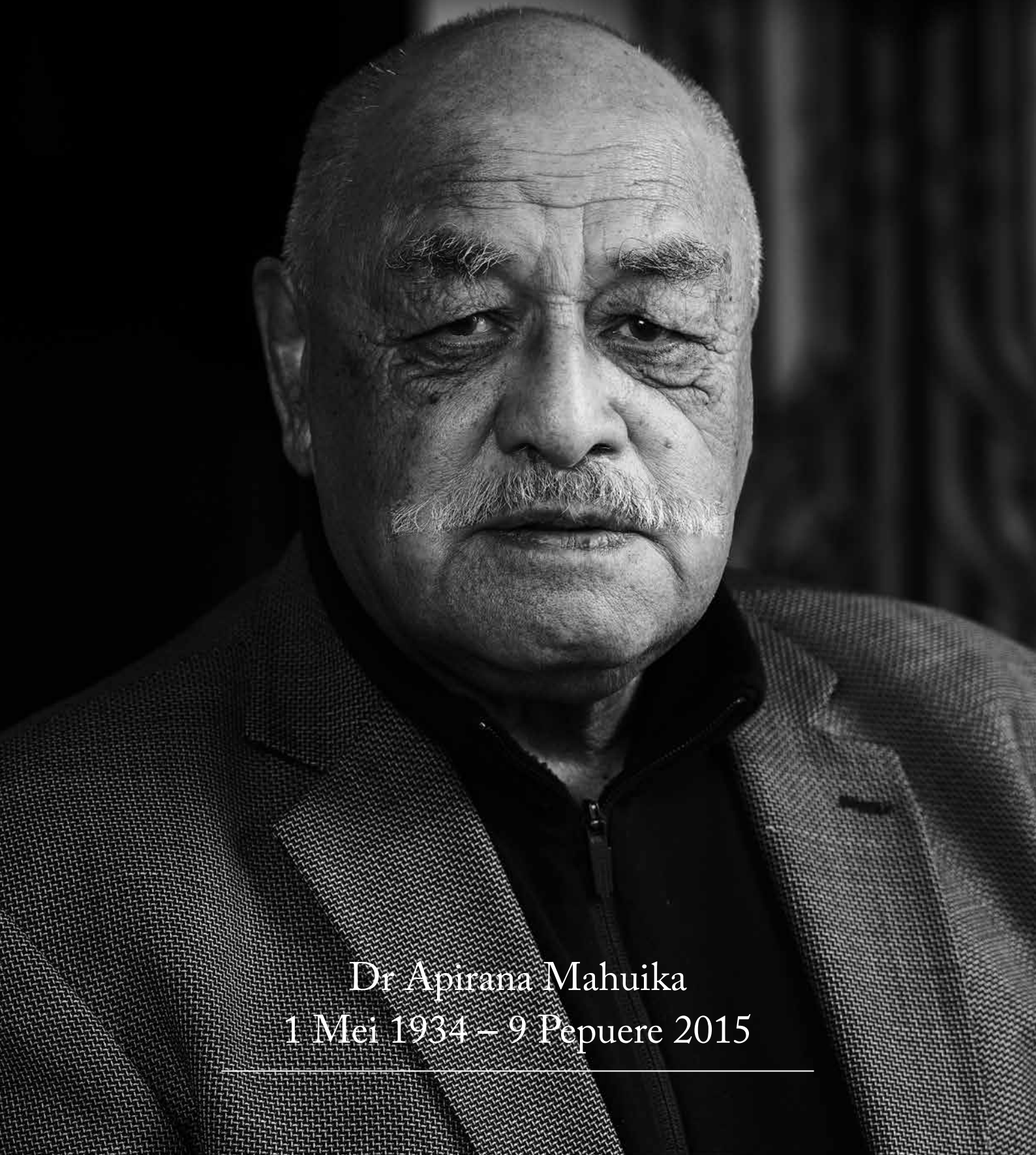


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CONNECTING OUR IWI



Dr Apirana Mahuika
1 Mei 1934 – 9 Pepuere 2015

KO HIKURANGI TE MAUNGA,
KO WAIAPU TE AWA,
KO NGATI POROU TE IWI



KO RAHUI TE MARAE,
KO RONGOMAIA NI WANIWA
TE WHARE TIPUNA





KO MERI TAPU
TE WHARE KARAKIA

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CHAIRMAN'S MIHI

Mauriora ki te rangi ko Io matua kore anake, Mauriora ki te whenua ko tatau nga uri a ratau ma. Tangihia o tatau mate e hika ma, te pukahu o nga uri o te maunga tapu nei a Hikurangi kua ngaro i te tirohanga kanohi engari ka mau tonu i nga whakaaro, kaore ha to tatau upoko ariki, te morehu tipuna nei i a Apirana Mahuika. Koia tena. Te tiamana tuatahi o to tatau Runanganui, ki tona tuahine, taku koka i a Harwea Mackey tetahi o nga poutokomanawa o te taonga a te iwi, ki tana tamahine a Maria Paiherhere Whitehead taku tuahine. Moe mai ra koutou ki te harwaiki kei te po. Kia ora tatau rau rangatira ma, te hunga whaipaa ki te Runanganui; koutou nga uri no nga whanau me nga hapu o Ngati Porou mai i Potikirua ki Te Toka a Taiau, atu i te rarangi maunga o te Raukumara i te uru ki te hikumutu kei te rawhiti, ko tona tuanui ko Rangi e tu nei, ko tona papa ko Papatuanuku e tau nei. Hanake nei he ata hou!

The 15 year apprenticeship I served as Deputy Chair of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and its predecessors enabled me to move seamlessly into the role of Chair, and with our Board quickly focus on key priorities, including the recruitment of a new Chief Executive, reviewing and enhancing our Strategic Plan and with Toitu Ngati Porou approve an integrated, intergenerational Ngati Porou Reo Strategy. These have been major achievements at a time when the board and staff were still coming to terms with the loss of Uncle Api, who was such a prominent figure and feature of the Ngati Porou landscape for the past 30 years.

In taking on the role of Chair I knew that I would bring to that role my own brand of leadership which is, to live, work and move amongst Nati's as they go about their everyday lives, to understand what motivates, excites and troubles them, to gain an insight into what their dreams and aspirations are and not to presume to know what they are. To understand and clearly define what our collective goals and aspirations are and clarify how the Runanganui, hapu, mar-

ae and taurahere contribute to these as well as how whanau contribute to their own aspirations.

The two mantra that I hold to are, "Our land and our people are our greatest assets and we need to harness them" and, "that we must always keep the Porou in the Nati "a proud, energetic, independent and resourceful people.

Over the past four months of my Chairmanship, Rei Kohere the Deputy Chairman, and I have nurtured a culture at the Runanganui board that encourages robust debate informed by good information and places a premium on trust, confidence and respect. Although it is still early days, I can see changes in terms of the active engagement and participation of all Board members and increased levels of accountability and transparency in board decision-making. Board members are better at recognising their own strengths and limitations and acting on that analysis to determine what activities they should be involved in and what activities they should leave to other board members.

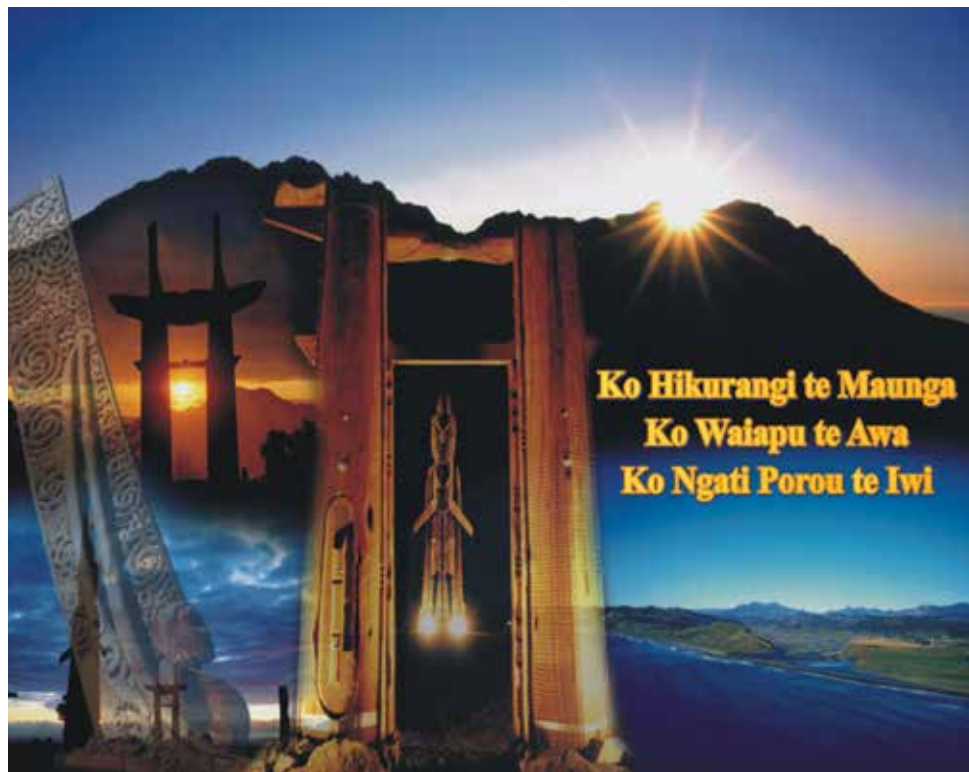
I also want to acknowledge the contribution of the Runanganui board, subsidiary board members and the senior management team for their contribution

to the joint strategic planning session that was expertly co-facilitated by Kylee Potae and Herewini Te Koha. This strategy session was also attended by our new CE Dean Moana and the main outcome from this session was the development of KPI's, results, that would enable Boards, management and Ngati Porou to monitor the performance of the Runanganui in achieving its stated outcomes, goals and objectives.

I have already started to recruit some of the talent that we have in the areas of WaiMaori/Freshwater, Education and in Te Reo ake o Ngati Porou. This I believe is contributing to engaging a broader cross section of Ngati Porou people in the work of the Runanganui and the engagement of their whanau and hapu. The utilisation of these resource people is also assisting the Runanganui improve its communications with Ngati Porou by becoming more externally focussed.

I am pleased with the increased momentum and activity that has occurred across a number of the Runanganui's key priorities in such a short period of time, including ;

1. Development of an integrated, in-



tergenerational Ngati Porou Reo strategy, which the Runanganui along with Toitu Ngati Porou, will convene a special Hui-a-iwi on, in the next couple of months to seek Ngati Porou's endorsement.

2. Review and refresh of the Matauranga Ngati Porou and Ngati Porou Education Strategies to ensure that Ngati Porou wherever they may be are able to access quality education that equips them with the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to be successful, contributing Ngati Porou, New Zealand and global citizens. To this end we are also about to pilot an education outcomes project with the MoE, as one of a number of initiatives to revise and enact the Ngati Porou Outcomes Measurement Framework that the Runanga designed in 2007-8. It will be another first in the country and the Auditor General has already publicly commended Ngati Porou on the framework.

3. We have begun discussions with GDC management and staff to work on a programme that will enable the TRONPnui and the GDC to implement a co-governance and co-management freshwater regime within the Ngati Porou rohe under Section 36b of the RMA and then move to full delegated authority to Ngati Porou under Section 33 of the RMA. This is in direct response to the outcome of the 12 hapu cluster consultation hui held between

October 2014 and January 2015.

4. I am pleased to see our entrepreneurial spirit rebooted with the Business and Financial literacy courses that the Runanganui has been running with the Maori Women's Development Inc. I think it is also worth noting that the Runanganui and all its subsidiaries employ over 350 staff, which makes the Runanganui one of the largest employers in the district and the largest employer of Nati's anywhere in the world.

"Ngati Porou has much to be proud of, however we cannot afford to live off the deeds of our elders and ancestors we must all make our own mark and contribution to Ngati Porou growth and development. I want to be part of a leadership team that builds a pathway for the next generation that is aspirational, inspirational and achievable, a pathway founded on the principles contained in 'E tipu e Rea', each generation expressing in their own unique way what it is to be Ngati Porou – "he iwi moke he whanoke".

Finally I want to restate that I consider it a privilege and an honour to be chairman of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and in closing wish to acknowledge my deputy chairman, Rei Kohere, fellow board members, the management and staff of the Runanganui and our subsidiaries for their support and encouragement. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

Ki taku tuakana kia Teepe Wawatai nga mihi nui e te hoa mohou i whakapau werauera kia tu rangatira nga kaupapa a Ngati Porou hei painga mona hei oranga mo te iwi.

Hei kona, ma te Wahi Ngaro koe e manaaki i roto i ohou nekeneke, i ohou takahitanga i runga i te mata o te whenua, ahakoa ka wehe atu koe i te turanga kaihautu kei te mohio tonu au ka mau tonu koe ki wa tatau kaupapa. Ngā mihi nui kia tatau katoa. heoi ano kei roto i nga kupu a te waiata a Tuini Ngawai, Mihi mai aku rangatira e, mihi mai aku rangatira e Mihi mai ra aku rangatira e, mihi mai ki runga ra I te harakoa o te kaupapa nei he taonga na tatau katoa Meinga tenei hei tubonohono ra he tikanga pai na te aroha e aue ka poua te manawa whiti rere tonu ake na te rangimarie'

Kua ara a matariki ! Hape nuia ! Tipu matoro ki te ao. Kia tau te ia o te mauri kia tatau

Selwyn Tanetoa Parata
CHAIRMAN
TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU

UPCOMING EVENTS

Huræ – Akuhata

15TH JULY

Candidate Nominations for TRONPnui Elections Opens

29TH TO THE 31ST OF JULY

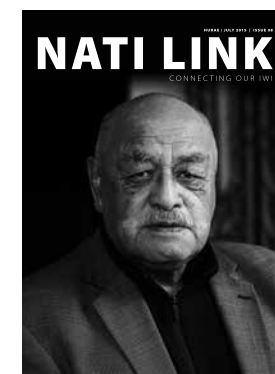
Ngati Porou Whai Rawa – Money Smart wananga Hinepare marae, Rangitukia

24TH, 25TH, 26TH JULY

Porou Ariki Wananga Rahui marae, Tikitiki

12TH AUGUST

Candidate Nominations for TRONPnui Elections close at 12 noon and Ngati Porou Iwi Register closes



ON THE COVER
He Tipua, He Tangata – Dr Apirana Mahuika.

This special edition of Nati Link is inspired by your legacy.
Moe mai ra Uncle.

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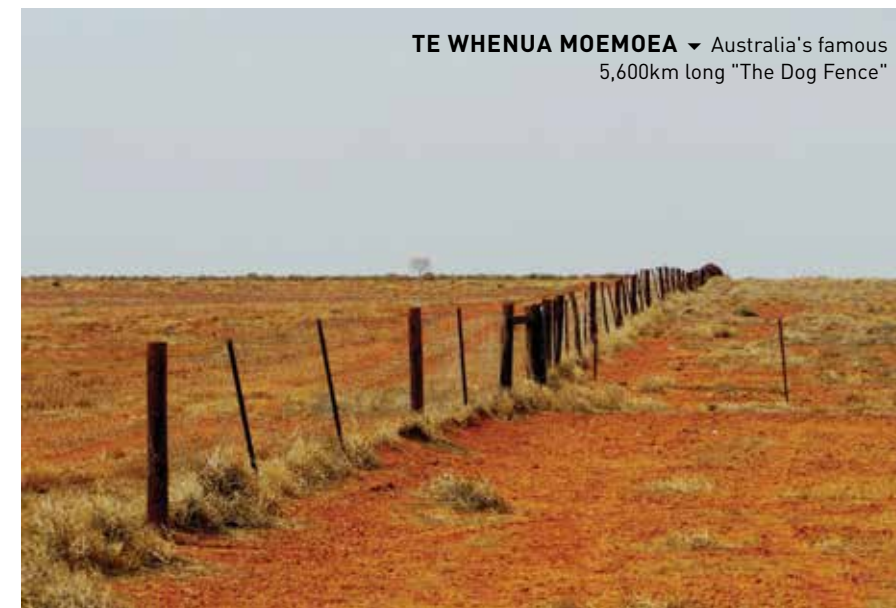
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TE WHENUA MOEMOE ▼ Australia's famous
5,600km long "The Dog Fence"

Kei te whenua te waiu mo nga whakatipuranga kei te piki ake.
The land will provide sustenance for future generations.

Over Easter I went walkabout in the Australian outback for a couple of weeks. It gave me a different perspective on two fundamental resources, water and land.

Water

My wife and I spent time in the Northern Territory and South Australia, which is actually the driest state in Australia. It's not until you drive over, walk across, or fly over this vast and unforgiving landscape that this harsh reality bites you deep and hard. Water is extremely precious there and when you wander in the desert you become acutely aware of your need. In some places it hasn't rained for more than 3 years. There's nothing but dust for miles and endless miles. For a simple act like brushing your teeth, barely a quarter of a cup of water is used and every drop is measured. I would easily use twenty times that amount of water to do the same task back here in NZ. But when a resource is rare, as it is with water in the Australian outback – it is treasured like diamonds and opals. It is a highly valued commodity which demands a reverential attitude towards its use because in the outback it ultimately determines life or death.

Compare that picture to here in NZ where water is plentiful. When a re-

source is abundant we tend to be careless and wasteful with it. But times and attitudes are changing as we awaken to the need to value our water resource more highly and better manage its use for the future. It is a looming issue for us; specifically water use and availability, quality and ownership. That's why Waiapu koka huhua (The Waiapu Restoration Project) is a one hundred year collaborative endeavour. We are also working with GDC to develop with Ngati Porou hapu a joint management plan for the Waiapu Catchment. It is a major development that will have a long-term impact on sustainable development in our rohe in order to sustain our people and future generations.

Land

Travelling across the outback of Australia gives you some appreciation of how big the country is. It is massive. We flew over the southern reaches of Anna Creek, the largest farm in Australia. In fact it's the largest farm in the world. At 6 million acres it's bigger than many countries like, for example, Israel. But it's tough farming in desert conditions comprising scrub, sand dunes and savannah. It normally carries a mere 16,000 head of cattle but in 2008, suffering under the

"drought of the century", the herd was reduced to 2000. That's 3,000 acres for each animal. Anna Creek is up for sale with greatest interest coming from Asia. Australians are expressing the same concerns heard here in NZ about the sale of land to overseas interests. Land and the resources within it will always stir great passion in people and remains the principal reason why men go to war.

Ngati Porou have a lot of land as compared to other iwi but the challenge remains to utilise it in a way that will sustain our people and enhance all of the values – economic, social, environmental and cultural, that contribute to overall wellbeing.

Not far from the opal mining town of Coober Pedy we turned onto the outback road that goes to a very remote town called Oodnadatta (Population: About 300). I wanted to see something special along this track – the fence. We eventually came to it; stretched out across the horizon as far as the eye could see. My parents were farmers, so were their parents; we were brought up on farms. My maternal grandfather, Taihaaro Pepere, was a gun fencer and so was my father and when I was a boy I loved going fencing with him. So I just had to see this fence for myself and for my father and grandfather. I can't explain it any other way but this is no ordinary fence. This is the dog fence and it is the longest fence in the world. It is five and a half thousand kilometres long and stretches across more than half of Australia. It was built to keep out marauding dingoes from coming south and attacking sheep on the southern pastoral spreads. But more than anything that fence represents man's sheer determination to control his environment.

We have to show the same determination in preserving, enhancing and utilising our land and water, including everything in it and everything on it, for present and future generations.

Teepa Waiwatai

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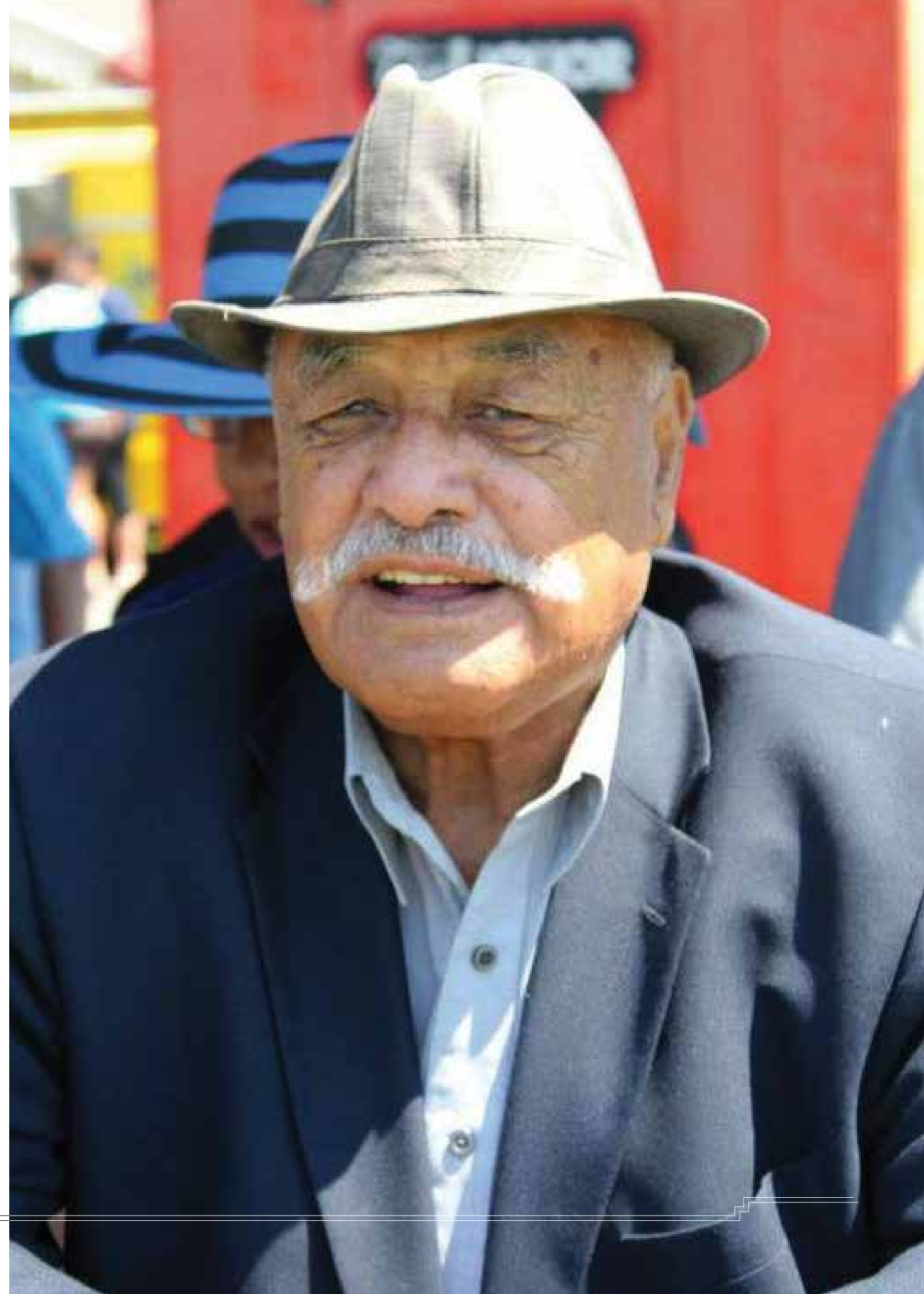
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"He Tipua He Tangata"

Nga Maumahara mo Dr Apirana Mahuika.

