the Saturday we meet, she's cheering on Manutuke's Young Māori Party Club, something she's done since her grandfather, father and brothers played. Getting the lads to play politics though is another story.

"We've got a growing population from 18 into the mid 40s that just aren't participating, they're not voting. I've looked over the last three elections from 2005 and that trend is getting larger, so as an 18 year old in 2005 if you're not voting, you come forward 9 years and they're now 27, and so you're getting a level of men just not participating and that's a concern for me."

Despite the odds, Meka's backing the men of her electorate. "I don't think they're a lost cause, I really believe our Māori men are leaders in their whanau, and this is a responsibility for their tamariki, their mokos, their nanas, their papas to get out and vote. Māori men will generally do things for whanau, so older Māori men will do things for their mokos, dads will do things for their children and young people, surprisingly enough, will do things for their nana and papa."

Whether the men of Ikaroa Rawhiti come out of the sheds ready to play is a hard call. Only one thing is for certain, it's game on for the two main candidates who want to win their votes come September 20th.

ENROLMENT FYI

The 2014 General Election is taking place on September 20, and we get to choose who will represent us in Parliament for the next 3 years. Everybody's vote is important, so if you're not already enrolled – do it now. You can't enrol on election day.

- **Go online at www.elections.org.nz, call 0800 36 76 56, go into a Postshop or text your name and address to 3676.**

If you have any questions go to the elections website, call the 0800 number or post your patai at www.facebook.com/ivotenz.

- **Only those who are 18 years+ and correctly enrolled can vote.** But if you are 17 you can provisionally enrol and you'll become eligible to vote as soon as you turn 18.

- **When you enrol check your electorate.** The boundaries may have changed.

- **Remember when it comes time to vote you will have 2 votes,** 1 for the Party you want to lead the country and one for the candidate you want to represent your area.

KEY DATES

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

Electoral Roll closes for printing. Voters enrolling after this date will cast special declaration votes.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Advance voting in NZ begins. Overseas voting also begins.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Easyvote information packs sent to all enrolled voters.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Last day to enrol for the Election. Advance voting ends.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

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NATI LIFE For another exemplary illustration of “Nati Power” look no further than this image of the troops from ATAWHAI 2014. Pulling a fire-engine down the main drag of Gisborne, carrying heavy army equipment up to the top of Kaiti Hill and marching 3 kilometers while balancing timber posts on their shoulders were all in the course of a day for the young cadets. The November 2013 issue of Nati Link features a story about the first intake of this successful initiative.

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