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NGA KORERO A TE KAIHAUTU

NA GEORGE REEDY



E nga maunga whakahi, e nga awa tapu, e nga marae maha puta noa te rohe mai i Potikirua ki te Toka a-Taiau, tena kotou katoa. E nga mate huhua o te wa kaenga, haere atu ra kotou ki te kaenga tuturu mo tatau te tangata, moe mai ra i roto i nga ringa o te Ariki. Ratau te hunga mate kia ratau, ki a tatau nga waihotanga iho a ratau mau, tena tatau katoa.

It's been three months since I returned home to work for the iwi, and I am still focused on checking in with our rangatira, pakeke and whanau about the mahi that needs to be done. Good health, warm and safe housing, education, justice, strengthening our reo and culture, and providing access to better opportunities, are among the priority kaupapa for Ngati Porou. My job is to keep progressing the work TRONPnui has already been developing in these areas.

Housing is one of the main issues for our people, and as an organisation we are gearing up to provide a way to enable whanau into their own turnkey homes. We are focused on addressing the barriers whanau face such as the ability to borrow, access to land and funding and complicated processes and red tape. As part of that support, we also need to think creatively and "outside the box".

Doing things differently is how Ngati Porou Hauora have approached the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines. They have been shifting the dial on health barriers by supporting our people to receive their shots in their own rural communities and marae. This has meant Coasties have had the opportunity to be vaccinated ahead of the scheduled Ministry of Health programme. Later this month, NPH will holding a "pop up" vaccination centre at our Kaiti based TRONPnui office, Te Tini o Porou, where you do not need an appointment. I encourage all whanau to come and get your Pfizer vaccinations. If you are still on the fence come down and see the health professionals for some advice.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the manaakitanga expressed to me from the board, my staff and our communities. Also don't forget if you have a kaupapa you need to talk to me about, you can stop me in the street, come in for a kapu-ti or even better send me an email George.reedy@tronp.org.nz



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TOITU GRANTS: AN INVESTMENT IN NATI SUCCESS

The Toitu Ngati Porou Tertiary Education Grants aim to support Nati success and development, and this year's grants programme in particular is providing valuable information about the growth and potential within Ngati Porou.

As an initiative of Toitu Ngati Porou and Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, the Toitu Grants are a sustainable investment in our whanau, providing financial assistance to undergraduate and postgraduate tertiary students.

The grants process also provides a measureable way of identifying the fields of tertiary study that Nati's are most involved in.

The 2021 Toitu Grants received 180 applications, which is a 100 percent increase from 2020, the inaugural year. This year \$174,000 has been distributed amongst 156 successful applicants.

From the 2021 applications it was evident that Natis are most active in the fields of science, medicine, nursing and health science.

The grants programme also displayed a high calibre of applicants across the board.

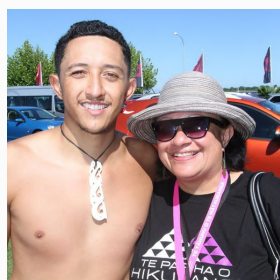
To celebrate the growing potential of Nati success through these grants, this issue of Nati Link features profiles of several grant recipients.



Georgia Paenga
Bachelor of Nursing,
EIT Tairāwhiti

**Rahui, Kaiwaka,
Hinemaurea ki
Mangatuna**

Georgia received the Manini-tua Scholarship, which is a partner scholarship between Ngati Porou and the Eastern Institute of Technology - Tairāwhiti. Five of these scholarships are available for full-time students. This scholarship aims to support iwi members studying in areas of strategic significance to Ngati Porou. It will cover the tuition cost for one year of course fees.



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**Te Aowera
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Te Aho Paerewa
Postgraduate Diploma
Teaching and Learning
in Maori Medium

**Te Aitanga a Mate
Hiruharama
Whareponga
Te Whanau a Rakairoa
Kiekie**

"Ko te tuapapa o taku hoatutanga ki taku iwi kua whakawhenua i raro i nga matapono o te whakatauki e kiia nei, e tipu e rea i nga ra o tou ao. Ko tona maramatanga ki a au nei e mea ana, hanatu atu, puta atu ki te ao, toro atu i ou ringa ki nga rakau nui me ona pekanga, ruku atu ki te hohonutanga o nga o te ao marama, hei painga mou, mo to whanau, to hapu, me to iwi. Koina te take e whai ana a au i te ara o te roia, i runga i mohio muia nei a tatou Whare herehere i to tatou iwi Maori, a, he pukenga aku hei tautoko i to ratou whakahokitanga mai ki te ao turoa nei.

Heoi, ko taku tino hoatutanga ki taku iwi me tona anamata, he hoatu i a Tatai, me ona ahuatanga katoa. Tera te tangata ngakau nui ki tona reo ake o Ngati Porou, ona tikanga, ona marae, ona kaenga, ona whenua, me ona tamariki mokopuna. E kore e taea te ahu whakamua ina kihai enei ahuatanga noho tau nei ki tona ukaipo.

I tenei wa tonu, ko aku tino hoatutanga, he tangata kaha ki te tautoko i nga hui katoa o te marae, mua mai muri mai, a, he puku mahi tona kawenga. He tangata whakapono e tautoko ana i nga mahi o te Pariha o Hikurangi. He tangata nho ki nga rekereke o ona kaumatua kuia i runga i te mohio ko ratou nga kaipupuri i nga matauranga o ratou ma. He tangata kaiwhangai i enei kai pai ki nga mokopuna i runga i te mohio ko ratou te Ngati Porou o apopo"

"I live in Ruatoria. My children attend te Kura Kaupapa Māori o te Waiu o Ngati Porou. I am a kaiawhina at TKKM o te Waiu o Ngati Porou teaching children from Ngati Porou in te reo Maori.