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NA SELWYN TANETOA PARATA
ENEI KORERO

*Whakarongo ake au ki te hirea waha o Maui e ki mai nei
toia te waka nei ka maunu ki te wai ka hoe ki te moana
whiu ake tona matau mau ake tona ika
ko Aotearoa hutia ka eke kei runga
whakaeteete mai ko Hikurangi
te maunga e kore e nekeneke
te maunga pupu o te tangata.*

*ka tanuku ka tanuku te tibi o Hikurangi ka tanuku
kua mawehe atu to tatau
Upoko Ariki, to tatau Tumu Whakarae, to tatau tipuna papa
I a Apirana Tuahae Kaukapakapa Mahuika
ki te mana ki te ihi ki te tapu kei te po.
Ahakoa kua ngaro i te tirohanga kanohi ka mau tonu i o matau
whakaaro i te ao i te po.
E kore ia e wareware, ma tatau nga mahuetanga iho hei mau nga
ringa, i ana kaupapa, i ona wawata
i tona ohaki, “kia mau kia NgatiPorou”
He uri ia no Maui no Paikea Ariki Moana no Porourangi, no
Uepohatu no Materoa, no Umuariki no Rakaimataura, no Te
Rangitawaea, no Te Kahirini ,
“he Nati he whanoke”*

*Ranginui = Papatuanuku
Tanenuiarangi
Te Motuhanga
Te Matao
Ruatangiwhenua
Ruatangakau
Ruatuatini
Rongotumaro
Mahutu
Mahurangi
Mahuika
Taranga
Maui Potiki
Ruatonganuku
Ruatongarangi
Tabu
Tangaroa a Whatu
Te kura-I- monoa = ToiKairakau
Rauru
Whatonga
Poutupari
Manutohikura
Taneuarangi
Huturangi = Paikea Ariki Moana
Pobeni
Tarawhakatu
Nanaia
Hamoterangi = *Porourangi
(Porou Ariki te matatara awhare
te tubi mareikura o Rauru)*



*I ea i a koe te whakatauaki a to Ingoa
E tipu e rea mo nga ra o tou ao
ko to ringa ki nga rakau a te Pakeha hei oranga mo to tinana
ko to ngakau ki nga taonga a o tipuna Maori hei tikitiki mo
to mahuna
Ko to wairua ki te Atua nana nei nga mea katoa.
He Atua He Tangata Hi!*

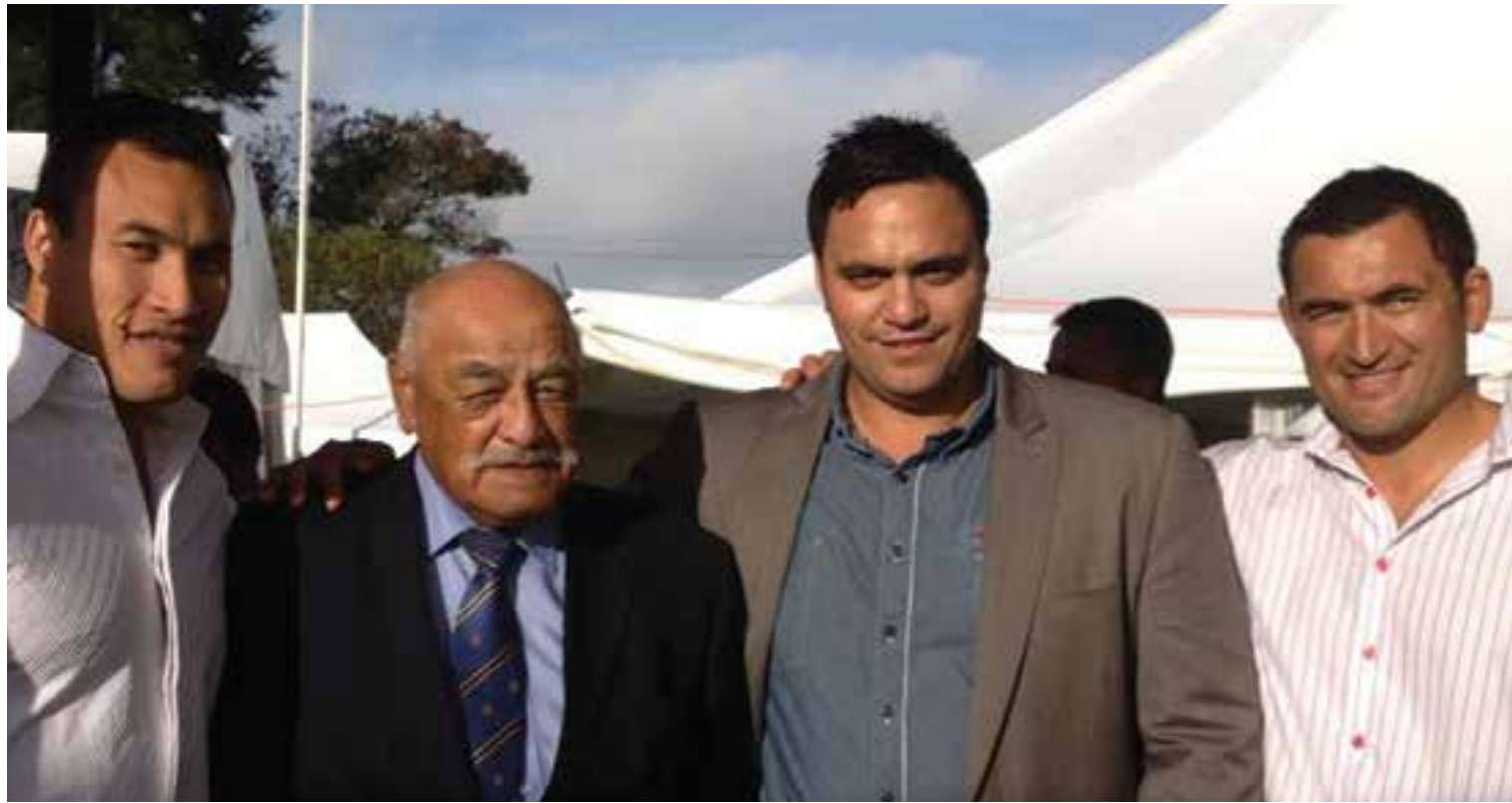




▲ Fiscal Envelope Hui at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae – Present are Noel Raihania; Api; Honore Chesley; Dr Koro Dewes; Winston Peters
(In 1994 the Government announced a plan to impose a financial cap on all future Treaty Settlements. The proposal known as the fiscal envelope sparked protests by Maori throughout the Country)



▲ Independent Commissioner Mr Murray Buchanan, Dr Mahuika walking to GDC for the hearing regarding application for Nga Taonga o Nga Tama Toa Trust to build a new facility in Kelvin Park to house the C Company exhibition, taonga and military memorabilia – June, 2012



▲ Uncle Api with Rico Gear, Bailey Mackey and Rua Tipoki – April 2013



◀ At Whangara Marae attending dinner for Prime Minister John Key, with Nolan Raihania & Hone Taumaunu – May 2010



▲ Iwi Rakau taonga returned to Tairawhiti Museum for exhibition; Dr Koro Dewes; Bill Maxwell, Dr Mahuika (Chairman of Tairawhiti Museum), David Butts (Director of Tairawhiti Museum), Mayor Meng Foon with members of Auckland Museum – 2010



◀ Hikurangi Maunga Court sitting at Uepohatu. L-R: Selwyn Parata, Judge Pat Savage, Tame Tamaro, Wilson Issac, Api and Judge Fox.

▼ Mita Rinui (MP Waiairiki); Hon Dr Michael Cullen (Attorney-General), Selwyn Parata and Dr Mahuika at Pakirikiri Marae – 2004

► Dr Mahuika (Chairman of Tairawhiti Museum) attending the Museum Aotearoa Conference at Whangara Marae – 2009. Present also is Dr Monty Soutar, Director of Tairawhiti Museum



► Dr Apirana Mahuika & Helen Papuni at Waikato University for his Conferment of the Degree of Honorary Doctor of the University of Waikato – 31 July 2004

► Hui Taumata at Te Poho o Rawiri with Kate Walker and Hawea Mackey – November 2004



◀ Ngata Lectures at Porourangi marae: Dr Pat Ngata, Dr Apirana Mahuika and Dr Witi Ihimaera – 2004

▶ Api and Karin at Te Kaha for the acknowledgement of Willie Apiata's VC



▼ Ngati Porou heading to Parliament for the Signing Ceremony for Ngati Porou Foreshore and Seabed Deed of Agreement – October 2008

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▲ Ngata Lectures with Daniel Williams, James Johnston, Chris Insley and Mark Ngata – 2012



◀ Api with mokopuna Renata, James Johnston, Te Rau Kupenga.



▲ Science Hui with Scientists from Lincoln University at Te Rau College, Gisborne



▲ Launch of Te Toka (Maori & Pasifika) Trade Training Programme by Prime Minister John Key at Toihoukura, Gisborne – August 2014



▲ Mayor Meng Foon celebrates his return to office at the Gisborne RSA



▲ Signing an agreement with Peter Berg (NZ Forest Owners Association) to co-operate together with NP and Iwi Leaders on Climate Change matters



▲ Celebrating Ngati Porou East Coast playing in the semi-finals – Napier 2002



▲ Dr Monty Soutar (TRONPnui CE), Hon Phil Heatley (Minister of Housing) and Dr Mahuika at Hinematatea Marae, Anaura Bay – November 2009



▲ At a TOKM hui with Dr Koro Dewes, Shane Jones and Rob McLeod



▲ The launch of Nati 2degrees Community Fund in Gisborne, October 2013: (L-R) Dr Mahuika, Mavis Mullins (Chairperson of Hautaki Ltd and 2degrees Director), Allan Jensen (TRONPnui CFO) and Spencer Lake (Gisborne retail store co-owner)

► Dr Mahuika was a member of the NZ Police Commissioners forum and advocated initiatives such as "Turning of the Tide". (L-R) Meredith Ruru (TRONPnui), Dr Apirana Mahuika, Albie McFarlane (TRONPnui), Sam Aberahama (Police Area Commander), Allan Jensen (TRONPnui) and Constable Whiti Timutimu who is the first police officer to be stationed within an Iwi organisation (another initiative of Dr Mahuika)





He korero mo Apirana Mahuika

NA TATE PEWHAIRANGI RAUA KO NOLAN RAIHANIA

HE KORERO MO APIRANA NA TATE PEWHAIRANGI:

He Aroha ki nga mokopuna

Kia ora. Kei te hoki nga mahara ki te ra o te nehu mo Apirana i reira au e noho ana, tetahi mokopuna ano ki toku taha, ko te mokopuna nei kei te korero mo tona papa mo Api, a, e whitu noaiho nga tau o te mokopuna nei, no te whanau o nga Poi, no te kura Pae o Te Riri.

Kati, ka mutu ana korero, ana patapatai mai ki au, kei te rere te waiata nei i tetahi waiata ka me mai te mokopuna nei ki au, he aha nga kupu o te waiata nei? Mea atu au ki aia, kare ano kua kite au he kupu engari, ka tae mai te tono ki au kia haere ki te taha o Mataanuku ki te korero i etahi korero mo Api. I te wehetanga atu i te mokopuna nei, te taenga atu ki a Mataanuku ka hau mai etahi o nga kupu kei roto i te waiata nei: *“Mokopuna ma ko to ataahua Whakarongo mai ki nga korero a Apirana mo koutou katoa Whaia ko te matauranga mo koutou katoa He oranga mo koutou i roto i tenei ao”*

Engari te taenga ake te tu ki runga ki te korero, kite atu au i nga minita o te Karauna e noho mai na, pakeha katoa, ngaro katoa i au aku whakaaro mo te waiata ra.

Kati, i puta nei i au i enei kupu na roto i te waiata nei natemea, ko Apirana, ko ana mokopuna tonu ki aia ko ratou nga mea tuatahi, a, anei i haere nei maua

ki tona taha ki Poneke i runga i nga kaupapa e whaiatia ana e aia, a mutu ana nga whakarite, hoki ana ki te hotera ki te hapa, ka mutu te hapa, ka ngaro ia me tana mokopuna, a, kua haere ki roto i ta raua ruma, raka ana te tatau, a, auina mai i te ata hoki rawa atu maua ki te parakuihi ko aia anake, kua oti ke i aia tana mokopuna te whakahoki ki te kainga.

Kati, ko tena o nga mokopuna tena, a, ka whanau mai ta Hamana ki Ahitereiria, a, kare kore me whai tonu hoki aia i tera o ana mokopuna. Ahakoa kore nei e hiahia haere i runga rererangi engari, na Karin tonu pea i aki atu kia haere raua ki reira. Kati, koina ko Hamana me Mataanuku, koina nga mea pono rawa atu nei ki aia kia Api, kare i tua atu, tua mai.

Engari kia maumahara tonu, ka awhi tonu aia i nga mokopuna katoa o nga kura o roto o Ngati Porou. A kati, koina tetahi tino taonga kare i kitea natemea kia mutu rawa ona mahi, nga mahi mo Ngati Porou, ka puta ai tenei tuahuatanga te aroha i aia mo nga mokopuna.

Nga mokopuna e korerotia ake nei, ahakoa ana ake enei e korerotia nei engari ko nga mokopuna katoa, kaoreha o Ngati Porou nei ahakoa na wai nga mokopuna, ki aia nana katoa, na tatau katoa ehara i te mea na nga matua anake, na nga kaumatua anake o nga mokopuna

ra, e kaore na tatau katoa nga mokopuna.

Na reira he orite katoa ona whakaaro mo a tatau mokopuna mai i te kohanga reo, piki ake ki era atu o a tatau kura kaupapa, mai atu i reira, tae atu ki nga kura tuatahi, tuarua, tuatoru, whare wananga atu, koiria katoa tana kia tatau mokopuna.

Aroha katoa aia kia ratau katoa me tona hiahia kia piki katoa ratau i roto i te matauranga, kia whai matauranga katoa, katoa, katoa. Nga mea kua makere ake, tae atu ki ena, ka whakapau e aia i ona kaha me kore hoki mai i runga i te ara tika te ara kotahi, ara ko te ara o te mohio kia aha ai? Kia pai ai te kimi mahi, kimi oranga mo ratau, a, mo to ratau iwi hoki mo Ngati Porou whanui, koina katoa ona whakaaro.

Na hoki tapiri atu ki tera, te nuinga naiane o nga huihui tae atu ki nga tangihana i runga marae, kare ngaro naiane ko nga mihi ki nga mokopuna me nga korero penei ki enei “Na koutou te ao apopo”. A, tatau o Ngati Porou kei roto i o koutou ringa te Reo me ona tikanga, kati e whai ake nei tana i korero nei, koiria nga tino whakaaro a Apirana e kii nei, whaia ko nga tohu, nga tohu nui tonu mo to koutou ao. Ko au tonu tetahi ka rongu e korerotia ana ki runga i te marae ki nga mokopuna.



▲ Selwyn Parata, Api, Noel Raihania and Tate Pewhairangi



▲ With Te Rangitawaea 2005 winners, Ari Leach, Stephanie Mitchell and Hana Parata-Walker from Tolaga Bay Area School.

◀ Te Atawhai Graduation with Kylee Potae and Khian Westrupp (Top Award) – 2014



▲ Fiscal Envelope Hui – Nolan Raihania & Api



NA KORERO A NOLAN RAIHANIA MO APIRANA:

He Korero mo C Company House

Me korero tonu atu au te wahanga e pa ana ki au a, ki te Rua Tekau ma Waru. Torutoru nei matau nga morehu o te Rua Tekau ma Waru kei te ora. Kati, ka whakaarotia aia tetahi whakaaro kia whakatu i tetahi whare maumahara mo era o Te Rua Tekau ma Waru i matemate atu ki ra wahi i reira nehu ana a, nga mea hoki i hoki mai, penei i a matau nei i waimarie ki te hoki mai, a kua wehe atu hoki ki tua o te arai. Me kii nana te mahi nui i tu ai te whare e mau nei te ingoa o runga C Company House kei Turanga ra. Rawe nona te whakahuihui, rite tonu aia ki to tatau tipuna a Apirana Ngata no reira hoki tona ingoa. Kotahi tonu te waea atu ka mea, e i me whakatungia mai he hui mo

tatau i kona, e ka whakahaerengia he hui. Nana i whakawhaiti te rohe o Ngati Porou e korerotia nei ko te C Company o Te Rua Tekau ma Waru. Mahi poto noaiho ki aia te waea atu ki te Muriwai, ki Tamanuhiri tera taha oku, e hui ana tatau koinei te kaupapa, whakatu whare. Waea pera atu ki runga atu ki Ngai Tai e koira, e haere ana ki te hui ki reira, a huri haere ki Te Whanau a Apanui, ka waea atu ki a ratau, whakatungia he hui ma tatau a, ka metia mai he hui. Ka haere matau, ka huri haere ki te korero mo te kaupapa nei. Whakaae katoa te rohe o te C Company, koira hoki te rohe o te C Company, ka timata mai i Ngai Tai, huri rauna huri rauna a, tae atu ki Tamanuhiri.

A koira whakahuihuingia a, me te korero a tena iwi, a tena iwi, a tena iwi a, he mano taara, kii atu ratau he rau mano tonu piki atu ia iwi, ia iwi, ia iwi, ka eke atu ki te hawhe miriona, pera noaiho nana, nana i taea ai. Koina etahi o ana mea na i oti ai te whare nei. Kite rawa ake au i roto i te pepa i te wiki pahure ake nei kei reira te whakaahua o te whare nei kua riro te mana ki nga kaihanganga te mana tuarua mo te whare nei i roto o Aotearoa whanui tonu mo te papai o te waihanganga o tenei whare. Akoinei tetahi o ngawhakamaumahara me kii ki aia, otira kare ke he whakanui i te wahanga i oti aia. Ki aia ko te whakamaumahara ki nga hoia o Te Rua Tekau ma Waru i te mea ko tetahi o ona

tuakana i mate mai i ra wahi a ko tetahi o raua, e rua pea raua i hoki mai, engari kua matemate atu inaianei. Koira, i oti pai i aia tera kaupapa, ahakoa i runga aia i tona hoiho wira (wheel chair) i te whakatuwheratanga o te whare ra, kitenga i aia kua tutuki te kaupapa ara, te whakatu whare maumahara. Ehara i te mea mo Te Rua Tekau ma Waru anake engari mo a tatau hoia Maori katoa i haere ki nga whawhai katoa, mai i te whawhai tuatahi, te tuarua, tae atu ki etahi o nga whawhai e whawhai tonu nei i tenei ra a, koina, he maumahara ki a ratau. Koira tetahi wahanga nui tonu ki aua ra, e pa ana ki au. He nui ana mahi, ahakoa he aha nga mahi e pa tonu ki tona ringa, kia tutuki



▲ First hui for Nga Tamatoa Translation project in 2009. Back Left to right: Bill Maxwell (Ngai Tai); Mrs Maxwell; Api. Front left to right: Turuhia Tatara; Nolan Raihania; Koro Dewes; Tini Glover; Sir H K Ngata; K Walker – 2009



▲ Above: Rt Hon Helen Clark, Tini Glover and Api

rawa i aia kia tutuki rawa. A ko etahi o ana mahi kei te mahia tonutia engari ko ia kua riro atu ki te kitenga kanohi o te tangata.

Excerpts taken from an audio recording of an interview with Tate Pewhairangi and Noel Raihania at Waiparapara Marae on Friday 15th May 2015.

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► Uncle Api with mokopuna (L-R: Renata, Kuraunuhia, Karin and Umuariki) on his 80th birthday at his home in Kaiti – 2014



Uncle Api

A personal reflection



NA ALBIE MC FARLANE (nee Kau)
Personal Assistant
TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU

*Ko Hikuranga te Maunga
Ko Waiapu te Awa
Ko Ngati Porou te Iwi*

*“Ehara taku maunga i te maunga haere”
He maunga tu tonu
Ko toku Kingitanga, no tuawhakarere
No toku matua tipuna, no te po mai rano”*

*“My mountain Hikurangi never moves
It stands steadfast
My Rangatiratanga and nobility comes from
the never ending beyond
Through my ancestors and forebears”*

-Te Kani a Takirau

Uncle, I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, but all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which will never part. Uncle, what an imprint your footprints have left not only in our hearts but for Ngati Porou and Aotearoa as a nation.

There are many attributes of Uncle and writing this article was not easy as he was not a person who liked being written about, put on a pedestal or made centre of attention. So how do you write something about a man like Uncle who did so much in his life and spread his wings in so many areas?

I begin with the most significant people in his life. His first love was his whanau, for he was first and foremost, a husband, father and “hanpa”. Without the support of Auntie Karin and his sons, Matanuku and Hamana, he could not have done all the things he did. His mokopuna were his shining light and it was them that would allow him to relax

and have private time, something he often did not get the opportunity to do. He loved and was so proud of them, but they themselves shared him, and thereby sacrificing their quality time in order to allow him to carry out his visions and mahi for his other love - his Iwi, Ngati Porou.

Only a handful would greet him as Dr Apirana Mahuika. Most would greet him as Api, Uncle Api or Papa. He touched so many lives and each one of us will have our own personal feelings, experiences and aroha and reflections of him.

Proverbs 24:3-6
By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding, it is established (v3); by knowledge the rooms are filled with precious and pleasant riches (v4); Wise warriors are mightier than strong ones, and those who have knowledge than those who have strength (v5); for by wise guidance you can wage your war (v6).

Wisdom – working smarter, not harder. We often hear the value and

rewards of hard work. But how hard is work supposed to be? When faced with a difficult task or heavy volume of demands, how do you respond? Do you think through how to accomplish more with less effort and fewer resources or do you just grit your teeth and exert effort?

Proverbs offers counsel on how that can happen and how we can work “smarter not harder” and this was Uncle:

- *We are wise if we honour God in our work and what we receive;*
- *It is smart to learn and practice diligence and avoid pitfalls of laziness;*
- *Taking responsibility of our work, and careful planning, it will yield enormous benefits;*
- *We will avoid much pain and find much joy if we do our work with ethical integrity;*
- *It is natural for us to want to provide for ourselves, and we are wise to use that motivation by showing initiative;*
- *It is smarter to work for long-term outcomes than that of short-term gains;*
- *The path to success is to develop excellence in our skills and performance.*

Inspirational, yes he was and because of this people would come to visit, phone or email him for requests, testimonials and support. Whether it be for an individual or whanau/hapu, or for social, political, spiritual reasons. In fact he was sought upon, from not only Ngati Porou but from different sectors for all sorts of different kaupapa. One of his delights was assisting, supporting and fostering others in whatever endeavours they wanted to do.

He was noted as a great leader. There are different styles of leadership and we can all learn about and practice leadership at all levels. They will take responsibility for mistakes, not run from a challenge and make sacrifices for the benefit of others. But what is it about Uncle that made him the man that he was?

Having the privilege of working closely with him over many years, for me, it was his character, passion, wisdom, strength, leadership, weaknesses, sacrifices to name a few. His strength, character, leadership and wisdom were premised on whakawhanaungatanga, whakapapa



▲ Uncle Koro Dewes and Uncle Api.

and tikanga.

He had his own personality that was authentic in the way he engaged with other people, and the way he used his authority. He had a way of making a positive impact on people, was influential and always clear in communicating his values and beliefs of what he stood for (Ngati Porou). This was expressed via his articulate words, whether written or oral in either English or Te Reo ake o Ngati Porou.

He was certainly visionary and would often see things before others could see. Once he had a vision he would set his mind to it (sometimes at great pace). People thought he worked alone, but this is not so, as he engaged and shared with many people his visions that would benefit Ngati Porou (for those who wanted to listen), and was always looking at ways to bring this vision to reality. His wisdom would be such, that he would always ensure there was a plan. As he often said “you cannot build a house without a solid foundation”. If you have a plan things will come – if not it will not work. Simply put, look towards the future, plan, engage then deliver. He would build the right team around him with the relevant experience and knowledge, but in saying that he also believed everyone had a role to play no matter who they were or what they were doing.

He sowed many seeds and this was not put in one individual but many, dependent on what the kaupapa was, because his belief was in order to progress forward there was a need to

have the people with the right skills and passion to undertake these fields. Someone once asked him, “Who is your successor? His reply, “I don’t have one, I have successors”. So yes, he did have a succession plan in place.

Respected for his negotiating skills, Uncle was able to judge when to listen, when to intervene (as he didn’t tolerate fools) and when to make decisions. Once a decision was made it stood and he never wavered. He knew when to take responsibility and was never afraid to say no, or stop if he thought things were wrong and would definitely not let other people push him into a decision that he didn’t feel comfortable with or would put the Runanga or Ngati Porou at risk. Actually, he would rather leave the room than continue with a discussion that had no substance.

He had the ability to recognize problems and rather than dwell on these, would cut through an argument, debate and doubt, to offer solutions. Being a good communicator he had the gift of simplifying key messages, and was very clear and coherent.

Great people face obstacles in the pursuit of their dreams and Uncle had his fair share of obstacles, battles, critics and was constantly under scrutiny. But this did not deter him from striving forward to achieve the best he could do, in realising the visions he had for Ngati



▲ Matanuku Mahuika, Uncle Api, Albie Mc Farlane and Tyronne Chaffey welcoming visitors of the Crown at Gisborne airport for Foreshore and Seabed Hui – 2005

Porou.

He never went out to win friends or gain respect or honour but in saying this he did receive all of these, as he had a strong rapport with people and this was due to his honesty, integrity, consistency and respect for others. There is a saying and to me it truly reflects the type of person he was... “If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing”. Uncle never compromised!

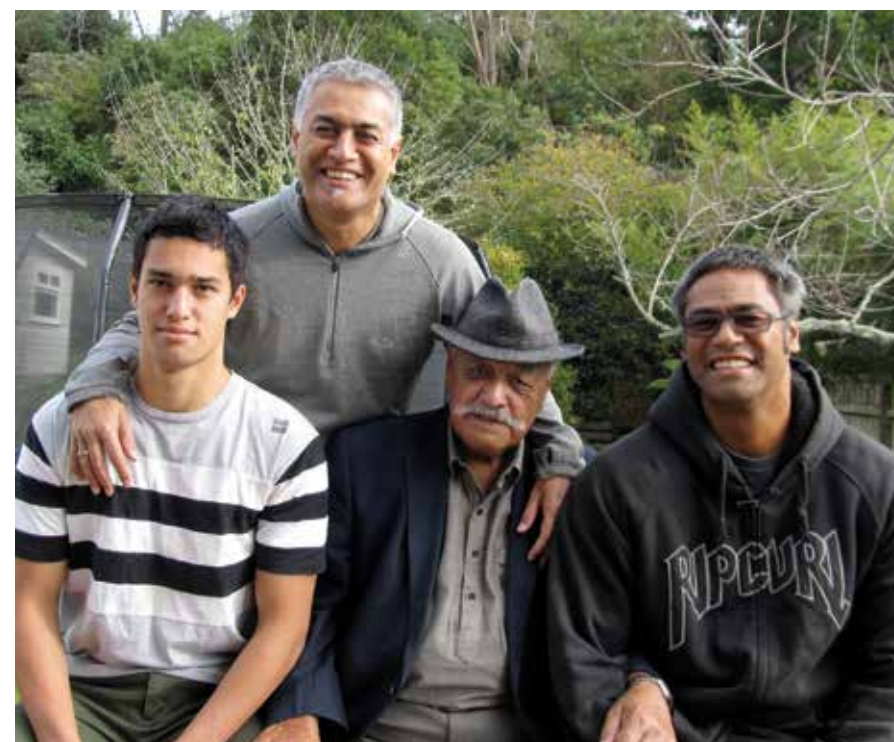
I need to reflect back to the earlier years of TRONP. It is well known that Uncle was the Chairman of TRONP from its early inception and remained in this seat until his passing, a span of 31 years. This is no mean feat and one will not know if this will be repeated. In the earlier years TRONP, Trustees were not paid nor were they compensated for their expenses. They had no money, but in spite of this, they had drive, passion, belief, commitment and vision of which today we are reaping and experiencing the rewards from their labour.

There were many milestones achieved whilst he was Chair, and too many to mention here. But I will touch on the following; the return of Mt Hikurangi (achieved after a period of over 10 years

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▲ Uncle Api presenting at a wananga on his marae Te Rahui, Tikitiki



“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”.

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

▲ Uncle Api celebrating his 80th birthday with his mokopuna Renata and sons Matanuku and Hamana.



▲ Signing of the return of Hikurangi. Standing left to right: Selwyn Parata; Uncle Mack Mahuika (brother to Uncle); Matanuku Mahuika. Front left to right: Rt Hon Nick Smith; Peter Williamson; Uncle Api.



▲ Signing of the Ngati Porou Treaty Deed of Settlement at Parliament, James Johnston, Uncle Api, Selwyn Parata and Hon Georgina Te Heuheu – December 2012



▲ Uncle Api relaxing at Gisborne RSA with his nephew the late Parekura Horomia



◀ TRONP Ngati Porou Achievement Award 1 September 2007: (L-R) Ta Tamati Reedy; Mate Kaiwai; Auntie Karin; Uncle Api; Manu Johnson (sister of Uncle); Matu Haerewa (brother of Uncle)



◀ Te Haeata and Crown officials at Government House initialing the Ngati Porou Deed of Settlement Agreement - 2010



▲ Hapu representatives at the Signing of the Deed of Agreement for Ngati Porou Rohe Moana Bill. Front: Uncle Api, Eru Paenga, Rawiri Wanoa, Kahutia Houkamau, Boydie Kirikiri, Paitini Kupenga and Tate Pewhairangi – October 2008

of negotiation); the Ngati Porou Treaty Settlement (WAI272); and Nga Rohe Moana o Nga Hapu o Ngati Porou (FSSB). As the “Legal Aider” for WAI 272, Uncle was involved with the Treaty Settlement process for 20 years, from its beginnings to the signing in 2012. Being the legal aider for WAI 272 meant he could not own any assets and was limited to what he could earn. The Nga Rohe Moana o Nga Hapu o Ngati Porou Bill is sadly a milestone that he will not witness the completion of. His involvement with this kaupapa started in 2003, when negotiations for the Foreshore and Seabed Deed began.

Seeing the C Company House completed was another milestone for him. After receiving the mandate from the veterans he promised that this will be done. He negotiated with the Crown reminding them that they have an obligation to those men who went to war and served for their country. He engaged with the 6 Iwi of C Company and the result of this being the significant contribution received from both supported by C Company uri.

Uncle had his weaknesses and to me, it was that he gave more than he received. During my first years he would come into the office and work in reception or sit in the boardroom if it was not being used for a meeting. If a meeting was held he would leave and go home. His home was his office, and he used his own

vehicle and paid for his own expenses. Overtime and in more recent years he was paid a nominal honorarium fee, acquired an office, work car, provided a work cell phone and provided a budget for travel.

In saying this he still paid for many things out of his own pocket. He may have been on many boards but I can count on half a hand how many boards he received sitting fees for. He was not a man of riches nor was he a man who had the finer things in life. But he was a rich man because of who he was, what he believed in and what he had done for the betterment of his Iwi.

Uncle’s humbleness was such that few people knew he was offered a knighthood by three respective Prime Ministers. Although many tried to convince him to accept it (one being his nephew the late Hon Parekura Horomia) he declined. He had his reasons. But there are two that I will share. One being, he was born with his own mana and title and it is this birth right in itself, and the commitment to his Iwi, that he believed was not a reason to accept a title from the Crown for the mahi he did for Ngati Porou. The other, was he did not walk alone, as there were others who were part of the journey and worked beside him, something he always acknowledged.

Because he was a spirited person and worked at such pace (there was a lot he wanted to achieve), and had an

enormous busy schedule he could be quite demanding and one needed to keep up; be available at all times and/or be one step ahead. He was not one to lag and if he wanted something done or had to deal with a matter he would want it done immediately. There would be a phone call (time was not an issue for uncle as he too, would receive phone calls or visits all hours of the day and night to deal with various kaupapa), and if I didn’t pick up his call the first time, I would certainly know the urgency by the message/s left. Then there was technology – At Porou Ariki as our offices were next door to one another he had his own unique intercom system and rather than ring my extension, I would hear my name being called (though the wall). Uncle endeavoured to keep up with the latest technology, but I say with endearment that there was a lot of patience and frustration explaining to him that it was not the technology that was the problem but as time was not on his side he would revert back to handwriting which was a blessing and created a much less stressful environment. Encouraging him to use an iPhone which would have assisted him in so many ways was not an option, as he would say – “Don’t need it, that’s why I’ve got you”.

Our briefing and de-briefing sessions were important to us and these were held at various times of the day and evenings.

My favourite session was Fridays from 5.30pm onward/s where we would discuss matters over light refreshments at the Gisborne RSA. So to those, who I said he was unavailable during these times, it was because our meeting times and venue was pre-booked and couldn't be changed.

There was also the notion of flying. He was not one to fly and would often drive the length and breadth of the motu to attend various hui. I would know the status of the flight by the phone call received when he arrived at his destination. When he was chatty – it was a good flight – when not a good flight, by gosh was he grumpy. There was one flight where he was the only passenger going to Wellington. When he rung me he was chuckling and said “I had my own

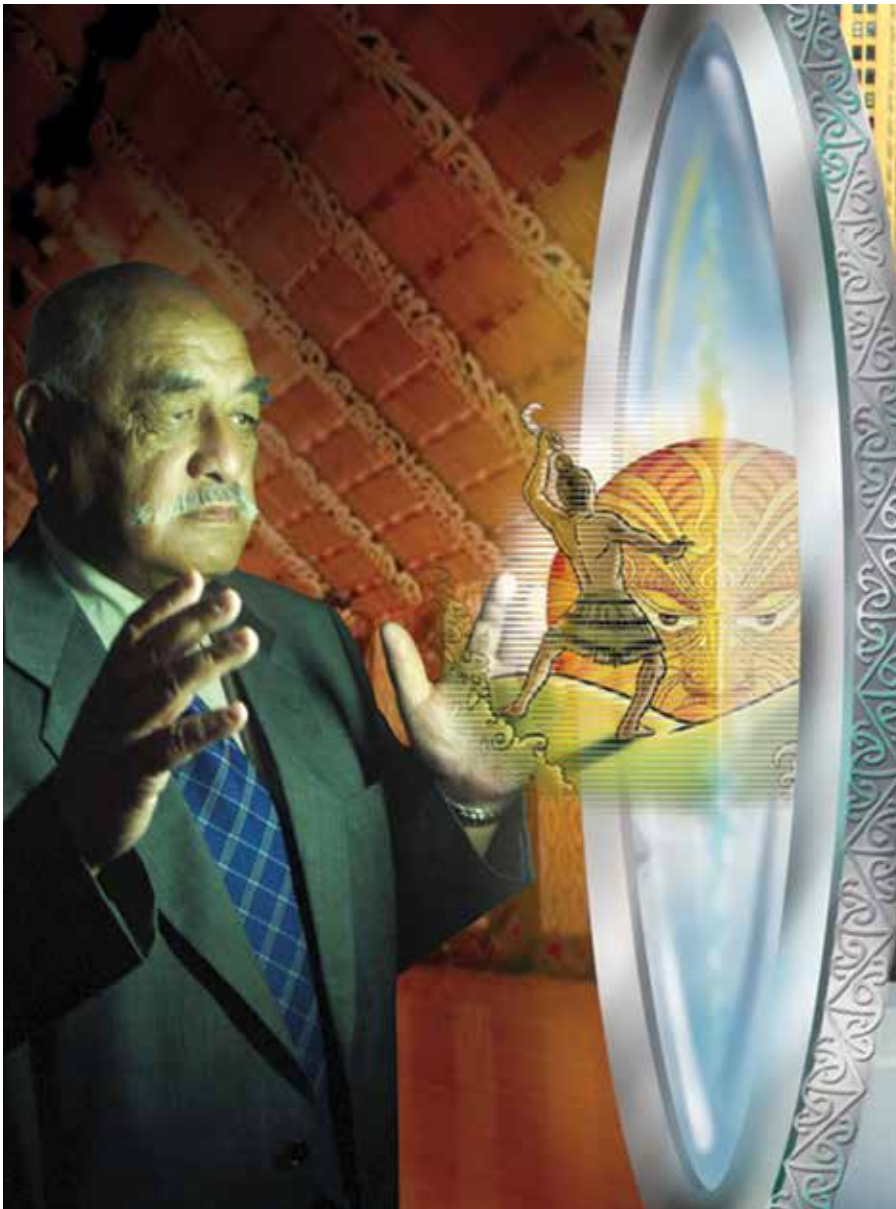
private plane”. On departure he heard over the intercom – Dr Mahuika, your private plan is ready to be boarded. Of course this could only happen to Uncle.

Finally, I wish to share with you his own words from a speech he delivered that always inspired me:

“We have solutions to our problems; we are the historians, the philosophy of Ngata, so that we can be in control of our own destiny, if we choose to. By being proactive, we are in command and in control of what was ours and where we want to go to. We are not individuals, we work together collectively in everything we do, because whanau and whanaungatanga and our relationship to one another is actually the driving force, which has allowed us to survive for many years, and will be our surviving point going into the future.

This is what Ngata said to us many years ago – “Grow young one for your time and your generation, your hand grasping the knowledge of the Pakeha for your livelihood. Your heart centred on the treasures of your ancestors as a plume for your head...Your spirit to God, as the author of all things”.

Lord, give me the courage to sustain that, which I cannot change. We cannot change the fact that there is Government and Government will continue to make policies for us...we cannot change the ambiguity of who's my partner in terms of going together in terms of these pathways...we cannot impact and change the whole political scene...those are the things that we cannot change but there are things we can change. Every time you think of a pathway forward, its only you who can make a difference, its



Uncle,
You

- A wakened minds.
- B rought people together.
- C ommunicated effectively.
- D ared to take calculated risks.
- E nlightened and empowered.
- F ostered relationships.
- G ave people the tools to succeed (if he could see potential).
- H elped and guided people to think and do things for themselves.
- I nvited and encouraged questions.
- J oyfully embraced diversity.
- K ept an open mind.
- L ead by example.
- M otivated with respect.
- N ever gave up on you.
- O pened doors to new worlds.
- P ut important things first (although there were many firsts all at the same time) had the **Q**uest to make learning fun.
- R ecognized problems early.
- S hared roles and responsibilities.
- T ook the time to explain things.
- U nwrapped talents and abilities.
- V alued everyone's input.
- W elcomed mistakes as part of learning.
- X cceeded expectations.
- Y earned to connect, not correct.
- Z est to make a difference.

only you and us together, that can either ignore policy and develop our own people, the way they should be developed...and if we don't do that development, knowing the opportunities are in our hands to do it, then you don't have the courage to change those things that you can change, nor will you have the wisdom to make a difference”.

Moe mai Uncle.

*God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come To Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
slowly fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Arohanui
Albie Mc Farlane



▲ Celebrating their birthdays with Te Runanga o Ngati Porou left to right: Connie Katae, Hapuku Niha Karaka, Uncle Api and Pani Haig.



▲ Wirihaia Raihania and Uncle Api celebrating a win for Ngati Porou East Coast



► Graeme Butterworth (historian), Mate Kaiwai, Hon Winston Peters, Uncle Api and Tamati Reedy at the Ngata Lectures – 2003

He Poroporoaki mo Api



At Api's tangi, Ta Tipene O'Regan of Ngai Tahu was invited at short notice, to deliver a eulogy. In doing so he drew on the early years of their association in the Maori Graduates Association of the 1960's and 1970's of which Apirana had been Chairman.

NA TA TIPENE O'REGAN

The late Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of England, was once asked, "What is the most important determinant of political decision?". His answer was simple; "Circumstances, dear boy... circumstances". I refer to his observation because there were circumstances in our time that allowed our generation to float to the surface. They were quite powerful circumstances.

Api, Koro Dewes, Ari Paul and I, along with a bunch of others were emerging as a group on the surface of Te Ao Maori as a great tectonic shift was taking place in the demography of our society - in the shape of our population. The greatest migration that Maori people had ever undertaken was well underway. The move from out of these valleys and coasts of Te Tai Rawhiti, out of the Whanganui River, out of the Waitotara - the rural regions emptied into the cities and southwards into Te Waipounamu. Everything changed. It changed massively.

The regions were gutted of their working-age Maori population and our people were emptied onto the clay frontiers of outer suburbia. It was in that

turmoil that the fundamental change was taking place that allowed our generation to make some transformational shifts in the Maori condition and, importantly, in the structure of the relationship between our Iwi and the Crown.

There was, at that time, a modest tension between the forces of the NZ Maori Council with its kaupapa of collective ethnicity and our Iwi-based thinking. That tension has waxed and waned over the years - currently, I observe, that particular tide seems to be surging again. At that time though, our educated and self-assured Maori Graduates Association was unquestionably on the side of the angels! We were in favour of an Iwi-led future! Not for us the role of Maori Council lapdogs of the State!

These attitudes also reflected a measure of competitive political edge between our leader, Api, and his uncle, Sir Henare Ngata. And where Api went his cousin Koro Dewes was never far behind! I followed suit with my own relationship with Hohepa Kareta - another Council stalwart. Virtually all of the Graduates had a pakeke sitting somewhere in the



▲ Ta Tipene, Kate Walker and Api

Maori Council structure.

I return to that great tectonic shift of which I spoke. The real driving change then that was taking place in our world, was one of a massive rise in the Maori proportion of the population. It was that which drove political change, political perceptions and our new social and cultural reality. We moved from a societal faith in assimilation to a world that was different. We began moving to a formal concept of bi-culturalism and we struggled to find some proper articulation of the Treaty in our lives. In



a national sense of course, that struggle continues. Back then though, our contemporary Treaty debate was only beginning to emerge.

This great shift in "circumstances" allowed people such as Api, myself and others to bring about change. There were a great variety of things that we did and advocated and tried. Yesterday, as I sat here on this marae, I was thinking about those years and asking myself just what, in all that activity, was the most significant thing that we did in our time. You see, for me personally, it was not the Ngai Tahu Treaty Settlement or the Maori Fisheries Settlements as much as it was the formal recognition by the Crown that Ngai Tahu actually existed as a people - the recognition of our legal personality as a people.

Because, you see, that legal identity as a people was formally denied by the Settler State from the NZ Settlements Act in the 1870s right up to the late 1990s. It was, in my view, the greatest single Treaty breach of them all. We knew we had continued to exist as a people, as an Iwi, but we had been rendered legally invisible - unless viewed through the

distorted prism of some Parliamentary-rooted and controlled statute, all devised to circumscribe rangatiratanga. Most politicians, and lawyers even, regard the legal personality of the tribe as inconsequential - probably because it didn't cost money! Academic historians still don't know what it means! But to us the concept was precious - like our mountain, Aoraki, we existed in our own right - we were not a creation of the State.

So, Api, sitting here yesterday on the marae, I reached back to select what it was like that, of all those things we did in our Graduates Association when you were leading us through those years of turmoil, that was absolutely fundamental - whether anyone noticed or not! What was the single most important and enduring thing we did? I thought about it again last night. I arrived at a conclusion - for those of us still living there may be a

different answer - but here's mine!

Norman Kirk was Prime Minister and Phillip Amos was the Minister of Education. A then somewhat younger edition of Ta Tamati Reedy had a senior role in the Department of Education at the time. Phil Amos had a Ngai Tahu whakapapa and Tamati was steering him towards a greater confidence in it. By way of support we were regularly knocking

You may think it is a small thing to get a Minister to sign a piece of paper. But we were conscious of what was happening. We knew that this was the first formal step in the long process of the revitalization of Te Reo.

on his Ministerial door! Amos was no frontline warrior in the Maori cause but like his leader, Norman Kirk, he was solidly supportive of Maori initiatives, and like the diligent civil servant that he was, Tamati persuaded his Minister to instruct him to prepare a draft document for his consideration. So his Minister did so.

Tamati then brought his draft along to a meeting of the Maori Graduates for a discussion on the kaupapa. He carried his draft to the bar of the De Brett's



▲ Maori Graduates Hui a Tau at Mangahanea Marae - Early 70's. Far left, Tamati Reedy, Tilly Reedy and Api (Ta Tipene noted that Whaia Mc Clutchie requested they wear full academic dress and the consequences were that they got absolutely drenched which proved to be a very expensive day for all the Maori Graduates)

Hotel on Lambton Quay – the Marae of the Maori Graduates Association. On that sacred table we edited Tamati's draft, or at least we thought we did! There was an enthusiastic discussion (Koro Dewes poured, Api ventilated and I wrote). The following day Tamati went into the Minister and the Minister took out his pen and signed it. And thus, by a simple stroke of the Ministerial pen, Governor Grey's Education Ordinance which prohibited the use of Te Reo Maori in schools, was struck out – abolished, shredded, finished with!

You may think it is a small thing to get a Minister to sign a piece of paper. But we were conscious of what was happening. We knew that this was the first formal step in the long process of the revitalization of Te Reo. We also knew that we had played a major part in the lobbying and other persuasive action that brought it about. WE were there when the wave broke!

I have selected that instance as only one of the many things that the

Maori Graduates Association waka accomplished in those years of its voyaging. In all that voyaging our tauihu whakairo – the carved prow of our waka is the man whom we celebrate today. He was the one who drove us nuts with his arguments, phone calls and endless memoranda - pushing and shoving the political Establishment on just about any question with a sun-tan.

For a whole generation of us before we went back to our Iwi this is the man who brought a significant proportion of our generation of Maori graduates together, and changed in many ways the working fabric of this society. Then we re-engaged more fully with our own respective Iwi and some of us were to be privileged with the opportunity to do more. But it was Api who was our kaiwhakatere when we were all cutting our teeth.

It is my honour to pay tribute to him in this company but more so to remind us all of those basic steps on Te Hekenui o Te Maori that our generation has been

permitted – by circumstances – to take. The sight, both yesterday and today, of so many faces on this marae from those earlier years has recalled for me some very powerful memories. But, beyond memory, what can usefully be said?

It is this: We floated to the surface on one set of circumstances and we go out on another. Some of have the opportunity briefly to shape or modify the circumstances in which we find ourselves. However, when we review the big tidal sweep of the historical process which is the sum of all those circumstances – we should remember the small but critical elements in the story. The liberation of Te Reo Maori from the Education Ordinance of Governor Grey was one of those.

It was Api who drove it. It was Tamati who drafted it. For me, it was enough just to have been there!

E, Api! Haere wairua e!



▲ Api, Dudu Fox and Tamati Reedy



▲ Api with his cousin Paka Tawhai



▲ Ta Tipene O'Regan



▲ Koro Dewes and Api

**'Tangata Whenua Series:
The Great Trees - In the shadow of Ngata'**
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◀ Api and Paka Tawhai

A Tribute to Apirana

NA HON CHRISTOPHER FINLAYSON



◀ Signing of Waiapu Accord at Te Toka a Taiau in Gisborne. Dr Mahuika, Hon Minister Chris Finlayson and Hon Minister Nathan Guy – 2014

I first met Apirana Mahuika in the late 1980's. His son was a summer clerk at my former law firm Brandon Brookfield. Thereafter, Api and I developed a close friendship that continued until his death.

As everyone knows, Api was an outstanding leader and a tremendous force for good for Ngati Porou. Ngati Porou always came first for Api. I still remember when he made it very clear at a hui, that Ngati Porou spoke for itself and could stand on its own two feet.

Api was accustomed to walking the corridors of power, meeting with Prime Ministers and Ministers but could also be counted on to be there in person for all members of his iwi. When I appointed Api to the Historic Places Trust, he told me Friday meetings were unsuitable, as that was the day he was in

Gisborne at District Court sentencings to support young Ngati Porou men who had got into trouble.

My abiding memory of Api is based on what he told me about the signing of Ngati Porou's Deed of Settlement to settle the Iwi's historic grievances with the Crown. He said he felt the weight of history heavily upon his shoulders that day, and paced the streets of Wellington at 4am contemplating whether or not he should put pen to paper. His decision to sign the Deed of Settlement was not one I believe he regretted, and Api was pivotal in the signing of the Crown-Ngati Porou Relationship Accord only a few years later to strengthen the relationship between the parties.

He had a profound influence on my life, both professionally and as a friend. He was one of the fathers in the field

of Treaty settlements and someone I could always talk to. Perhaps most notably, Api was the first person who spoke to me about the potential benefit for Maori, especially in the area of youth employment, in better utilisation of Maori land.

His words drive me today to reform Maori land law. I am determined to honour his legacy in this respect and work with the Minister for Māori Development, Hon Te Ururoa Flavell, to ensure the new Te Ture Whenua Māori legislation empowers Maori to reap economic and cultural benefits from their land.

He was an inspirational New Zealander and we will all miss him very much. May he rest in peace.



▲ C Company House opening – November 2014

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KA MAUMAHARA TONU TATOU KI A RATOU

ANZAC Day has become an annual tradition for many Ngati Porou whanau - a time to remember the sacrifices made by our tupuna, as well as honour the contribution of our returned service men and women. C Company Veteran, Nolan Raihania, and his mokopuna tuarua, Karauna Waititi (pictured greeting each other at C Company House in Gisborne) were amongst the early morning crowds who attended services held up and down the Tairāwhiti. This year's commemorations were especially more poignant, as April the 25th also marked the centenary of the fateful day when Australian and New Zealand troops made land fall on the Gallipoli peninsula.

To view images from ANZAC Day services held at C Company House, Te Poho o Rawiri marae and Uawa go to www.ngatiporou.com

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CHARLIE SCORES A CENTURY FOR THE COAST.

A century of another sort was celebrated during Queens Birthday weekend when Ngati Porou East Coast Captain, Charlie Harrison, made his 100th appearance for the Union. Charlie first put on the Sky Blue jersey in the year 2000, and joins Morgan Waitoa as the only two NPEC players to reach the 100 mark. "To play for NPEC it means a lot...not many people can say they've put on this jersey," Charlie told a Marae television reporter after the match. "I'm not going to be around for ever... We're there for a time, then we move on."

To watch a replay of the Queen's Birthday NPEC vs Poverty Bay webcast go to www.npec.co.nz The schedule for NPEC's 2015 Heartland games can be found inside this issue of Nati Link.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOONE HARRISON

► The first on the dance floor, Jack Waru and Diana Atkins.

A night to remember

The clock was wound back decades to a more genteel time, when a Pakeke ball was held at Uepohatu hall in Ruatoria.

On Saturday the 21st of March a Pakeke ball was held in honour of pakeke aged 80 years and over, who were either Ngati Porou, married into Ngati Porou or who lived within the rohe. Over one hundred people attended the event, including 28 pakeke from the East Coast, Gisborne, Wellington, Wanganui, Kawerau and Auckland. Supporters watched proudly as the pakeke (dressed in their finest evening attire) walked along a red carpet the length of Uepohatu, to be presented to Bishop Brown and Mrs Mihi Turei. They were escorted either by whanau or students from Ngata College and TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou.

These pakeke were brought up in the era of balls. The Church would host debutante balls which saw young women coming out into society. Queen Carnivals were also run to raise funds for various projects. Rev Pane Kawhia was on the organising committee and

thought that this was a fitting way to honour this generation of pakeke. She says, "We hired a full band to play old time music; a red carpet for pakeke to walk down; and served a sumptuous meal where they could be waited on. We wanted to create an atmosphere where they would feel really special and for a few moments in their lives, all eyes would be upon them as they walked the red carpet."

When asked by Rev Pane how did it feel to walk the red carpet, one pakeke responded that her self-esteem went from being as low as her feet, to being way beyond her head. On hearing this, the organising committee felt a great sense of satisfaction and a sense of their mission having been accomplished. One mokopuna commented on how wonderful it felt when she was asked for the honour of a dance by her grandfather. Rev Pane says, "This was the first time in her life that someone had asked her for a

dance. She now wants to help organise the next event and intends purchasing a ball gown!"

Unfortunately many of the pakeke were not able to dance the old time dances such as the gay gordon and pale-glide, but they were able to tap their toes as Peter Te Kani and his band played old and familiar tunes. An Elvis impersonator also brought a rock n roll flavour to proceedings and was very entertaining.

Rev Pane said the organising committee were thrilled at the outcome and felt that coming together from the various communities along the Coast and working in a spirit of unity was a highlight for them. She reflects, "All in all, it was a great night. Requests have been flowing in for another Ball, especially from people who didn't attend, and this is a strong possibility for 2016. Other communities are welcome to pick this kaupapa up."



► Pakeke from around the country came to attend the inaugural Pakeke ball.

"We would also like to thank and acknowledge: the Hikurangi Sports Club who set up the hall, catered and cleaned up, all without charge; Te Hui Amorangi ki te Tairawhiti; Natural Solutions; Hikurangi Foodmarket; Makere Smith and Flo Beach who contributed to the gift packs that were handed to each pakeke; Radio Ngati Porou for their koha; Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou for use of resources and staff; and not forgetting the rangatahi who came to serve. *Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.*"

PHOTOS COURTESY OF NORI PARATA

► The Pakeke Ball brought back fond memories for Sir Hirini and Lady June Mead (seen on left hand side of image being presented to Bishop Brown and Mrs Mihi Turei). As a young woman in the 1960s, Lady June attended a ball at Uepohatu where she was presented as a debutante. That same evening Sir Hirini proposed to her and she accepted.





Waiata tautoko



▲ Revs Prince and Connie Ferris



▲ Rev Canon Morehu Te Maro



▲ Hinewairere Rangiua escorted by her mokopuna Koha Rogers



◀ (L-R) Shirley Reedy, Raiha Waru and her grandparents, Jack and Selina Waru



▲ Nolan Raihania escorted by his daughter, Iritana Ngarimu



▲ The eldest pakeke at the Ball was Henrietta Kawhia at 91 years of age. She was escorted down the red carpet by her son, Dan Kawhia, on her way to be presented to Bishop Brown, who is 90 years of age.



▲ The late Rangihawea Mackey, who passed away recently, being presented to Bishop Brown and Mrs Mihi Turei.



▲ Keita Walker escorted by her son Lionel Walker. Aunty Kate was the queen of the dance floor and danced the night away. Her son and daughter needed to take turns to dance with her.



Peter Te Kani and band

Porou Pride

and reconnecting home

NA TINA WICKLIFFE

For the tens of thousands of Ngati Porou living away from home staying connected without whanau infrastructure is near impossible. Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou Ki Tamaki trustee Keita Kohere’s advice: ask what you can do for your iwi.

When you’re the mokopuna tuatoru of a renoun warrior chief chances of you not knowing your genealogy, history and political legacy are nil. And so it was for Keita Kohere and her tuakana Kristen, despite being born and bred in leafy Auckland suburbs. “Brainwashed,” is how the great-great-grand-daughter of Mokena Kohere jokingly describes her upbringing away from the Ngati Porou homeland.

The Kohere girls were always around Natis. Throughout the 70s and 80s their father Rarawa Kohere was an active member of the Auckland taurahere which regularly met at the Holy Sepulchre/Tatai Hono marae. Keita remembers ‘lots of pakeke’ with surnames like Paenga, Stirling, Taiapa and Kaa who were part of the first wave of Ngati Porou who left their tūrangawaewae and the cowsheds in the late 50s for labouring, nursing and teaching jobs in the big smoke.

Holidays were spent at the family farm in Rangiatea on the East Cape. “It was all about farm work, being a fleeco, cooking for the shearers, killing a

beast...we had to work”. But what was once a bustling residential population in Rangiatea has now dwindled to less than a handful. Keita concedes it’s hard to convince urban kids to holiday there now and it’s concerning that others of her generation don’t feel the same about maintaining links.

This breakdown of traditional links to the heartlands is a contemporary reality for nearly 80% of the Ngati Porou population who live in urban centres, and is a direct result of relocation and assimilation policies enacted in the 60s. The 2013 Census reconfirms that the highest population of Ngati Porou live in Auckland –13,161 people identify themselves as Ngati Porou making them the second highest tribal grouping in Tamaki Makaurau. The impact of urbanisation is well traversed in the excellent PHD

thesis Ngā Pā Harakeke o Ngāti Porou: A Lived Experience of Whānau by the late Taingunguru Whangapirita Walker and is recommended reading for those wanting further insights.

As a taurahere trustee Keita is acutely aware of the ongoing challenges of urbanisation, and is keenly involved with initiatives to build a Ngati Porou community in Auckland, such as the establishment of the kapahaka Porou Ariki. “When we were setting up Porou Ariki we set up a taura here website. When we did that we compiled a database of 1,000 Ngati Porou in the city...we met heaps who knew they were from home, but didn’t know how to get involved”.

Getting involved without whanau infrastructure on the coast can be difficult, so with this reality in mind Ngati Porou ki Tamaki Makaurau has refreshed its

“When you think that in 10 years time, the majority of Ngati Porou landowners may not have grown up at home, our land is at risk if the hau kaenga are treating urban kin as a class below... it’s a good way to destroy the tribe”



▲ Keita (second from left) with members of her whanau (l-r) Marangairoa, Kaakatarau, Kristen, Tuhaka and Malcolm Kohere.



▲ Te Taurahere o Ngati Porou Ki Tamaki held a “Nati Day Out” earlier this year in January for Ngati Porou living in the Super City. Whakawhānauanga was the main kaupapa of the “Haati Nati” hui, and the programme included entertainment, activities for tamariki and the Taurahere o Ngati Porou Ki Tamaki AGM.

strategic plan. The focus is on establishing Ngati Poroutanga within Auckland with plans afoot in the new year to release a ‘Hot 20 Natis’ list of up and coming rangatahi, and a pakeke kapahaka to build cultural awareness. “It will be an opportunity for our generation to have access to pakeke”, Keita explains. “Having that access exposes us to dialectical differences of Ngati Porou reo and tikanga and quality control”.

But there are measures individual whanau can take to rekindle their links to the Coast, and the proliferation of online virtual Ngati Porou communities are proof that Naatis are embracing technology to do so. Keita also recommends a change of mind-set. “There can be a sense of entitlement but if you’re looking for connections, understand what the connection will require you to give, rather than take”.

In saying that Keita warns against what she describes as the ‘old way of thinking’ about people who’ve grown up away from the Coast. “When you think that in 10 years time, the majority of Ngati Porou landowners may not have



▲ Mokena Kohere

grown up at home, our land is at risk if the hau kaenga are treating urban kin as a class below... it’s a good way to destroy the tribe. You end up with thousands of Natis in the city with no connection and no value for the land”. A sobering prospect Natis need to tackle head on, wherever they may be.

KEITA’S ADVICE ON HOW TO RECONNECT

- Ask ‘what can I do for the iwi?’
- Register with Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
- Seek out your taurahere
- Get a whanau group together for events like Pa Wars and Tamararo Kapahaka competitions
- Support your Taurahere events or offer to help run them
- Get in the kitchen

TAURAHERE O NGATI POROU KI TAMAKI CONTACTS

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PAKIRIKIRI

*20th Anniversary
Pa Wars Champions*

Tokomaru Bay whanau continued their winning streak on January 3rd when Pakirikiri Marae were crowned the overall champions of the 2015 Ngati Porou Inter-marae Sports Festival (aka Pa Wars).

The 20th Anniversary of the annual event was held in Ruatoria, and Pakirikiri Marae took home prize money of close to \$4000. However all 20 Ngati Porou marae who entered the 35 events on offer at this year's Pa Wars were the winners on the day. In total \$15,250 worth of sponsorship money was allocated out to the marae who came first, second or

third in the events they entered.

Leeanne Morice, a member of the organising committee for the event says that over the years Pa Wars has been going one of the consistent features of Pa Wars is the participation of all age groups in the events. "We have activities for the tamariki, for the rangatahi and for the older generation to enjoy. You

don't have to win all your events to claim points for your marae. In Pa Wars participation is everything, and just by having a go at something you are supporting your marae".

PA WARS 2016

Next year the Matakaoa community will host Pa Wars in Te Araroa, Jan 3rd





2007 PA WARS
RUATORIA

Pa Wars Retrospective

A look back over the years



2007 PA WARS
RUATORIA



2005 PA WARS
UAWA



2014 PA WARS
TOKOMARU BAY



2013 PA WARS TOKOMARU BAY



Pa Wars 20th Anniversary
Snapshots from this year's event



Ngati Porou Inter-Marae Sports Festival 2015 Results

Aggregate Winner: Pakirikiri
Second: Hinerupe
Third: Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Team Parade	Pakirikiri	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Hinerupe
Funwalk	Hinerupe	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika, Pakirikiri	
Nati Kids	Hinerupe	Pakirikiri	Te Horo, Kiekie
Euchre	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Pakirikiri	Reporua
Tennis	Mangahanea	Reporua, Pakirikiri	
Basketball	Pakirikiri	Karuai	Mangahanea
Darts	Pakirikiri	Mangahanea	Kariaka
Pool	Te Horo	Rongohaere	Pakirikiri
Nati Haka	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Pakirikiri	Reporua
Kiorahi	Taumata o Tapuhi	Hinerupe	Kiekie
Tug o War	Penu	Mangahanea	Rahui
Junior Trivial Pursuit	Hiruharama	Hinerupe	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika
Senior Trivial Pursuit	Reporua	Penu	Hinerupe
Volleyball	Rahui	Pakirikiri	Rongohaere
Mixed Touch Rugby	Taumata o Tapuhi	Hinerupe	Reporua Mangahanea
Table Tennis	Te Aowera	Pakirikiri	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika
Netball	Kiekie	Kariaka	Whangara, Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika
Swimming – Mixed Relay	Reporua	Kiekie	Pakirikiri
Swimming – Mixed Medley	Reporua	Kiekie	Pakirikiri
Nati & Healthy	Rongohaere	Pakirikiri	Te Horo
Chess	Te Aowera	Rahui	Kariaka
Horse Sports	Penu	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika, Puatai	
Ngati Football	Pakirikiri	Kiekie	Rahui
Karaoke	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika, Pakirikiri		Reporua
100m Relay – Jnr Girls'	Pakirikiri	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Reporua
100m Relay – Jnr Boys'	Whangara	Hinerupe	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika
100m Relay – Women's	Kiekie	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Whangara
100m Relay – Men's	Pakirikiri	Reporua	Whangara
100m Sprints – Jnr Girls'	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Reporua, Te Horo, Te Aowera	
100m Sprints – Jnr Boys'	Rahui	Te Horo	Hinerupe
100m Sprints – Women's	Rahui, Taumata o Tapuhi, Kiekie, Whangara		
100m Sprints – Men's	Whangara	Mangahanaea	Pakirikiri, Hiruharama
League	Pakirikiri	Hiruharama	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika
Line Dancing	Hinemaurea ki Wharekahika	Hiruharama	Hinerupe
Ripper Rugby	Te Horo	Pakirikiri	Mangahanaea

Ko Hikurangi Te Maunga

NA PAORA BROOKING, TOURISM NGATI POROU CO-ORDINATOR

“Kia Ora... I want to go up the Maunga” – this is the most common request when answering the phone at Tourism Ngati Porou. However the reply they receive stops some in their tracks, as they realise the journey they wish to undertake is a bit bigger than they originally anticipated or remembered.

“Are you wanting to tramp independently? Are you wanting a guided tour? Do you want to stay the night?” There are a few more questions that follow and usually ends up with the caller having to go away and speak with their group, or think a bit more about how they wish to experience Maunga Hikurangi.

Earlier this year a young German Tourist was trapped on the Maunga and rescued by Search and Rescue Volunteers who braved treacherous terrain to retrieve him. This incident (amongst others) highlights the need for people to respect the maunga. It is definitely not a walk in the park!

Hikurangi is our sacred taonga which holds a special place within the hearts and souls of Ngati Porou. With that in mind the following korero has been prepared to help inform our own people, as well as our manuhiri, about how to safely and respectfully experience the maunga.

BEFORE HEADING UP THE MAUNGA:

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou are responsible for coordinating all visitors to the mountain, that are not visiting for farming or forestry purposes. Please make contact with Paora Brooking, the Tourism Ngati Porou co-ordinator at the Ruatoria office before heading up, and also notify Paora once safely off the maunga. Please also note there are no dogs, guns or mountain bikes to be taken onto the Maunga. Personal 4x4 access is also restricted.



▲ Paora Brooking (Tourism Ngati Porou Co-ordinator) up at his “top office”.

TOURISM NGATI POROU ACTIVITIES:

We offer 4x4 Guided tours to the Maui Carvings 1000m above sea level; a guided summit tour which includes the 4X4 Tour to the Maui Carvings; an overnight service where the guide will stay the night and guide the group to the summit to view the sunrise. We also offer a 4X4 drop off service for those wanting to skip the 10.5km hike to the hut.

INFO FOR TRAMPERS:

Please note that an average level of fitness is required for all wishing to climb the Maunga. Ensure you have good footwear and take your cell phone as there is limited coverage on the Maunga. Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions - Maunga Hikurangi is an alpine environment (summit 1752m), therefore the weather is unpredictable and you can expect rain, fog, cloud, strong winds, snow and extreme cold at any time of the year. Also be prepared to

turn back if weather conditions deteriorate. The track is designed for walking during daylight hours and is not safe to attempt in poor light.

STAYING AT THE HUT:

There is a \$15 per adult \$10 per child hut fee. Most people will tramp the Maunga independently, stay the night in the hut, wake up at least three hours before sunrise and climb the 2-3 hour tramp to watch the sunrise from the summit.

Respect the maunga. Take nothing but photos and memories. Leave nothing but footprints.

For more information go to our website www.ngatiporou.com or contact:

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MANA ATUA
MANA WHENUA
MANA TANGATA

Experience Hikurangi

Porou Ariki Wananga me Te Wananga whakamaumahara ki a Ta Apirana Ngata 2015



▲ Porourangi Marae, Waioamatatini



POROU ARIKI WANANGA 2015

Anei nga wananga e toru mo Te Reo o te Nati i raro i te maru o Porou Ariki Wananga mo te tau ruamano tekau ma rima.

“Whakanuia te maioha a Te Rangitawaea hoki mai ki te wa kainga”.

Kia tangatanga nga arero o nga uri whakatipu Kia rangona te reo o nga matua tipuna i nga wa katoa

Kia hoki tena ki tona abi, tena ki tona whanau te korero i roto i te reo i nga wa katoa ahakoa he aba te kaupapa.

Te Wananga o Te Aranga o Matariki

“Whanau a Rua tamatakia”

Kei Tokomaru akau ki te marae ow Pakirikiri

22nd, 23rd, 24th o Mei

Whakatau 22nd Mei, hei te ahiahi a te 4 karaka. Ka hiki te hui hei te pouputanga o te ra a te Ratapu 24th o Mei.

Te Wananga o te Hotoke

“Hoake taua ki Waiapu ki tatara e maru ana”

Kei Waiapu ki te pa o Te Rahui

24th, 25th, 26th o Hurae

Whakatau 24th Hurae, hei te kaunenehu o te po 4 karaka. Ka hiki te hui hei te pouputanga o te ra a te Ratapu 26 o Hurae.

Te Wananga o te Koanga

“Te ika korapa rua! Te tai Timu roa! Te roro huka tai!”

Kei Hiruharama marae.

25th, 26th, 27th o Hepetema

Whakatau 25 Hepetema, hei te ahiahi a te 4 karaka. Ka hiki te hui hei te pouputanga o te ra a te 27 o Hepetema.

Ka haere tatau ki Waiomatatini ki Te Wananga whakamaumahara ki a Ta Apirana Ngata.

TE WANANGA WHAKAMAUMAHARA KI A TA APIRANA NGATA

Ko te kaupapa o te wananga whakamaumahara ki a Ta Apirana i tenei tau, ko te tokotoru a Iranui, ko Taua, ko Mahaki, ko Hauiti. A, kia whakapumautia nga kawai tangata.

Ka pumau ki te kaupapa ka puna ko te reo

“Tu tonu mai koe Maunga Hikurangi tuohu ko nga uri e.”

Ki Porourangi Whare, Waiomatatini – Ko Mahaki

Ratapu 27th o Hepetema. Ka whakaeke i te 2 karaka i te ahiahi

Ki Tukaki Whare, Te Kaha – Ko Taua

I te pouputanga o te ra, Mane 28 o Hepetema

Ki Ruakapanga Whare, Uawa – Ko Hauiti

I te pouputanga o te ra, Turei 29 o Hepetema ki te Wenerei 30 o Hepetema

Ka hiki te hui i muri i te parakuihi i te ata o te Wenerei.

Te Utu

He Apirana Ngata te rehitanga (\$50) mo ia wananga, a, \$20 ranei mo nga ra e watea ana koe te haramai.

Whakapa mai

Mena he patai wahau tukua mai ki a Rapaea Parata

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Growing Ngati Porou

*"Ko te whenua te waiu mo nga
uri whakatipu"*

*The land will provide sustenance
for future generations.*

For the late Dr Apirana Mahuika, this whakatauaki aptly sums up his vision for the creation of a strong economic base for Ngati Porou.

Amongst the immense legacy he leaves behind is his mahi in championing the realisation of this vision. Both at a macro level – the establishment of our large-scale tribal farming, forestry and fisheries assets, and at a micro level – supporting whanau and hapu to develop their own whenua and resources.

The manuka honey industry was one of the enterprises where Dr Mahuika saw immense possibilities for Ngati Porou whanau. He also held a firm belief that whanau based co-operatives, similar to Ngata's dairying schemes and the Ngati Porou Forests model, would help provide local solutions to our economic issues. Collaboration and the formation of key relationships was another component which underpinned Dr Mahuika's philosophy in regards to creating business opportunities for Ngati Porou.

The stories within the following section, "Growing Ngati Porou", illustrates this philosophy. "Take the honey, not the money" is about the formation of the Ngati Porou Miere Collective, and its aspiration to position Ngati Porou as a major player in the Manuka honey industry. The success of this new entity will depend heavily on building collaborative relationships with the whanau based trusts and incorporations who join the Collective.

"Sisters are doing it for themselves" is about Ngati Porou women and their participation in workshops to help develop their entrepreneurial skills. The workshops came about as the result of a collaboration between Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Maori Womens Development Inc. Empowering whanau through economic and financial independence lies at the heart of this initiative.

In order for both the Ngati Porou Miere Collective and the Ngati Porou women entrepreneurs to flourish they will need our support. As any good gardener knows, a young seedling needs a nourishing and healthy environment in which to grow. Will we choose to chop our tall poppies down, or will we nurture them in the right conditions where they can blossom?

Throughout his lifetime Dr Mahuika worked tirelessly to achieve his vision of a strong Ngati Porou economic base. He tilled the soil and planted the seeds – it is now up to us to nurture those seeds so that one day future generations of Ngati Porou can reap the harvest.

Take the Honey, Not the Money

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NGATI POROU MIERE COLLECTIVE

A new commercial entity is being created with the vision of empowering Ngati Porou landowners to obtain a sweeter slice of the multi-million dollar Manuka honey industry

The modest, unpretentious manuka tree. Over the past two decades the reputation of this stoic East Coast native has undergone somewhat of an extreme make-over.

In the past manuka was considered by some as an impediment to Ngati Porou's development – a scourge to be eradicated from the whenua of once productive land blocks. In recent times however this perception has changed dramatically, as the stock value of manuka's public share price has climbed skywards. Whilst before manuka was often looked down upon as only good enough to be used for firewood, is it now being regarded by Ngati Porou economic commentators as "the new cool kid on the block".

So what has caused this impressive transformation of East Coast manuka's image? An explanation involves the following three factors: a break-through scientific discovery, the impact of globalisation and the humble honey bee.

THE HONEY RUSH

The honey industry is big business. Last year according to the Coriolis Research report, New Zealand's total honey export market was estimated to be worth \$195 million. A major percentage of that total was made up from Manuka honey exports, and a large proportion of that Manuka honey resource was believed to have originated from the Ngati Porou rohe.

The demand for Manuka honey has grown rapidly ever since scientific research in the late 1990s provided evidence that honey sourced from Manuka nectar, contained a unique type of antibacterial activity. This activity was capable of treating "super bug" style infections, where anti-biotics and other

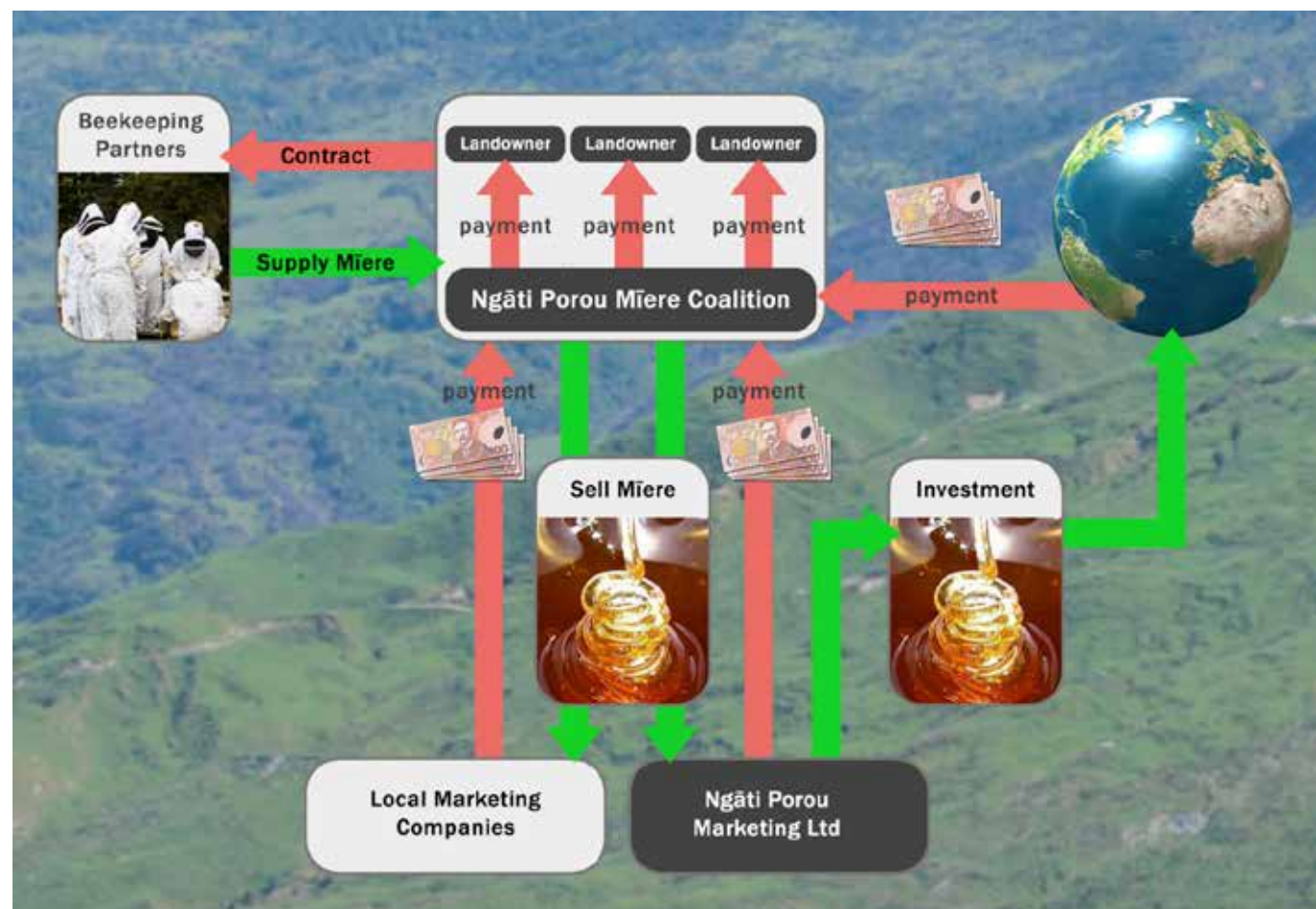


medicines could not. A certification system (Unique Manuka Factor or UMF) was also subsequently created to measure the quality and effectiveness of Manuka honey. From that time onwards global consumers, particularly in Asian and European countries, have created a huge market for Manuka honey infused product lines – everything from medicinal bandages to anti-aging creams to health beverages. It is no wonder that Manuka honey is acknowledged as the most expensive honey on the planet.

With the world wanting our miera, the major commercial New Zealand honey companies have recognised the potential of the Ngati Porou region to supply high quality UMF grade manuka honey to the international market. Our region also has an abundant supply of the Manuka resource, and the honey companies are well aware that Ngati Porou landowners are in control of the land where this resource is produced.

As a result a situation has been created which cynically could be likened to the days of the "Wild, Wild West", when frontier prospectors went out in search of plots of land with the intention of exploiting mineral resources such as gold or oil. In contemporary times some honey companies, in their pursuit of "striking it rich", could potentially be charged with the same claim. A substantial number of Ngati Porou land owners have allegedly been drawn into contracts, where they have received a minimal rental return in exchange for companies' placing beehives on their whenua. Or alternatively been given an un-equitable share of the Manuka honey profits, in comparison to what the corporates have been collecting.

This modern day "Honey Rush" would be amusing to many Ngati Porou landowners who could easily recall a time when



THE FUTURE OF OUR HONEY ▲ One of the slides presented at the Miere hui illustrated what the Ngāti Porou Miere Collective could potentially evolve into long term.

their “erosion prone, over-grown with scrub whenua” would not have caught the attention of big business. Manuka covered hillsides are now hot property to those with an interest in capitalising off the growing demand for Manuka honey products. This recent turn of events has led to the establishment of a new entity which will provide Ngāti Porou land owners with the opportunity to move from being passive participants in the Manuka honey sector to active contributors.

The time has finally arrived when Ngāti Porou can confidently say to the biggest players in the industry, “No more funny business. We’re now in the honey business.”

PLAN BEE

Over the past two years Ngāti Porou Holding Company (NPHoldCo) have been actively investigating opportunities to invest in the development of

the Ngāti Porou regional economy. NPHold Co is the economic subsidiary of Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and is responsible for managing on behalf of the tribe, collectively owned commercial assets such as fishing and farming companies, property, and other investments. The manuka honey sector has been identified by NPHoldCo as an industry which they believe can help grow the economy of Ngāti Porou.

To help increase Ngāti Porou’s participation in this industry, NPHoldCo has looked into creating a new investment initiative, in collaboration with Ngāti Porou landowners. The Ngāti Porou Miere Collective, is the name of a new entity which will be owned and governed by Ngāti Porou landowners, incorporations and trusts who join the Collective. NPHold Co’s role in the Collective involves setting up the commercial structure as a limited liability partnership, as well as becoming one of

the shareholders through supplying land received from the Ngāti Porou Treaty Settlement.

Allan Jensen, Chief Financial Officer for Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou has been involved with undertaking the groundwork to establish the Ngāti Porou Miere Collective. He says the new entity will provide a vehicle for Ngāti Porou to take back more control over the Manuka honey resource. “For many years the haukaenga have watched as honey companies come into the rohe at the beginning of each honey flow season, and then depart again a few months later with their trucks laden with boxes. A significant amount of economic activity is being generated from the Manuka honey produced on our whenua, but the full economic benefits are not being retained within our region. By working together to form a collective we can have a greater stake throughout the entire sector, and greater control.”

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John Hockey is the new Business Development Manager for NPHoldCo and has been working alongside Allan on the Miere project since the beginning of the year. He believes Ngāti Porou has a fantastic opportunity to help ensure the profits made from the Manuka honey resource are kept in Ngāti Porou hands.

“We have estimated that there are currently 20,000 hives being placed within our rohe, and the vast majority of these hives belong to external non-Ngāti Porou interests. If there are 20,000 hives and say for example each hive produces 20 kilos of raw honey at approximately \$20 per kilo, that adds up to \$8 million dollars worth of profits. So what does that mean for the Ngāti Porou economy? That means if we controlled the Ngāti Porou Manuka honey resource, we could retain that \$8 million within our area. And that’s just the wholesale side of things - from the tree to the bee and then to the drum. If we were to export our Manuka honey, and as a conservative estimate say that equalled 10% of the \$195 million total that is currently being exported now, Ngāti Porou could bank roughly \$20 million dollars. Add the wholesale and export side of things together, and that’s nearly \$30 million the Ngāti Porou economy could be benefitting from.”

TAKE THE HONEY, NOT THE MONEY

In March representatives from Ngāti Porou Holding Company and Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou went out to talk to Ngāti Porou landowners,

trusts and incorporations about the potential benefits of setting up a Ngāti Porou Miere Collective. Hui were held in Ruatoria and Tokomaru Bay, and during the meetings a presentation was delivered about the Miere pilot project NPHoldCo had done in conjunction with Ngāti Porou landowners in the Matakaoa region.

This pilot was a smaller scale version of the Ngāti Porou Miere Collective concept and involved 14 contiguous land blocks, comprising 9 forest estates owned by Ngāti Porou Holding company, and 5 whanau land trusts: Awatere, Harakeke, Pohutu, Tarere and Taumata o Manu. The pilot was conducted over

the 2014/2015 manuka honey season, and encompassed 2000 hives and 20,000 hectares within the Whakaangi and Kopuapounamu Valleys.

Victor Goldsmith, has been contracted as a consultant by NPHoldCo to help establish the Ngāti Porou Miere Collective, and was involved in pulling the Miere pilot scheme together. Victor has extensive previous experience in the Manuka honey sector having worked for the dominant players in the industry. For the past three years he has been the project director of the Miere Coalition (a national Maori honey industry group) and last year led a delegation of Maori beekeepers, landowners, entrepreneurs

▼ Over 60 people attended the Miere hui at Kariaka marae in Ruatoria, to find out more about the Ngāti Porou Miere Collective proposal.





THE LAND TO BRAND VALUE CHAIN ▲ The Ngati Porou Miere Collective provides Ngati Porou with the opportunity to operate across the whole manuka honey industry.

and investors to China, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan to better understand the consumer demands and market opportunities of the Asian market.

Victor says the Miere pilot was a useful exercise in helping to work out the processes and principles which will be used to inform and shape the Ngati Porou Miere Collective. “We used a Land Agent to co-ordinate between the landowners, bee-keepers and honey companies, and to draft up supply and access agreements. These agreements also stipulated that the bee-keepers and honey companies must supply information to the landowners that normally they are not required to provide. This included information like the placement of hives, quality and quantity of the yield, extraction data and the revenue made from the honey.”

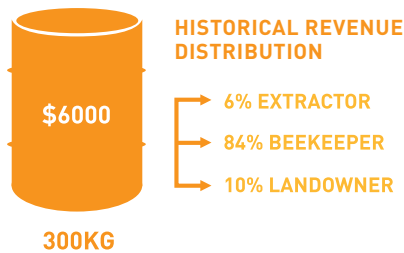
“An important element of the agreements included the provision that landowners had the option of taking the honey, and not the money. What this meant was that instead of accepting what the bee-keeper was going to pay them for placing their hives on their whenua, they had the option of owning some of the drums of honey that was produced, which they could then store away and sell at a later date. What most landowners don’t realise is that the UMF levels of Manuka honey have the ability to increase up to 50% over a 6 to 12 month period if stored in an appropriate storage facility. So for example if the honey extracted from your whenua has a UMF level of 10 and it’s worth \$50,000, if you stored that honey away it could rise to a UMF level of 15 and be worth \$75,000 in a year’s time. Some of the landowners involved with the pilot took that option, and are quite happy that their earnings from this year’s honey season have increased remarkably.”

Victor believes if Ngati Porou landowners collaborated together they would be a force to be reckoned with.



▲ There is a high demand from export markets for high quality manuka honey.

“Although each landowner would still retain the mana over their own whenua, as a Collective group they have the power to influence and achieve things they cannot do as individuals working alone in silos. Presently the honey companies play us all off each other- it’s the divide and rule strategy. But if we worked together, we could negotiate better contracts, buy our own hives, control who comes in and out of the rohe, enforce our own bio-security regulations. The potential of what we could achieve is unlimited.”



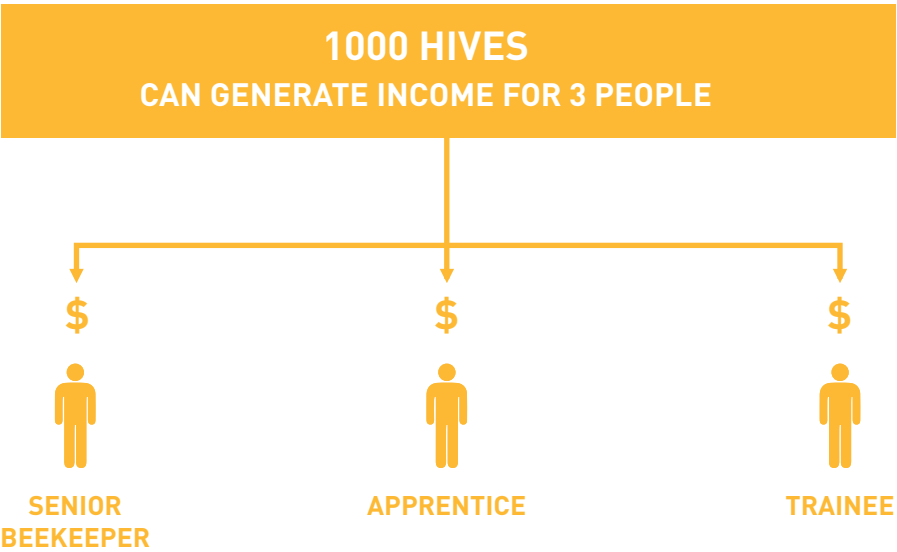
FROM LAND TO BRAND

The long term vision behind the Ngati Porou Miere Collective is to create employment opportunities for Ngati

Porou people, and to operate across the value chain of the manuka honey resource – from land to brand, adding value all along the way from the tree to the honey jar.

Allan was a member of the Miere delegation that went to Asia last year, and says the group were amazed at the prices Manuka honey were being sold for in supermarkets. “A 250 gram jar of honey was valued at \$300, that works out to \$1200 per kilo. We all wondered to ourselves how much of that profit did the Maori landowners, who were probably the kaitiaki of the whenua that miere came from, receive?”

“At the moment we are just getting a minimal revenue in return for our resource. But eventually we want to be the bee-keepers, the hive makers, the honey processors, the marketers and the exporters. We want to build our own extraction plants and storage facilities, create our own manuka nurseries and employ our own food technologists and scientists. Although our first priority is to create better returns for the landowners in the Collective, we see this as a



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win/win opportunity for everyone.”

SWEET AS BRO

Among the final messages NPHoldCo want to communicate to Ngati Porou landowners interested in joining the Collective, is that they don’t want to displace bee-keeping operations if the landowners are happy with their current arrangements. John explains that although NPHoldCo’s preference is to work with East Coast bee-keepers, if external operators are used they must demonstrate a willingness to train local people. “We want to get the best returns for our landowners, and use the best commercial bee-keepers. There is only a small pool of Ngati Porou professional bee-keepers on the Coast, so our long term strategy is to grow the numbers of skilled bee-keeping kaimahi who can maintain quality standards and practices. Bee-keeping is a rewarding but challenging job, so for young people interested in taking this up as a career having a good work ethic and a passion for the bees also helps.”

Allan agrees with this sentiment and

adds that Ngati Porou landowners have nothing to lose by signing up to the Collective. “Over the next few months we are recruiting landowners to join us for the 2015/2016 Miere season. We already have the 14 landblocks who were part of the Miere pilot, but welcome the wider Ngati Porou community to join our structure. Your whenua will never be at risk from this project, as the Manuka resource is already on the land, and you don’t have to invest additional resources. If people don’t feel it is working out for them, they can either go back to doing nothing or return to the honey companies they were dealing with.”

“We believe this Ngati Porou Miere kaupapa ticks all the right boxes of being environmentally friendly, creating intergenerational employment, having a wealth multiplier effect and lastly run by Natis for Natis. If you are interested in signing up please let John, Victor or myself know. If you are one of those landowners who are locked into a two or three year contract, that’s kei te pai. The Collective will still be here in two years time, and also in 20 years time.”



For more information or to register your interest in the Ngati Porou Miere Collective go to www.ngatiporou.com

Or contact John Hockey at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou email jhockey@tronp.org.nz tel 06 867 9960



TAKING THE HONEY, NOT THE MONEY ▲ Tarere 2 Station Trust administers over 2,5000 hectares of whenua located in the Kopuapounamu Valley near Te Araroa. The whenua encompasses pastoral farm land, pine trees and native bush.

NGATI POROU MIERE PILOT:

Tarere 2 Station Trust - a Ngati Porou landowner's perspective



Campbell Dewes is the Chairman of Tarere 2 Station Trust, one of the 14 landblocks who participated in the Ngati Porou Miere pilot over the 2014/2015 manuka honey season.

The trust administers over 2,500 hectares of whenua located in the Kopuapounamu Valley near Te Araroa, which encompasses pastoral farmland, pine trees and native bush. Eight trustees representing extended whanau groupings govern the station, and last year the governance committee decided to investigate what was involved in moving from passive to active participants in the Miere space. In the following korero Campbell shares what the experience has been like from Tarere 2's perspective as Ngati Porou landowners in the Miere pilot.

We have had commercial bee-keepers coming on to Tarere for a few years now, but we slowly realised there was a strong

honey economy out there and we needed to become a part of it. To become a member of the manuka honey industry you have to get your hands on the honey. We had the land, we had the trees, but we didn't have the honey or the expertise in bee-keeping. So we said to the established bee-keepers, 'We're not asking for more money, we actually want the honey'. At first they were abt taken aback, until they realised we didn't want to run them out of town. It's in our best interests for them to thrive, while we gradually build up our skills and capacity (although in

saying that, one of the local bee-keepers has since employed a descendant from Tarere, so we are starting to build up our own expertise).



The deal we negotiated with the bee-keeper was that for every four drums of honey they harvest, we take one. We are storing the honey, until the price rises, and by doing so have moved one step along the value chain. We now have much more knowledge about the Manuka honey industry since being involved with the Miere pilot, so we know what we can demand on our own behalf. Instead of being the price taker,

we have become a price maker. Because we are becoming more hands on with the honey, we are also taking on more of the responsibility and the risk. However the higher the return, the harder the fall. But that's all part of the business. Manuka honey could end up to be just like any other boom bust enterprise that our station has been involved with over the last 100 years. However to do nothing, would be to change nothing.

It's in our best interests to participate in this Miere collaboration with the other land owners. With your manuka and my manuka, we have a lot of manuka. It's making sure we have economies of scale, so we can leverage the better part of the deal for the benefit of all of us. Essentially we should be the major player in the Manuka honey industry, because it's our manuka. Co-ops are nothing new to Ngati Porou. We had the Ngati Porou Dairy factory, the Waiapu Farmers and in recent times, Ngati Porou Forests. We need to have the same goals and aspirations, otherwise we will be divided and could easily be picked off by the honey companies. But at the same time each land block must retain its own autonomy and independence. And if there's no financial benefit coming directly back to our shareholders, then it's a waste of time.

Some blocks may be quite happy being passive receivers of cheques, but we aren't. Our role as trustees is to look after the best interests of our beneficiaries. So if we think there is an economic opportunity, we are duty bound to look into it. Tarere is our mana whenua tuku iho, and the kaitiakitanga of that inheritance is upper most in our minds. We have to balance the desire for economic returns with the sustainable management of



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that whenua. We try to do the best we can, because it's not ours. Personally I want to leave Tarere in better shape than what it was. 100 years ago, cutting scrub was the number one priority, now we are talking about farming Manuka. It wasn't so long ago that Manuka was a weed, and now it's a taonga. Perhaps it was always a taonga but we didn't know it. At the end of the day the land is still there. *"Whatu Ngarongaro te tangata, toitu te whenua. Man lives and dies, but the land lasts for ever."* That's what upper most in

our minds as appointed legal guardians of Tarere Station."

We see the Runanganui's main role in this Collective as an enabler, and what Allan, John and Victor have been doing is very good. They haven't been telling us what to do, but have been coming to the table in a supportive capacity, which we are very appreciative of. We also mihi to NZ Trade enterprise and Poutama Trust, for feeding our interest in this exciting Miere sector.

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▲ Some of the Ngati Porou members of the National Miere Coalition's delegation to Asian export Markets took the opportunity for a photograph at the Japan NZ Trade Embassy in Tokyo. (L-R): Rawson Wright, Barry Soutar, Victor Goldsmith, Jason Reeves (New Zealand's Trade Commissioner to Japan), Huti Watson, Allan Jensen, Tiwana Tibble and Anthony Ruakere.

NGATI POROU MIERE IN ASIA:

Global and Grass Roots Opportunities for Ngati Porou

Huti Watson is a trustee on Tarere 2 Trust, and in November last year was appointed by the Trust to represent their roopu on the National Miere Coalition's delegation to Asia. The tour took in four different Asian markets – Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tokyo and Shanghai.

Huti is also a board member of Ngati Porou Hauora, and has extensive experience in economic development through her consultancy mahi. In the following article Huti shares what she learned on her visit to these major Asian markets where demand for our Manuka honey resource is high. She also shares some of her personal thoughts about how growing the economy of Ngati Porou through the Miere Collective can help benefit two kaupapa she cares deeply about – job creation and the health of our people.

EXPORTING NGATI POROU

My experience on the journey was amazing, we were exposed to a range

of people involved in the industry including business investors, marketers, retailers, exporters and distributors. We got a snap shot view about what each of those markets looked like, how each of them differed and what opportunities they offered.

The key learning that I took away was that there was a high demand for quality manuka honey in Asia, and that Asia was interested in the uniquely Maori story. The marketing pitch, "Land to Brand" and the idea of being able to track manuka honey from the market shelf back to its origin so that buyers were able to "look through" from the market to

where the honey came from, was a highlight for me. I'd love to think that one day someone standing in a Shanghai supermarket can, through using the latest technology, trace the honey that they hold in their hand back to Tarere.

For me China was a highlight. We went to a supermarket, and saw a 250gm UMF 25 Manuka honey priced at \$NZ300. That's \$1200 per kilo! The challenge though is how to participate in the entire value chain so we are able to share in these returns. A key consideration was that Chinese aren't interested in cheaper, lower priced products, so high end, quality has to be the name of our



◀ Noema Hunt is employed as a bee-keeper for Natural Solutions in Te Araroa, and as part of his mahi looks after the hives on Tarere 2 Station Trust. As a beneficiary of Tarere, through his grandmother, Kaa Te Mihi Puketapu, Noema takes "extra special" care of Tarere's bees.

ples' pockets, so I believe the manuka honey industry is something that is very doable for us at home, it excites me. I believe that the Ngati Porou Miere Collective is a tool which can help to enable and bring greater prosperity to our whanau and communities.

My son Noema is a bee-keeper for Natural Solutions which is a company in Te Araroa, and in his role also looks after the Tarere hives. Noema returned home from Australia a few years ago and it took some time for him to find sustainable employment that he enjoys, but I'm glad he persisted. As Noema is also a beneficiary of Tarere, he takes extra special care of Tarere's bees.

We hope all the landblocks on the Coast join us, and put their resources into the Ngati Porou Miere Collective. Potentially, we can have our own extraction plant if we reach a certain number of hives and that could be done quite quickly if landowners firstly decided to move from passive to active players in the industry, and then started to build their capacity to farm their own honey.

"Take the honey not the money", well the proof is in the pudding, Tarere was able to make this happen last season by reinvesting honey proceeds back into their own hives, took the honey instead of the money from their beekeepers, and quadrupled last seasons honey income by doing so. I am committed to helping others to make this happen.

game if we were to take our product to that particular market.

I was really impressed with how Poutama Trust's Richard Jones brought us all together in what he calls "open source collaboration". This allowed Maori players in the industry to meet and mix and some are already working together leveraging off each other to produce better business outcomes for themselves.

I am fully supportive of the Ngati Porou Miere initiative, and am looking ahead to how and whether Ngati Porou can engage with the wider National Maori Miere Coalition, in taking Maori branded products to the global market. This would be a further exciting chapter in Maori engagement in the manuka honey industry, and would help to fulfill one of my most heartfelt aims – to increase employment at home, for the benefit of our whanau, hapu and iwi.

GROWING NGATI POROU

Personally I have always felt strongly about the idea of farming Manuka honey on the East Coast. I live in Te Araroa and I have two criteria in my head for anything we do here, it has to: 1. Not destroy our environment (Kaitiekitanga). 2. Be detrimental to the people in any way. (Kaitiekitanga). Manuka honey is natural to our environment, and fits those values nicely.

We have high deprivation and unmet need in our region. Poor social and economic circumstances affect health throughout life and is cumulative. Ngati Porou's involvement in the manuka industry will not only develop our economic capacity but will have knock on effects on peoples health just by virtue of increasing household income, and thereby reducing hardship.

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▲ Dr Peter Molan (centre of photo) was up the Coast recently attending the two day National Miere Coalition Hui at Hinerupe marae in Te Araroa. In the evening a networking event was held at the Tokararangi Sports Club in Te Araroa, where Dr Molan enjoyed spending time with the Ngati Porou delegates from the hui. (L-R) Victor Goldsmith (Miere Coalition Director), Campbell Dewes (Tarere 2 Station Chair), Dr Molan, Huti Watson (Tarere 2 Station Trustee), Sarah Boyle (Tarere 2 Station Trustee) and John Hockey (NPHoldCo).

NGATI POROU MIERE AND SCIENCE:

Q & A with Dr Peter Molan

Scientist Dr Peter Molan has over thirty years research experience in the anti-bacterial properties of Manuka honey, and is recognised as the “father” of UMF certification.

While at Waikato University Dr Molan pioneered research about the effectiveness of Manuka honey to heal infections, and the development of Manuka honey-based wound dressings. Although retired, he is still active in sharing his scientific knowledge and recently presented at the National Miere Coalition hui that was held in Te Araroa in May. Dr Molan was interviewed by Nati Link recently to gain his whakaaro about what the mahi Ngati Porou is doing in the Miere sector.

What do you think about Ngati Porou establishing our own Miere Manuka honey Collective?

I strongly support the establishment of the Ngati Porou Miere Collective and the National Maori Miere Collective. I have also pledged to help in any

way I can. Changes are occurring in the honey industry, where overseas business interests are buying up honey companies and a New Zealand corporate appears to be aiming to monopolise the production of manuka honey. Forming a Ngati Porou collective gives protection for Ngati Porou land-owners from just being price-takers. And will allow them to benefit fully from the profits to be obtained from manuka honey, which are expected to increase markedly.

Do you consider the Manuka honey produced in our region has special scientific qualities in comparison to others produced elsewhere?

Manuka honey is unique — it is the only honey in the world that has antibacterial qualities (at a significant level)

that is not due to hydrogen peroxide as is the case in all other types of honey. Hydrogen peroxide is destroyed by an enzyme that is in the blood and other body tissues, but the antibacterial activity in manuka honey (which is due to its unique component methylglyoxal (MGO) is not decreased). For an example watch this YouTube link: <http://youtu.be/EaIFqgiJSo0>

The level of MGO in manuka honey depends to some degree on the variety of manuka tree from which the honey is produced. The variety that grows on the northern side of the East Cape gives a honey with a high level of MGO. The major reason for the variation in level of MGO in manuka honey, though, is the proportion of manuka source that went into the nectar collected by the

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bees. Bees are free-flying and will collect nectar from whatever flowers are available to them. The East Cape region is set apart from other regions by having large areas where the soil is too poor for other species of plants to grow, so has many sites where the bees collect only manuka nectar.

The presence of kanuka in some sites is the major cause of lower activity in manuka honey. Pure kanuka honey (i.e. if it has no manuka in with it) has no MGO content. At present it has value in that buyers will pay a premium price for it because they can pass it off as manuka honey, but eventually standards will come into force that put an end to that.

Before our Manuka covered lands were seen as unproductive. Why is there is so much attention focussed on our land from outside interests?

My personal view is that land that was left in Maori ownership by European settlers was the land that was of no value for farming. That land is unproductive or marginally productive because the soil cover is poor. Manuka trees thrive on that sort of land and get no competition from other plants. Until 30 years ago

manuka honey was of no value so there was no interest in harvesting it. However, since then research has been done establishing that it has a unique type of antibacterial activity and that this gives excellent results treating infections, including infections with the “superbugs” that antibiotics no longer work on.

Raising public awareness of this around the world has created a huge demand for manuka and a shortage of supply. Companies wanting to cash in on this are desperate to get supplies of manuka honey, but are now realising that this is in the hands of the owners of the land on which manuka grows (which is mostly whenua Maori).

Do you believe Ngati Porou should have more kaitiakitanga over our Manuka honey resource?

Ngati Porou own the land on which the manuka grows, so kaitiakitanga is completely in their hands. But something needs to be done to stop the widespread theft of manuka nectar occurring when beekeepers place their hives outside the boundaries of blocks of land on which manuka grows. Pressure needs to be put on local and regional councils to

stop the siting of hives on roadsides and river banks. Ngati Porou also needs to find ways of dissuading greedy members whose land has no manuka on it from collecting rent from beekeepers to allow them to steal manuka nectar from neighbouring land.

Is there any other korero you would like to share with Nati Link readers?

I would like to add the plea for people to be nice to beekeepers, because they are going to need them to assist the Ngati Porou Miere Collective in the future. Beekeeping is a specialist occupation that requires skill, knowledge and experience to do it well. Successful commercial beekeeping cannot be done by beginners without the guidance of good experienced beekeepers, and in many cases the best plan may be to have good beekeepers working in partnership with land-owners. There is a very big risk that potential income could be lost through poor beekeeping practices. Not all commercial beekeepers are good at what they do. Proven commercial success is a very good indicator of the good ones.



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Sisters are doing it for themselves

NGATI POROU WOMEN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WEAVING HER MAGIC ▲ Raiha (Liza) Pokai was one of the 30 participants at the Mai Biz workshop in March. Her team created a business plan for a fictional company called Coastal Retreat, which offered clients a unique Ngati Porou experience.



▲ TRONPnui and MWDI teamed up to run a series of business workshops for emerging entrepreneurs at Hinepare marae in March.

Who runs the world? The response to that question posed by feminist icon Beyonce Knowles in one of her chart topping hits, was quickly answered in the title of the aforementioned song. Who runs the world? GIRLS do.

Ngati Porou has a strong tradition of female leadership - many of our senior whakapapa lines bear female names, and the majority of our marae are named after women. In contemporary times women hold positions of mana within our marae, kura, community groups and organisations.

However when it comes to the Ngati Porou economic world, there seems to be a disparity between Ngati Porou men and women. According to the 2013 Census, Ngati Porou women earn less money than Ngati Porou males, and are less likely to have full-time incomes. Although women are represented within the governance of our Iwi commercial entities, the numbers of females holding positions of power and influence at executive and senior management level are far less. One of the theories suggested as a reason behind the gender gap is that presently our Iwi economic development is mainly focused on the 3 F's: Farming,

Forestry and Fisheries. Industries which traditionally have been male dominated and where women are less likely to climb the corporate ladder.

To help address these issues, while at the same time providing support to help stimulate the micro- economy of Ngati Porou, Whanau Oranga (the Social Services division of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou) have teamed up with Maori Womens Development Inc (MWDI) to facilitate a series of business workshops. The purpose of the workshops are to help empower and enable Ngati Porou women and their whanau towards economic and financial independence. By sharing knowledge and information, the series of three wananga which have been held so far, have helped foster the development of business ideas, opportunities and upskilling amongst aspiring Ngati Porou women entrepreneurs.

In December 2014 a three day workshop was held at Te Tini o Porou in Kai-

ti. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce He Oranga, an online financial literacy course delivered in conjunction with Massey University. Many of the participants from that programme enrolled in the second wananga held between Wednesday 18th March and Friday 20th of March at Hinepare marae in Rangitukia.

Thirty participants (including some men) attended the Mai Biz wananga, which was aimed primarily at Maori women interested in starting or further developing their own businesses. The group was broken up into five teams, each containing members with varying levels of business knowledge, to create "virtual companies". Within each "company" group members decided amongst themselves who would take on the roles of CEO, Project Manager, Operations Manager, Production Manager, Financial Controller, Marketing Researcher and Customer Services Manager. They



▲ (L-R) MWDI Chief Executive, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, with Ngati Porou Hold Co Business Development Manager, John Hockey and TRONPnui Senior Manager, Anne Huriwai.



▲ Areta Koopu (Chairwoman of MWDI) checks out one of the new Ngati Porou Business Apps at the launch.

then had to discuss and decide upon what their business idea would be.

Cherry Henry was one of the Mai Biz participants and her team created a fictional company called Koira Floristry. She says her role as Production Manager involved creating budgets and costings for supplies. “During the brainstorming process, everyone came up with different ideas. Because I actually wanted to start my own floristry business, and had photos which could be used for marketing materials, everyone decided to go with that idea. To find out more about what our roles involved, our tutors held mini-workshops specific to each company position. I wanted to know everything about what it takes to run a business, so I tried to eaves drop in on all the sessions to find out what the marketing person does, what the financial controller does and so on.”

Mateawa Keelan was another Mai Biz participant and says her team created a fictional East Coast based hunting and fishing adventure tourism business". Our group talked about what our passions were, and we all expressed a passion for the out-doors. We decided on our venture because one of our team members actually wanted to run a hunting and fishing business, another two actually are hunters and we could all share good hunting stories. We used the marae's internet to do our online research about what people in the real world are actually charging for these types of services, and to create our budgets." She says the facilitators created an environment which was very motivating. "Right from the start they put you in a positive frame of mind, which inspired us to want to learn and to co-operate with each other. When we got stuck on something, or were feeling abit tired, they came along and gave us the energy to keep going."

On the last day of the wananga the five groups presented their business plans to a panel of nine judges: Te Ikaroa

Rawhiti MP, Meka Whaitiri; Mayor Meng Foon; Ruatoria business owners, Eddie and Olivette Clark; Business woman, Tina Karaitiana; TRONPnui board member, Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin; and Business Development Manager for Ngati Porou Holding Company, John Hockey. In addition to the floristry and hunting and fishing concepts, the judges also heard business presentations from the other companies - a coastal retreat, a mobile takeaway outlet and a local kai service.

After hearing the presentations the judges provided individual feedback to each of the five groups, and also collectively identified key themes they all had in common. In their summary they said all the businesses demonstrated a strong passion for the Coast - the whenua and its people. As well as a unique cultural point of difference in comparison to businesses offering the same services in other regions. The potential to build their customer bases, by networking and collaborating with businesses providing complementary services was also identified as a common theme. In other words, the five groups had not offered five different products but one total Ngati Porou experience. John Hockey, the Business Development

Manager for Ngati Porou Hold Co says he was very impressed with the calibre of the presentations for a number of reasons. "Firstly, they had good ideas supported by a sound level of detail within each of the business plans. Secondly, there was a good demonstration of including other members of the community with their plans. This collaborative approach to business, whanau working with whanau, means that our individual skills and resources are collectively used. It is this that creates a strong and powerful formula for success. My other observation was that each presentation related to the tourism industry. This demonstrates that there is a genuine pride within our rohe on what we have to offer, which is not surprising as we live in an awesome place!"

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▲ Representatives from TRONPnui, MWDI and TPK were among those who attended the official launch of the Kiwa SLAM Digital apps last month in Tikitiki. The five KIWA SLAM scholarship recipients are seen displaying their Marketing Apps on i-pads in the front row of this image. (L-R) Kahurangi Patuwai-Findlay, Cushla Tangaere-Manuel, Cherry Henry, Mateawa Keelan and Sheryl Reedy.

At the conclusion of the judges feedback, an award presentation followed, with Mateawa's team, Waengakia Hunting and Fishing, winning first place for their business strategy. In addition Mateawa and four other Mai Biz participants were each presented with a surprise award - a Kiwa Business SLAM scholarship valued at \$5000, which incorporated taking part in an intensive two day workshop facilitated by multi-media company, Kiwa Digital. This workshop was held at Hinepare marae the following week, and involved taking the five scholarship winners through an accelerated process of designing and creating a digital marketing app to promote their own real-life business.

Cherry was also one of the Kiwa Slam scholarship winners and says the workshop motivated her to kick start her floristry business idea into reality. "We each had to come up with a business and marketing strategy, so I decided to give my business a name and came up with "Cherry Blossom". We worked with a graphic designer to create our logos, a sound recordist

to create our audio ads, which was all put together with visual images to create our apps."

The launch of the five digital apps created during Kiwa Slam took place at the Waiapu RSA in Tikitiki on June the 5th. Among the whanau and community members who attended included the Chairwoman of MWDI, Areta Koopu. She said, "I'm delighted to see more Ngati Porou women gaining further confidence and knowledge in the business arena. In the future you will see this knowledge being passed down onto your whanau. Keep moving forward, you're not alone. Our organisation will continue to support you in your journey."

TRONPnui and MWDI are teaming up again to run a wananga for rangatahi on the 29th to 31st of July at Hinepare marae in Rangitukia. Look inside this issue of Nati Link for more details or go to www.ngatiporou.com

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NATI BIZ PROFILE:

Cherry Blossom East Coast Floristry

Cherry Blossom Floristry is the name of a “budding” new business, owned and operated by Cherry Henry (nee Dewes).



▲ Cherry Henry pictured beside one of her floral art creations at the launch of the Kiwa Slam Apps in June.

Cherry (Ngati Porou/Whanau Apanui) says the idea behind her new venture was initially cultivated as a young girl growing up in Tikitiki. “I’ve always loved plants. As children we used to help our Mum out the garden – whether it was the vege patch or the flower garden.” However her interest for floristry didn’t really flourish until Cherry felt the call of home. After many years spent working away (including a long stretch in the Navy) Cherry returned to Tikitiki to live in 2000.

Cherry explains, “You know the feeling when you don’t really know what you want in life? When you’re not really sure what your true passion is? It wasn’t until one day after I came back home, and was sitting out in the garden, that I re-discovered what my passion was and found that everything I needed was right there in front of me.”

Over the years since she had that epiphany, Cherry has largely taught herself the art and craft of floristry. Through studying the pictures in magazines or books, or developing her skills by creating floral arrangements for the tables at the marae or for community events. Only recently has she extended her professional knowledge by travelling to Te Aroha to attend a series of floristry courses.

The decision to turn her passion from a hobby into a potentially profitable business was motivated by Cherry’s participation in the Mai Biz and Kiwa Slam workshops. She says, “Although my husband and I used to run our own retail store in Edgecome, specialising in sports, hunting and fishing, it was my husband who dealt with all of management side of things. I knew if I wanted to start my own floristry business I would have no problem doing the practical activities, but I would need to learn business skills such as how to do my own marketing and budgets. Although I found the workshops a challenge, they were also quite rewarding. The facilitators really put you on the spot.”

Cherry hopes her new business will fill a current gap in the market. She says, “If you want to order flowers for a tangi, a wedding or a birthday you have to ring Gisborne. So there is

the opportunity for a Coast based florist to provide customers, both those living at home and away, with a product which can be delivered anywhere on the Coast – from Potaka to Gisborne.”

Although confident about the future of “Cherry Blossom” it has taken a long time for Cherry to get to that place. “I was afraid to take those initial baby steps, to go out on a limb. But the advice I can share with others is to believe in yourself, maintain that passion in your heart and keep doing what you’re doing. There are opportunities out there, but you have to go out and grab them. The doors will eventually open, so don’t give up on your dreams. If you haven’t found what your passion is keep looking. We are all naturally gifted, and we all have something to give.”



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▲ Stephen Smith and Mateawa Keelan of Makaretu Farms Earthmoving brought along their heavy duty business tools to the launch of the Kiwa Slam Apps in Tikitiki.

NATI BIZ PROFILE:

Makaretu Farms Earthmoving Limited

Makaretu Farms Earthmoving is a Hiruharama, Ruatoria-based business owned and operated by Mateawa Keelan and Stephen Smith.

Mateawa (Ngati Porou) attended both the Mai Biz and Kiwa Slam workshops in Rangitukia to learn the necessary entrepreneurial skills required to establish their new business venture on the Coast. She says, “For the last ten years until very recently, I’ve been working on our family farm while my husband Stephen was away working in Australia as an earthmover. We started this business so that he wouldn’t have to go back to Oz, working in the mines for another ten years.”

The couple have invested heavily in their fledgling business – purchasing equipment such as a digger, a transporter and a truck. Their potential client base extends from East Cape to the Wairoa region and includes farmers wanting tracks and dams built and cleaned up, to other businesses or landowners needing to develop essential infrastructure such as drainage and roads.

The workshops came at an opportune moment says Mateawa. “We got expert advice and developed more knowledge about how to set up our business properly. When you’re dealing with a lot of money, there’s also a lot of risk involved.”

Mateawa says the Mai Biz workshop gave her and the other participants the inspiration and confidence to believe that creating an enterprise on the Coast was not only viable, but also potentially very profitable. “Although the businesses our teams created were make-believe, we realised that it wasn’t too much of a stretch if they were turned into reality. Our business

ideas were all homegrown and made creative use of the existing resources and environment we have around us, which made sense money-wise. When you don’t have much to start with, or access to capital, you have to be practical and make the most of what you have. We appreciated that people out there would love to experience what we have to offer, and will pay for it.”

However, she says she is mindful of wise advice from one of the Mai Biz judges. He said, “It’s alright to have it all down on pen and paper, but at the end of the day if you don’t do the work then you don’t have a business. You might have done some great thinking behind it, but you have to do the hard yards,” and I believe every word.”



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NATI NOUS

In February after the passing of former Chairman Dr Apirana Mahuika, the board of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou appointed a new Chair, Selwyn Parata, and new deputy chair, Rei Kohere. In the following profile the new chairman shares his vision for the future.

NA JOHN JONES

(article courtesy of The Gisborne Herald)

Selwyn Parata has served his apprenticeship for the role of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou chairman, and now looks forward to implementing a leadership style that engages and inspires the wealth of Ngati Porou talent. He wants to create a board culture that encourages robust debate informed by good information, and places a premium on trust, confidence and respect.

“We need to understand our role as governors, recognising and utilising the strengths, skills and expertise of board members, but also the many talented people we have in our subsidiaries, our companies and among our staff; a culture that recognises and supports complementary leadership roles operating at all levels whanau, hapu, marae, taurahere and iwi.”

Selwyn is a staunch advocate of strong hapu and marae leadership and their role in maintaining oversight and authority for their own operations, including their takutaimoana (foreshore and seabed), natural resources and customary fisheries. He is keen to investigate how to leverage the commercial nous and market positioning of the Runanganui’s subsidiaries to support hapu, marae and whanau establish viable economic bases for themselves.

He plans to be proactive in recruiting the breadth and depth of talent among the 90,000-plus Natis throughout Aotearoa and the world, by establishing a range of forums including virtual policy and planning forums that Natis can contribute to irrespective of where they live, and by improving the Runanganui’s

current communication platforms.

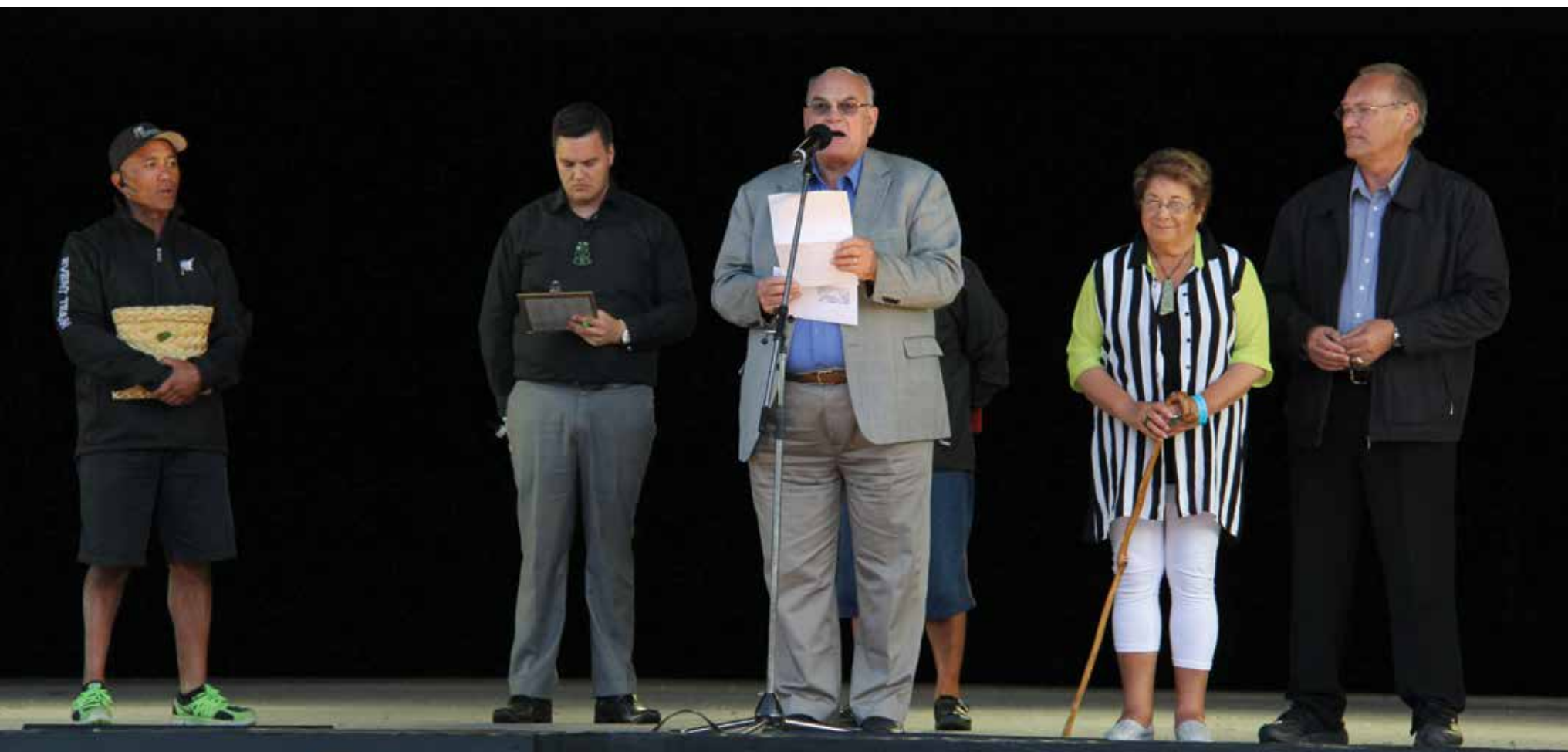
Selwyn is optimistic about the future for Ngati Porou, the second largest iwi in the country.

“Ngati Porou has much to be proud of, however we cannot afford to live off the deeds of our elders and ancestors. We must all make our own mark and contribution to Ngati Porou growth and development. I want to be part of a leadership team that builds a pathway for the next generation that is aspirational, inspirational and achievable, a pathway founded on the principles contained in ‘E tipu e Rea’, each generation expressing in their own unique way what it is to be Ngati Porou ‘he iwi moke he iwi whanoke’.”

Born at Waipiro Bay, Selwyn (59) is the eldest child of Ron Parata and Hiria Reedy. He has nine siblings and is the grandson of prominent East Coast orator and historian, Arnold Reedy. Through his mother he affiliates to the Ngarimu, Reedy, White, Kaua and Lockwood whanau and on his father’s side he is of Ngai Tahu descent from Puketeraki, highlander country, and on his paternal grandmother’s side, of Scots descent from Inverness, the gateway to the Highlands.

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TE MATATINI ◀ As the Chairman of Te Matatini, Selwyn has just overseen a very successful national kapa haka festival in Christchurch, boasting the largest number of performing groups ever and attracting huge crowds of “serial kapa haka followers” and “newbies”, including hundreds of international visitors.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TE MATATINI

KEY PRIORITIES FOR TRONPNUI CHAIR

NGATI POROU REO ME ONA TIKANGA

“We should be looking at ways in which we front-load our investment in te reo ake o Ngati Porou,” he says. “The revival and survival of Ngati Porou reo is an urgent priority, as our resource pool of fluent speakers diminishes. The passing of many Ngati Porou reo stalwarts like my own mother, uncle Api and uncle Koro emphasises the increasing fragility of our reo. The good news is that we have been prolific writers and therefore have a lot of written material.” The Runanganui is working with Toitu Ngati Porou to develop an integrated Ngati Porou Reo strategy, using the three existing reo strategies as a baseline.

GROWING AND FUTURE-PROOFING OUR ECONOMIC BASE

“The Runanganui’s economic success should not be measured on just the size of its balance sheet but on the number of Ngati Porou businesses that flourish, the new jobs created at home, the lift in the household incomes of our whanau and a reboot in the confidence, entrepreneur-

ship and ‘work ethic’ that was a feature of our hapu communities not so long ago, in my lifetime.”

ENSURING THAT NGATI POROU, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, ARE ABLE TO ACCESS QUALITY EDUCATION.

“We have been building the pathways for matauranga and education excellence in Ngati Porou and among Ngati Porou. We now need to lift our own performance in providing the necessary leadership and attention to connect and support people along those pathways. That may be as basic as ensuring that all our children are at school, because that is our responsibility as parents and whanau.”

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

“One of our highest environmental priorities is supporting nga hapu o Ngati Porou to confirm their rights and interests in freshwater, and identify the most appropriate mechanisms to give effect to these rights and interests. As a member of the Iwi Leaders’ Group on fresh-

water, I have been involved in the development and promotion of Te Mana o te Wai, a values framework to guide the Crown, iwi and the New Zealand public in how we view, relate to and use freshwater.”

“On the ground at home, I have facilitated over 12 hapu cluster hui on this subject since October last year. Ngati Porou have adopted Te Mana o Te Wai and aligned it with our Toitu Ngati Porou framework, which is the framework we used for our negotiations for the takutaimoana. It asserts the mana whakahaere and kaitiakitanga of nga hapu o Ngati Porou over the puna, wai and whenua in their rohe and our mana motuhake in negotiating our rights and interests with the Crown and in the pursuit of co-governance and co-management arrangements with the local council.”

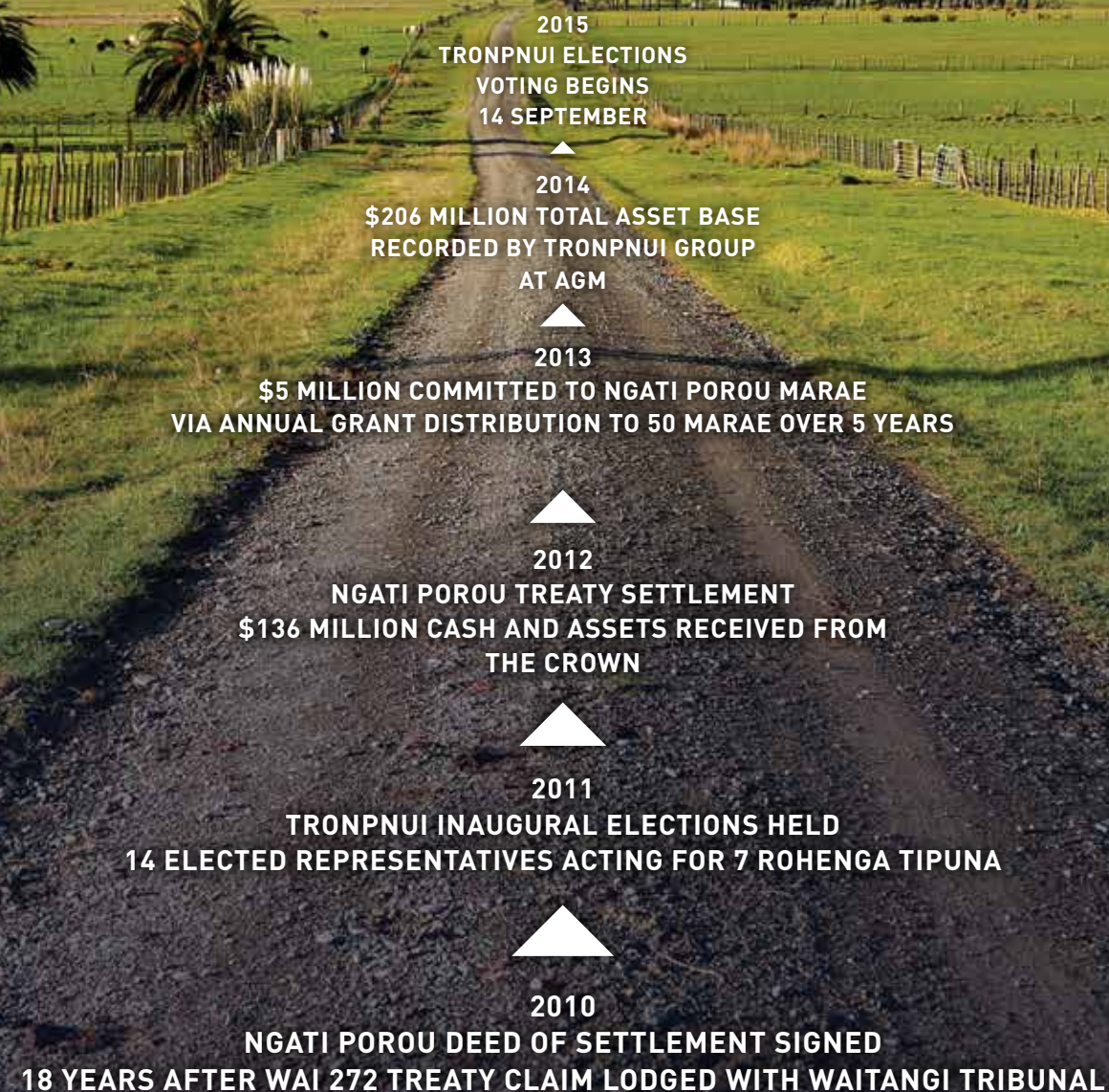
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Selwyn Parata

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 “TE WHAKAPUMAU
 I TE MANA MOTUHAKE
 O NGATI POROU
 MO NGA URI
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THE ROAD TO THE TRONPNUI ELECTIONS 2015 BEGINS.

THE NEXT MAJOR MILESTONE ALONG THE JOURNEY.

◀ Photo taken at Tikapa (Rohenga Tipuna 3)

The journey to decide who will represent the interests of whanau and hapu around the board table has begun, with the release of confirmed dates for the upcoming Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Elections.

Nominations for the fourteen Elected Representative positions open on the 15th of July and close a month later on the 12th of August. The official voting period will run over a four week period from the 14th of September to the 14th of October.

To be eligible to stand as a candidate in the Elections or to cast their votes, participants must be registered as an adult member (18 years or older) on the Ngati Porou Register. For the purposes of the Elections they must also nominate the Rohenga Tipuna (hapu and marae clusters based on shared whakapapa) they will vote or stand in.

Iwi members have the opportunity

to become active participants in the 2015 election process by using online or postal voting systems. The last elections were held in 2011, when the Inaugural Board of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou (TRONPnui) were voted in by the people.

Over the past four years the organisation has evolved and experienced many changes in the Ngati Porou post-treaty settlement era. Although still in its infancy, TRONPnui has grown its asset base to just over \$200 million, established new commercial and cultural entities, and become a major player on the national and regional political landscape. During this time the Runanganui also

felt the deep loss of its former Chairman Dr Apirana Mahuika, who had also led the organisation's predecessor Te Runanga o Ngati Porou for almost three decades.

The forthcoming elections represent an opportunity for Ngati Porou whanau to have their say about who they believe will best advocate on behalf of their collective interests, as well as govern over their collective assets. When the fourteen successful candidates are announced in October, their responsibilities will also encompass continuing the legacy of those who paved the way before them, while creating new pathways for those who are yet to come.



SIGN UP OR UPDATE YOUR DETAILS ON THE NGATI POROU REGISTER

To participate (by voting or standing) in the upcoming Elections, please ensure you and your whanau are registered on the Ngati Porou Register by the 12th of August.

To register, update or check your details please go online to www.ngatiporou.iwi.nz or contact the Database Administrator at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou.

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To find out further information about the roles and responsibilities of Elected Representatives, or the nomination and election process download the Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Trust Deed from the publications section of www.ngatiporou.com

Candidate Nomination papers will be available from July 15th.



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH TRONPnui ELECTIONS 2015

Regular updates and further details about the Elections will be posted on our website www.ngatiporou.com, our TRONPnui facebook and twitter pages, and on Radio Ngati Porou. If you are registered on the Ngati Porou Register, you will also receive regular email updates. If you have a patai about the Elections please email elections@tronp.org.nz

TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI POROU 2015 ELECTION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION TIMETABLE

Wed 15 July
 Nominations open

Wed 12 August
 Nominations close at 12 noon
 Ngati Porou Register closes

Mon 14 September
 Voting opens

Wed 14 October
 Voting closes at 12 noon

Tues 20 October
 Final result announced

REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

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Select or Update your Rohenga Tipuna and Primary Marae for Election Purposes.

To identify and confirm your selection see Rohenga Tipuna map for more information.

Encourage your whanau to register or update their details on the Ngati Porou Register.

NGATI POROU REGISTER CLOSES

Wednesday
12 August, 12 noon

NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES OPEN

Wednesday 15 July

Ensure you are eligible before you nominate a candidate.

Registered on Ngati Porou Register.

18 years or over.

Registered in the Rohenga Tipuna your Nominee is standing in.

Consider TRONPnui Trust Deed Nominee prerequisites before you nominate a candidate.

(See Prerequisites over page)

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Wednesday 12 August
Complete and return Nomination form to Electionz by closing date.

✓ (See Nomination form check list)

VOTING OPENS

Monday 14 September

Before you vote make sure you are eligible and have received your voting pack.

Decide how you want to vote:

Online or Post

Vote for your preferred Rohenga Tipuna Representatives by closing date.

You can cast up to two votes for candidates standing in your Rohenga Tipuna

VOTING CLOSES

Wednesday
14 October, 12 noon

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've reached the end of your journey and successfully participated in the TRONPnui Elections 2015.

ROAD MAP TO TRONPNUI 2015 ELECTIONS

NAU MAI HARA MAI AND WELCOME TO YOUR GUIDE TO THE TRONPNUI 2015 ELECTIONS.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY YOU MUST BE: NGATI POROU, 18 YEARS OR OLDER, OR TURNING 18 BEFORE WED 14TH OF OCTOBER

Kei te mohio koe?

- ▶ A Noho Kaenga Elected Representative resides within the Ngati Porou Rohe.
- ▶ A Kei te Whenua Elected Representative resides outside the Ngati Porou Rohe.
- ▶ At least 1 of the 2 Elected Representatives for a Rohenga Tipuna must be Noho Kaenga.
- ▶ The term of an Elected Representative is 4 years. No Elected Representative shall hold office for more than 3 consecutive terms.
- ▶ If an Elected Representative is the only Noho Kaenga Representative in a particular Rohe Tipuna and that Elected Representative changes his or her residence to outside the Ngati Porou Rohe, then that Elected Representative must resign.

NGATI POROU REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Personal and up to date contact details.**
(Full name, Date of Birth, Postal Address)
- ✓ **Whakapapa.**
- ✓ **Signed Verification of Ngati Porou ancestry by one of the following:** A Ngati Porou Pakeke/Kaumatua, Ngati Porou Marae Trustee or Committee Member, Ngati Porou Taura Here Officer or TRONPnui representative.
- ✓ **Rohenga Tipuna and Primary Marae identified.**
- ✓ **Identification provided.**
(Birth Certificate or Passport)
- ✓ **Declaration signed.**

Please return your completed registration form to:

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Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou.
Email elections@tronp.org.nz
Post PO Box 226, Ruatoria.
1 Barry Avenue, Ruatoria

Or drop off your forms to the Elections Administrator in Gisborne.
Shed 3, 50 Esplanade, Gisborne.
Tel **0800 NPOROU (0800 676768)**

TRONPNUI TRUST DEED NOMINEE PREREQUISITES

- ▶ An appropriate level of knowledge, skill, expertise and business capabilities.
- ▶ A reasonable level of competence in, and knowledge of, the relevant accounting standards and best practice governance models.
- ▶ Must be registered with the Rohenga Tipuna he or she is standing for election.
- ▶ Must not be bankrupt, or have within the last 5 years been adjudged bankrupt.
- ▶ Must not have ever been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty as defined under section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961 or have an offence under section 373(4) of the Companies Act 1993.
- ▶ Must not have ever been disqualified from being a director of a company registered under the Companies Act 1955 or the Companies Act 1993;
- ▶ Must not have been removed as a trustee of a trust by order of Court on the grounds on breach of trust, lack of competence or failure to carry out the duties of a trustee satisfactorily.
- ▶ Must not be physically or mentally incapacitated to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of an Elected Representative.
- ▶ Must not be subject to a property order made under section 30 or 31 of the Protection of Personal Property Rights Act 1988.
- ▶ Must not have been convicted in the last 10 years of an offence punishable by more than 3 years imprisonment (unless that person is an eligible individual for the purposes of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004)
- ▶ Must not have been removed from the office of Elected Representative in accordance with rule 1.3 of the Eighth Schedule of the TRONPnui Trust Deed within the last 3 years.

Disclaimer: The above is only a summarised version of the nominee criteria. Please refer to the second schedule of the TRONPnui Trust Deed. The TRONPnui Trust Deed can be downloaded from the Ngati Publications section at www.ngatiporou.com

NOMINATION FORM CHECK LIST

- ✓ Written and signed consent by the Nominee.
- ✓ A declaration by the Nominee that he or she is not a person who is precluded from holding office as an Elected Representative.
- ✓ Identify the Rohenga Tipuna for which the Nominee is nominated.
- ✓ The Nominee's full name, address and contact number.
- ✓ Signed by not less than five Adult Members on the Ngati Porou Register who are registered with the Rohenga Tipuna for which the Nominee is nominated.
- ✓ A brief CV, photo and korero containing details or experience relevant to the role of Elected Representative.

Please note: The Nomination Candidate handbooks will have more detailed information about the nomination process.

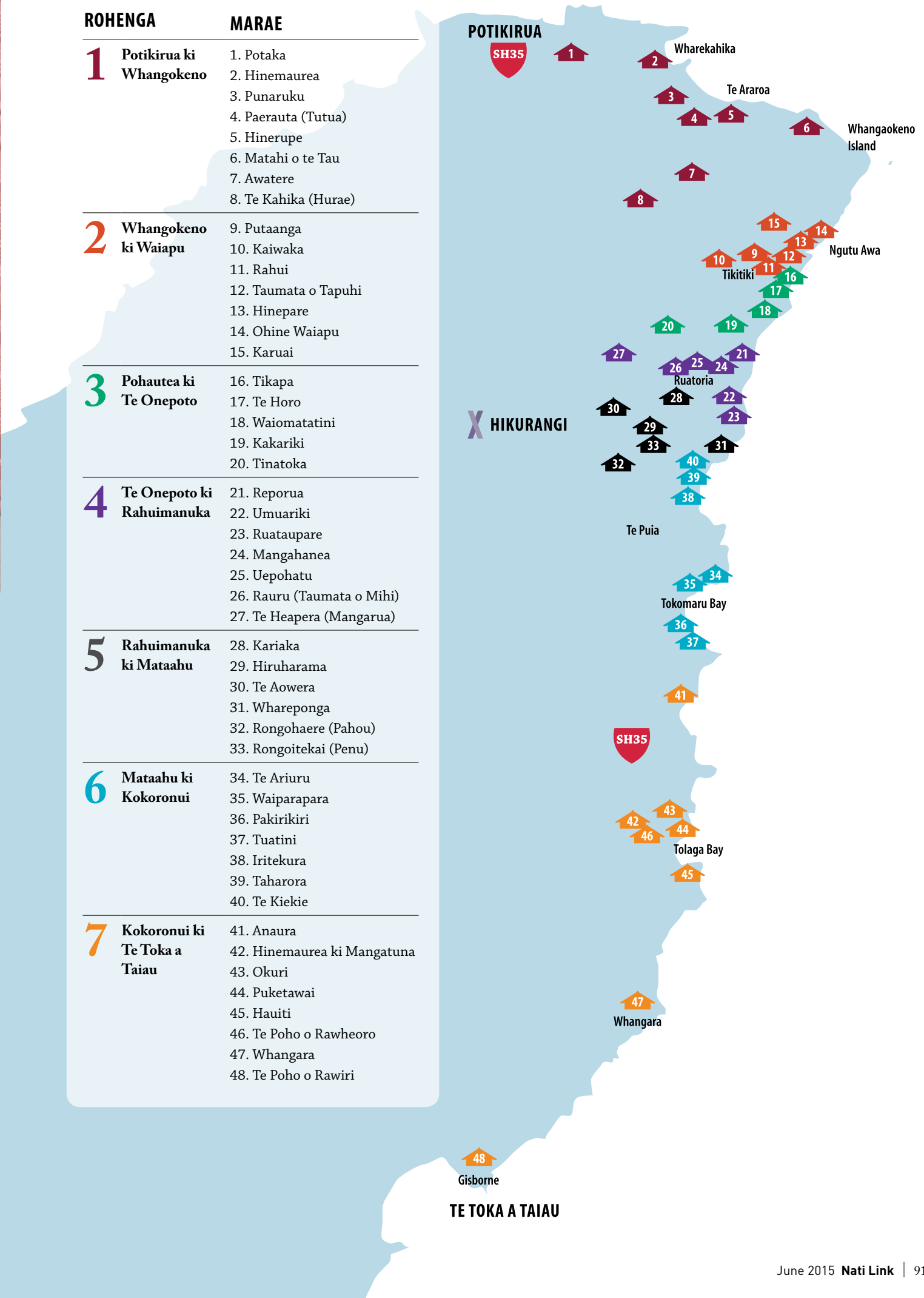


▲ The 14 Elected Representatives of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou for the term 2011 to 2015 in front of the wharenui Kapohanga, at Hiruharama Marae (February 2012). Back row, from left: Jack Chambers, Kody Pewhairangi, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Fiona Te Momo, Rei Kohere. Middle row, from left: April Papuni, Dr Apirana Mahuika, Selwyn Parata, Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin. Front row, from left: Ned Ihaka, Marijke Warmenhoven, Jock Walker, Tui Warmenhoven, Barry Soutar.

TRONPNUI ELECTIONS 2015 - ROHENGATIPUNA AND PRIMARY MARAE MAP.

- ▶ Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou is represented by 14 Elected Representatives, elected every four years by Adult Members on the Ngati Porou Register. As Elected Representatives they are accountable to the Rohenga Tipuna from which they are elected.
- ▶ The following map identifies forty eight Ngati Porou marae and the respective Rohenga Tipuna they associate with. Each Rohenga Tipuna has two Elected Representatives on the Trust.
- ▶ Rohenga Tipuna are hapu and marae clusters based on shared ancestors, history and location.

ROHENGATIPUNA	PRIMARY MARAE
1 Potikirua ki Whangokeno	1. Potaka 2. Hinemaurea 3. Punaruku 4. Paerauta (Tutua) 5. Hinerupe 6. Matahi o te Tau 7. Awatere 8. Te Kahika (Hurae)
2 Whangokeno ki Waiapu	9. Putaanga 10. Kaiwaka 11. Rahui 12. Taumata o Tapuhi 13. Hinepare 14. Ohine Waiapu 15. Karuai
3 Pohautea ki Te Onepoto	16. Tikapa 17. Te Horo 18. Waiomatatini 19. Kakariki 20. Tinatoka
4 Te Onepoto ki Rahuimanuka	21. Reporua 22. Umarariki 23. Ruataupare 24. Mangahanea 25. Uepohatu 26. Rauru (Taumata o Mihi) 27. Te Heapera (Mangarua)
5 Rahuimanuka ki Mataahu	28. Kariaka 29. Hiruharama 30. Te Aowera 31. Whareponga 32. Rongohaere (Pahou) 33. Rongoitekai (Penu)
6 Mataahu ki Kokoronui	34. Te Ariuru 35. Waiparapara 36. Pakirikiri 37. Tuatini 38. Iritekura 39. Taharora 40. Te Kiekie
7 Kokoronui ki Te Toka a Taiau	41. Anaura 42. Hinemaurea ki Mangatuna 43. Okuri 44. Puketawai 45. Hauiti 46. Te Poho o Rawheoro 47. Whangara 48. Te Poho o Rawiri



Home coming

The recent appointment of the new Chief Executive of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou represents a home coming for the successful candidate, who returns to live amongst his whanau after three decades working in the commercial sector.

Dean Ngaiwi Moana hails from the Waiapu Valley and affiliates to Ngai Tane, Te Whanau-a-Takimoana and Te Whanau-a-Hinepare. He was raised in Rangitukia, alongside numerous other mokopuna by his Nanny, Tawai Moana (nee Horua) and grandfather, Hamuera Moana.

Dean views himself as Ngati Porou from the “boots-up”, and has experience building projects internationally, as well as growing well-known New Zealand companies primarily in the seafood industry, as both an executive and director. His earlier career included influential roles in international construction companies, Ernst & Young Accounting firm and Te Ohu Kaimoana.

For the past ten years Dean has been based in Palmerston North with his wife Brenda and two sons, Hamuera and Manahi. During this period he has concurrently held the position of Chief Executive of Prepared Foods Ltd,

Managing Director of Prepack Ltd and an Executive of Aotearoa Fisheries Ltd. Since 2006 he has also held a directorship on Ngati Porou Seafoods Group.

Dean says that it is both an honour and a privilege to be selected for the top job. One of the catalysts which inspired

"He [Dr Apirana Mahuika] leaves a huge legacy – his single mindedness, his drive, his philosophy of Ngati Porou first, second and third. Those are big shoes for all to fill and footsteps for us to follow."

his decision to apply for the role was the recent passing of former Runanganui Chairman, Dr Apirana Mahuika.

“He leaves a huge legacy – his single mindedness, his drive, his philosophy of Ngati Porou first, second and

third. Those are big shoes for all to fill and footsteps for us to follow. And so you start to think when people of his ilk pass on it’s time for younger fellas to step up. That contributed to my decision to move out of what I’m doing now and come back home.”

Dean will take up the role at beginning of August, and replaces outgoing Chief Executive Teepa Wawatai who has held



the position since October 2013. One of his first priorities when he starts the new job is to get out and about in the rohe to meet the people. And to find out from Iwi members what they want, what they believe the Runanganui is doing well, and where the organisation can improve.

Dean says he is excited about the opportunities that are ahead for him and for Ngati Porou.

“We need to look really long term. I know most people when they talk about long term planning they are talking 3 and 5 years. But for us we have to look a bit further. We have to fix a vision in our minds about what we want Ngati Porou, particularly at home, to look like in that future.”

 www.ngatiporou.com

 **Read:** A 2005 profile article about Dean. Key Words: Issue 4, June 2005, Nga Kohinga

 **Listen:** A Radio Ngati Porou interview recorded Friday 24th April, 2015. Key words: SoundCloud.com/tronpnui

TE NGUTU AWA O WAIAPU ▾

Dean Moana, the new CEO of Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou was brought up in Rangitukia.





TE TINI O POROU
STAGE ONE REBUILD
NEARS COMPLETION

The Te Tini o Porou stage one rebuild is nearing completion and expected to be opened in early August. Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou purchased the former Gisborne Hotel in June 2014. A key motivation for the purchase was to co-locate our Gisborne Whanau service division (approximately 35 staff) under one roof (delivering a range of contracted whanau and rangatahi services), who now operate out of five different locations in Turanganui a Kiwa.

The rebuild will include a gym, recreational spaces, Whanau meeting spaces, youth areas, landscaped grounds – for Ngati Porou whanau whanui to use. The rebuild is a maumahara to our Uncle Api, who had the vision to purchase this facility. Uncle Api renamed the site Te Tini o Porou when the Runanganui purchased the site and we were fortunate for him to have blessed the site late last year before the rebuild commenced.

The development of Te Tini o Porou will take place over many years, with the next stage likely to focus on the conferencing area, dining and café areas. Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou is proud to have done this rebuild a little differently.



The Runanganui, instead of contracting with a developer or lead contractor, has contracted directly with contractors and sub-contractors. This has allowed a high participation of Ngati Porou tradesmen, contractors, subcontractors, apprentices and labourers as part of the rebuild. Allowing this rebuild to be for Ngati Porou, by Ngati Porou.

NGATI POROU HAUORA
NEEDS GISBORNE BASED
WHANAU TO SIGN-UP TO
HELP ENSURE THE SURVIVAL
OF EAST COAST HEALTH CARE

Gisborne whanau are being encouraged to sign up to the Ngati Porou Hauora Puhi Kaiti clinic – to help ensure the survival of quality health care services on the East Coast.

Ngati Porou Hauora operates across a network of 7 clinics serving Ngati Porou communities – Matakaoa, Tikitiki, Ruatoria, Te Puia, Tokomaru Bay, Tolaga Bay and Kaiti. However like many rural health providers, Ngati Porou Hauora has struggled financially over the last decade. Government funding formulas which have disadvantaged rural and small health organisations, coupled with the rising costs of delivering services within isolated communities, has had a major impact on the Iwi health provider.

Capitation or patient population is a critical driver to the operation of health providers. By increasing the numbers of enrolled patients at the Puhi Kaiti clinic



in Gisborne, helps to increase funding for the entire organisation. Ensuring the continuation of quality health services to East Coast communities. Ngati Porou whanau living in Gisborne can support their Coast whanaunga by signing up to the Puhi Kaiti clinic, to help increase Ngati Porou Hauora's funding allocation. For Ngati Porou who do not live in Gisborne they can help support this kaupapa by sharing this panui and encouraging their Turanga relations to sign up.

Puhi Kaiti Medical Centre offers a

wide range of primary health services to whanau living in Gisborne. Based at the Kaiti Mall Puhi Kaiti has a large and friendly team who provide: medical consultations by general practitioners and nurses (including a child and youth nurse practitioner); Aukati Kaipapa – Smoking Cessation programme; and the Mama and Pepi programme, which provides tautoko for young parents and their babies.

Please phone the Puhi Kaiti clinic on 06 867 8550 to sign up or enquire further.

TE RUNANGANUI
O NGATI POROU
ENCOURAGES HOME
OWNERSHIP

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou delivers a range of housing services to Ngati Porou, including tenancy services, emergency housing services, home ownership workshops and home ownership advice. The housing division is ably managed by Hine Manuel (who has extensive experience in this sector).

The Runanganui completed a housing strategy 18 months ago and is in the process of extending its housing service provisioning to align with these strategic goals. In the last few years, the Runanganui has received enquiries from Housing NZ tenants about purchasing the houses they currently tenant. This is a programme that Housing NZ promotes to their tenants (subject to conditions being met).

Most Housing NZ properties within Ngati Porou are covered by right of first refusal (RFR) provisions under the Ngati Porou Settlement Act. Therefore, any tenants within Ngati Porou who want to purchase their Housing NZ properties, require a RFR waiver from the Runanganui. The Runanganui is pleased to offer these waivers to Ngati Porou whanui (subject to certain conditions) and over the last 18 months a number of tenants have transitioned to home ownership.

Homeownership is a kaupapa the Runanganui strongly supports, and we can provide assistance to tenants to help them through this process.



Please contact Hine Manuel on 0800 833 502 or email: hmanuel@tronp.org.nz if you are a Housing NZ tenant interested in purchasing your Housing NZ home or would like to enquire further on any of our housing services.

CALLING MARAE WITH PAKAINGA HOUSING
NEW BUILD INITIATIVES



Over the last 2 years, Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou has worked alongside Hiruharama Marae and Kaiwaka Marae, as part of a pilot scheme to build Papakainga housing. Funding has been sourced from Kainga Putea (currently attracting 75% funding), which has been managed by various agencies over the last few years, along with third party external funding. The Runanganui along with the respective marae will work collaboratively with the build. The Runanganui is an accredited social housing provider and tenants will fall under the Runanganui tenancy. Once the Papa-

kainga housing pays for itself, the houses are transferred to Marae ownership. The scheme is currently only open for Papakainga housing on Marae land. Expressions of interest are open for Papakainga housing for the 2015/16 funding round. The programme is contingent on funding being available and approved.

Please phone Hine Manuel on 0800 833 502 or email hmanuel@tronp.org.nz if you would like to express an interest or enquire further regarding Papakainga housing projects.

SMARTER MONEY SKILLS
KAUPAPA OF UPCOMING
WANANGA FOR RANGATAHI

Rangatahi aged between 16 to 24 years are invited to attend the Ngati Porou Whai Rawa – Money Smart wananga at the end of July. The wananga will be held at Hinepare Marae in Rangitukia from the 29th to the 31st of July, and young people will receive great advice about money management and learn practical financial literacy skills. The programme is the initiative of TRONPnui, alongside Massey University and Maori Womens Development Inc.

For more info please contact Reba Haraki on mob 021802234, tel 06 867 9960 or email rharaki@tronp.org.nz

Ahakoā he iti, he taonga

Meet Geovarna McClutchie, key point of contact for Iwi Insurance, the first insurance scheme created primarily for Ngati Porou members.

“Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.” Often quoted by a famous movie character, this whakatauki provides a pertinent reminder that life is indeed full of surprises.

The unexpected however can sometimes have a serious impact on people's lives and livelihoods. A break in at your home, a car accident on your way to work or damages to your property caused by Tawhirimatea are just some of life's 'surprises' which possibly lie ahead of you. Having effective insurance cover provides one way to deal with these kinds of setbacks and help get you back on your feet as soon as possible.

Iwi Insurance is a personal insurance scheme offered by Nati Insure, a partnership between Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and Aon Insurance, New Zealand's largest insurance broker. Introduced eight months ago, Iwi Insurance provides home, contents, motor vehicle and boat insurance to Ngati Porou tribal members living around the country. Businesses also have the opportunity to join the scheme, and in the future tangihanga and health insurance will be provided.

Geovarna McClutchie (Te Whanau a Rakairoa, Te Aitanga a Hauiti and Te Whanau Apanui) is the key point of contact for Iwi Insurance, the first insurance scheme created primarily for Ngati Porou members. Geovarna works at Aon's Gisborne office as Executive

Account Broker, and is the mokopuna of George McClutchie and Nancy Aitkens from Uawa, and Okeroa Henry and Hannah Henry from Waipiro Bay.

A Coastie girl at heart, Geovarna was brought up in Tolaga Bay by her parents George McCutchie (Jr) and Frances McClutchie-Henry. As a teenager she attended Gisborne Girls' High School's Service Academy, where she was striving for a place in the Navy. However her plans soon changed when she was offered an interview as receptionist at the Gisborne Aon branch in her last year of school. Instead of serving in the armed forces, she learned how to serve Aon's wide range of clients with quality customer support and advice.

Since then Geovarna has experienced a rapid ascent through the ranks and was recently made Executive Account Broker where her focus is on domestic insurance policies. She believes her new Iwi Insurance portfolio provides a key point of difference for Ngati Porou customers.

“People interested in joining Iwi Insurance won't be talking to a stranger in a call centre in Auckland, but a real-life Ngati Porou person from the Coast. I enjoy making a whakapapa connection with my clients and sharing with them

who my whanau are. It helps to establish trust and building good relationships is important to me. Insurance can sometimes seem like a frustrating and complicated issue. But I like to create relationships with my clients where I can take away a lot of the headache for them, and they know I am looking out for their best interests.”

Geovarna says the other benefits for Ngati Porou wanting to join the scheme are discounts if they sign up for multiple policies, along with competitively priced domestic and business policy coverage. Another benefit is that a percentage of commissions made from Iwi Insurance will be passed on to help subsidise the insurance premiums of Ngati Porou marae, who have joined the Nati Insure Marae Collective scheme.

“The main marae I associate with are

Kiekie in Waipiro Bay and Hauiti in Uawa,” says Geovarna. “I go back to my marae quite regularly for wananga or celebrations like 21sts. I'm aware Marae insurance affordability is a topical issue for many communities but I believe it's important marae ensure they have adequate protection. If they are insured the whanau can have peace of mind lest anything unfortunate should happen. For example if a wharenui was to burn down, or a storm caused extensive damages, then the marae whanau are able to easily replace or repair things. They don't have to worry about where the money is coming from, and end up saving time and more money in the long run.”

Geovarna says she enjoys her job which allows her to help people during anxious times in their lives. “One of my clients was involved in a motor vehicle accident, where they were not at fault. I was able to make their life easier and take some of the stress away by helping them to quickly get the repair work on

their car done. Another client damaged their cell phone, and I could immediately help replace it with their contents insurance. It may seem trivial but for many people mobile communication is their life line to the world, so this person could get back in action sooner rather than later.”

To find out more about Iwi Insurance please give Geovarna a call or email to discuss, or drop in to see her at the Aon office in Gisborne for a cuppa. You can also go to the website www.ngatiporou.com, Key word Nati Insure.

Free phone:
0800 266 426

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Nati Insure

Ma te hoe tahi i te waka

“Ahakoā he iti,
he taonga”
Iwi Insurance

Iwi insurance provides competitively priced domestic and business policy coverage for Ngati Porou Iwi members.



Kahungunu New Home for Coast Scholarship Winners

EIT East Coast students Tihei Turei and Jarrod Rogers-Hughes are on their way to successful careers after winning the inaugural Te Toka Plumbing and Electrical Scholarships – an initiative sparked by the late Dr Apirana Mahuika.

The Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou and EIT Trades Training Scholarships, will cover their accommodation costs at the EIT Hawke's Bay student village for the year, and the EIT Hawke's Bay Maori and Pasifika Trade Training Scholarships will cover their programme fees. The total value of each scholarship is nearly \$11,000.

For Rangatukia 20-year-old Tihei, the

opportunity to do his Plumbing and Gas Fitting Certificate is personally significant to him.

"It was one of Papa Api's ideas and that makes it really special to me," he says. "It feels great to be doing this because I know what it is like to have a student loan."

Turei schooled at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori Te Waiu o Ngati Porou, did a

year at EIT Tairāwhiti doing the weekly Trades Academy, and later completed a level 3 carpentry course in Wellington. His goal this time is simple – to get a good career under his belt.

And it is similar for 19-year-old Jarrod. The Ruatoria teen has completed the level 2 and 3 carpentry courses at the Coast campus, and also did the Trades Academy while at Ngata Memorial College. "This is a really good opportunity for me," he says. Jarrod will study electrical trades at EIT Hawke's Bay.

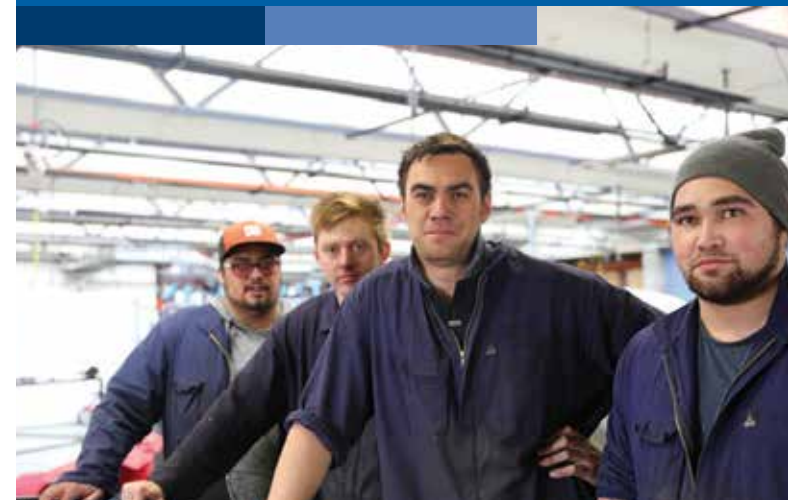
EIT Tairāwhiti Campus Director Jan Mogford says the scholarships offer a significant opportunity for the two young men. They will study three days a week at the campus, with one or two days out in the community on work experience.

"That goes a long way towards turning their studies into an apprenticeship. There are no guarantees in life, but you have a lot of people working with you on this," she told the rangatahi. "You will eventually be the tradesmen everyone will be proud of."

TRONPnui Chief Financial officer Allan Jensen said the Te Toka initiative would encourage both training and later contribution to the local community in an area that had a shortage of tradesmen.



► (L-R) EIT Tairāwhiti Campus Director, Jan Mogford, congratulates Te Toka Scholarship recipients, Jarrod Rogers-Hughes and Tihei Turei, alongside TRONPnui Chief Financial Officer, Allan Jensen.



Te Toka - Māori and Pacific Trades Training on the East Coast

TRONPnui, EIT and Lincoln University are offering Māori and Pasifika Trade Training Scholarships to provide Māori and Pasifika learners with opportunities to pursue trades careers, gain essential foundation skills for trades qualifications, and pursue pathway opportunities into employment and New Zealand Apprenticeships or equivalent.

The scholarships are available in:

- Hospitality
- Cookery
- Carpentry
- Engineering Trades
- Motor Industry
- Farming
- Forestry
- Forestry Driving
- Horticulture

WHO CAN APPLY?

All interested applicants must be:

- Of Māori and/or Pasifika descent,
- 18-34 years of age at the start of your study,
- A New Zealand citizen or New Zealand permanent resident, and
- Able to meet the entry requirements for the qualification you are enrolling in.

Get in early for 2016 – there are limited places available!



FOR AN APPLICATION PACK PHONE 0800 22 55 348 OR VISIT EIT TAIRĀWHITI ON PALMERSTON ROAD.

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Ngati Porou Whanui Forests is pleased to announce the 2015 Hansol Scholarship.

This Scholarship is open to all tertiary students who are beneficiaries of the Blocks participating in the Ngati Porou Hansol Forestry JV. Students must be currently enrolled at a tertiary institute in the 2015 year.

For further information and application forms please contact:
Ngati Porou Whanui Forests Ltd
Tel 06 8648 362 or
Email: isabels@npwfl.co.nz

The closing date for applications is **31 July 2015**.

2015 Hansol Scholarship



Careers Expo 2015

Be extraordinary! Be determined! Be the best you can be! These were some of the key messages imparted at Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou's site at the 2015 Tairawhiti Careers Expo.

This is the third year the Runanganui has supported the two day event which was held in Gisborne in March, and over three thousand people (including students, whanau members and teachers) attended.

Representatives from Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou Group's social service, health and commercial divisions were on hand to have a korero with rangatahi

about their future career ambitions and to also provide them with information about networks and opportunities which could help them to achieve their goals. The Runanganui kaimahi also ran free health checks, and a competition which students entered by completing a survey form. The winners of the competition were drawn shortly afterwards and are published here.



2015 TRONPNUI CAREERS EXPO COMPETITION WINNERS

Phoenix Hauiti from TKKM o Whatatutu: Swanndri Oilskin Jacket with Wool Lining (Valued at \$230.00). Sponsored by Pakihiroa Station.

Jack Milner from Gisborne Boys' High: \$20 Ngati Porou Seafoods Voucher.

Seraphina Schmitt: \$20 Ngati Porou Seafoods Voucher.

Arwin Sadlier: \$20 Ngati Porou Seafoods Voucher.

Harata Hailey from Gisborne Girls High: \$20 Ngati Porou Seafoods Voucher.

Alamayne Raroa-Keen from Ngata Memorial College: \$20 Ngati Porou Seafoods Voucher.

Dion Westrupp from Gisborne Boys' High: NPEC Rugby shirt (valued at \$80). Sponsored by TRONPnui.

Tianna Henry from Lytton High: NPEC Rugby shirt (valued at \$80). Sponsored by TRONPnui.

Korban Harrison from Gisborne Boys' High: NPEC Rugby shirt (valued at \$80). Sponsored by TRONPnui.

Zaris Rereti from Lytton High, **Joseph Ogilvy** from Gisborne Boys' High, **Braxton Arago-Kemp** from Gisborne Girls' High: Takapau a Maui Maramataka. Sponsored by TRONPnui.

Cameron Smith-Brown from TKKM o Whatatutu: T-SHIRT. Sponsored by Ngati Porou Hauora.

▼ Free giveaways, health checks and supportive korero were provided by Tronpnui Group Kaimahi



NGATI POROU EAST COAST 2015 SCHEDULE

22 August	v Poverty Bay	2.30pm	Whakarua Park,Ruatoria
29 August	v South Canterbury	2.30pm	Alpine Energy Stadium, Timaru
05 September	v Thames Valley	2.00pm	Paeroa Domain, Paeroa
12 September	v Horowhenua Kapiti	2.30pm	Whakarua Park, Ruatoria
19 September	v Mid Canterbury	2.30pm	Ashburton Showground, Ashburton
26 September	v West Coast	2.30pm	Whakarua Park, Ruatoria
03 October	v Wairarapa Bush	2.30pm	Whakarua Park, Ruatoria
10 October	v King Country	7.30pm	Owen Delany Park, Taupo
17 October	Lochore Cup Semifinals	2.30pm	Highest ranked team (home advantage)
17 October	Meads Cup Semifinals	2.30pm	Highest ranked team (home advantage)
24 October	Meads Cup Finals	1.35pm	Highest ranked team (home advantage)
25 October	Lochore Cup Finals	2.35pm	Highest ranked team (home advantage)

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TO THE HILT

Last year Hilton Collier, General Manager of Pakihiroa Farms, spent an inspirational week at Stanford University New Zealand Boot camp. The following are excerpts from an article which was originally published in the Gisborne Herald where Hilton shares some of the insights he gained at the “Ivy League” university, alongside the movers and shakers of the national Agri-business sector.

NA JUSTINE TYERMAN, GISBORNE HERALD

If boot camp conjures up visions of red faced drill sergeants barking orders at young recruits shivering with fear and cold on a pre-dawn parade ground before being marched off for cold showers and breakfast on tin plates, think again.

The boot camp Gisborne’s Hilton Collier attended last year was light years away from this stereotype - 10,800km to be precise at prestigious Stanford University near San Francisco. And among the “sergeants” was a petite, dark-haired woman with a familiar face, affectionately known as “Condi”.

Former US Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009 under the George Bush administration, Condoleezza Rice has been a professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business since 2009. She was one of 20 or so world-class professors and speakers who “drilled” Hilton and 39 other Kiwi agribusiness leaders at the Stanford University New Zealand Bootcamp, a programme now in its third year.

“Condi spoke about global business and the economy for 45 minutes with no notes,” said Hilton. She’s a very smart lady, aged 59, but looks way younger, and

is surprisingly small in stature. It was my job to thank Condi so I presented her with a hei tiki and an NZ Merino Ice-breaker jumper. It was a real highlight.”

Hilton spent seven days at Stanford University in August last year along with other major players in the New Zealand primary industry sector. A registered farm management consultant with AgFirst, general manager of Pakihiroa Farms Ltd and chairman of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management, Hilton said while he did not technically meet the criteria, boot camp founder NZ Merino CEO John Brakenridge said since he was doing the work of a primary sector chief executive, he was qualified to attend.

The aim of the bootcamp programme at Stanford is to “unlock the power of New Zealand’s primary sector,” said Hilton who is Ngati Porou, born and raised on the East Coast. “It’s an executive development programme aimed at building relationships ‘between the land and the rest of the world,’” he said. “In practice, that means recognising that New Zealand is a small country with

a finite supply of resources. We are, in global terms, a niche producer, and value will be created when we act as a niche marketer versus our traditional industrial approach to food and fibre production and selling. It’s about creating scale and developing markets by having companies that have traditionally been competitors working together.”

The boy who grew up milking cows at Ruatoria on the family dairy farm, and graduated from Lincoln University with an agricultural science degree, has never been afraid to make bold moves and has often found himself at the forefront of change. He joined the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as a farm adviser in 1985 on the eve of a decade of constant restructuring, culminating in 1995 with the government’s decision to sell off the consulting arm of the organisation. Based in Wairoa at the time, Hilton was one of 21 advisers who seized the opportunity to start their own business, AgFirst, which is now New Zealand’s largest privately-owned farm consulting group.

“They were exciting but scary times,



WHEN HILTON MET “CONDI”

The former US secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice was presented with a taonga by Pakihiroa General manager Hilton Collier.

going from the security of a government department salary to starting a private enterprise from scratch while providing for a young family. Then in 2002 Uncle Api (Mahuika) and cousin Selwyn Parata suggested it was time for me to come home and help Pakihiroa Station, which was owned by Ngati Porou and governed by committee of management. Uncle Api and Selwyn wanted me to help set up a better commercial strategy for the station and develop it into a business plan. I was pretty busy at the time, working in Wairoa for AgFirst. I recall saying ‘No’ but it obviously came across as ‘Yes’ so I ended up becoming a facilitator on a contract basis.”

In 2006, Hilton was appointed a director of Pakihiroa Farms Ltd (PFL), a stand-alone, wholly-owned subsidiary of Ngati Porou. He became general manager in 2009. “About this time, I was

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“So in 2011, PFL the vehicle we use to sup-

port a wide range of initiatives, including education began investing in training programmes providing scholarships and pastoral care to promising young students. We are now seeing great results from this initiative with young graduates starting to come through. Watarawi Ngatai was the top student at Smedley Farm Training School two years running

and is now at Lincoln doing a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, and Tumoana Harrison is in his second year at Smedley. And we are supporting and mentoring two other young people through the Kelloggs Rural Leadership Project Steven Thomson who works with us at AgFirst and Ngarangi Walker who works at Gisborne District Council. This is about building leadership capability and capacity. The other part of this work stream is identifying those from Ngati Porou who may have obtained the appropriate level of training and would like to come home.” Hilton mentors the students, meeting with them two or three times a year to keep them on track. “These young ones are our longer-term investment, and are very effective role models stretching and changing the thinking of other youngsters on the Coast.”

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Ahia Smoked Salmon Fettuccine

Ingredients

- Ahia Smoked Salmon Fettuccine
- 350g dried fettuccine
- 1tbsp olive oil
- ½ onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 glass of Gisborne Chardonnay
- 1 cup cream
- 1 tsp fresh or dried dill
- 1 tbsp drained capers
- 200g Ahia smoked salmon
- Juice of lemon
- Sea salt and cracked pepper



Method

1. Cook 350g dried fettuccine in a large saucepan of boiling salted water according to packet instructions or until al dente (Firm to bite). Drain and put aside
2. Heat a little olive oil in a thick bottomed pan, add onion and crushed garlic clove, cook until soft and translucent. (Do not burn).
3. Stir in the glass of chardonnay and the cream and reduce until a sauce-like consistency – the sauce should lightly coat the back of the spoon. This should only take a couple of minutes to reduce.
4. Add to the cream sauce, 1 tbsp drained capers, chopped dill and the Ahia roughly chopped smoked salmon. Add pasta, and toss until well combined.
Hint: You do not want the pasta to be sitting in a bath of sauce, the dish is better if the sauce is clinging to the pasta. If pasta is dry and more cream if desired.
5. Serve with a squeeze of lemon and top with some parmesan cheese and a sprinkle of chopped dill and or chives. Goes very well with crusty bread.

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