I am also a board member for Radio Ngati Porou.

I am an active person at many hui in Ngati Porou from the formalities or mahi at tangihanga to refereeing touch football at Pa Wars.

I intend to educate and inspire kids to learn and grow so that they too can make positive contributions to Ngati Porou in the future. I also want to help to ensure that te reo Maori doesn't die in Ngati Porou."



COVID-19 Vaccination

Te Tini o Porou
75 Huxley Road, Kaiti
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Aug
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Aug
9am to 6pm



NAUMAI HARAMAI RA!



Te Kapa o Puhi Kaiti

MATARIKI "PA OF STARS"

CELEBRATING being Maori and coming together to honour Matariki was the motivator in organizing Pa of Stars up at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae.

The free concert and hangi was organized by Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou with the support of Ngati Porou Hauora, Turanga Health, Horouta Whanau Ora Collective and Toitu Tairawhiti the iwi collective.

Whanau enjoyed performances from Te Kapa o Puhi Kaiti, East Coast Breevas and Common Unity, an eleven-piece roots reggae band from Ohakune.

Earlier in the day Ngati Oneone welcomed the band on to Te Poho o Rawiri. After the pohiri, Albie Gibson gave a korero about the history of the Marae, then everyone headed into Hine i Tuhia for a delicious kai.

"The manaakitanga from the haukainga was top notch," said event organiser Taryne Papuni.

Te Kapa o Puhi Kaiti kicked the night off with their winning bracket. Excited and thankful to be invited to perform and to support the kaupapa, Te Kapa o Puhi Kaiti have been busy fundraising to get to nationals, representing Te Tairāwhiti at Te Mana Kuratahi being held in Nelson later in November.

MC Bailey Mackey and some of the NPEC boys were there to handout cool NPEC beanies, bags and shirts to the lucky people that answered patai correctly.

East Coast Breevas had the crowd up waving their hands in the air. One of the Breevas, Puna Manuel who is also a teacher at Puhi Kaiti said the event was "mean for the hapori".

Whanau were delighted at the free photo booth, where they were able to take away their memories of the night.

The crew from Hiringa Matua attracted many rangatahi with their inter-active 'Kahoot' Matariki quiz and giveaways.

It's safe to say the 'stars' at the Pa on the night, were truly all the whanau that came together to celebrate Matariki.





Dorothy Taare-Smith the creator and lead in the wananga takiwatanga kaupapa

TAKIWATANGA: IN OUR OWN TIME AND SPACE

Rahui Marae hosted a special wananga aimed at supporting local whanau who live with takiwatanga - a kupu used to describe autism.

Rather than use the clinical term, Autism Spectrum Disorder, this kaupapa, which is delivered by the Taonga Takiwatanga Charitable Trust, favours the term takiwatanga.

It was coined by health educator Keri Opae, who has created a glossary of Maori terms for the mental health and disability sector.

The definition is derived from Opae's phrase, "toku, tona ano takiwa - in his or her own time and space".

Organisers of this kaupapa say this term serves as a better representation and is more positive and inclusive of all whanau.

The Tikitiki event, held in May, was the third in a series of wananga that are being delivered throughout Te Tairāwhiti.

The first was held in Turanganui-a-Kiwa in March at Te Poho o Whirikoka, Te Wananga o Aotearoa, followed by the second hui, which was at Takitimu Marae, Waituhi in April.

However, the Tikitiki wananga was the first one held in Ngāti Porou, which was appropriate as two of the presenters proudly call "Tiki" home.

Sisters Dorothy Taare-Smith and Naomi Taare are the daughters of the late Wis Taare of Tikitiki and Hinemoa Nikora of Te Aitanga a Hauiti and Turanga.

Dorothy initiated the Taonga Takiwatanga Charitable Trust and the concept to hold marae-based wananga throughout Te Tairāwhiti.

She is the lead coordinator of the kaupapa, and has extensive experience working in the disability and education sector as well being a nanny to her own mokopuna takiwatanga, Carni.

Tuakana, Naomi is a special teacher at Oaklynn Special School in Auckland and specialises in behaviour management and communication.

Alongside the sisters as a presenter and kaimahi is their cousin Shaan Te Kani of Ngāti Oneone, Ngāti Konohi and Ngai Tamaterangi of Ngāti Kahungunu, who brings a lived experience and whanau Maori perspective to autism as a mama to her son, Karere.

All three women are mokopuna tuarua of Wiremu Nikora of Te Whakatoheā and Ahenata Nikora (nee Kutia) of Ngāti Konohi, and Ngai Tawhiri in Turanga.

"It was heartwarming to be able to bring this kaupapa back home to Tiki amongst whanau," says Dorothy.

"The aim of these wananga is to raise awareness of what autism and takiwatanga is, share strategies in raising takiwatanga children, help whanau to navigate the health and education system, and also to share a whanau Maori perspective on this kaupapa.

"As whanau, we are often met with challenges and barriers when having to navigate the system, due to a lack of cultural understanding by the services. Rather than continue to wait for mainstream services to help our people, especially those in rural isolated communities with a high Maori population and limited resources and support, here is a way forward that is whanau-led, and whanau focused."



Tiakina a tatau whakapapa!

#Vaccinate#Against#COVID-19



100 YEARS OF NGATI POROU RUGBY

NA CUSHLA TANGAERE-MANUEL - CEO NPEC

Being the only iwi-based team in the world is pretty epic, so in planning for our centenary we knew celebrations would have to be epic as well. A reunion was on the cards and we had our eyes firmly fixed on a Ranfurly Shield challenge as part of a calendar celebrating our Ngati Porou tama and tamahine across all grades.

We kicked our celebrations off with our reunion over Queen's birthday, coinciding with a showcase of Senior rugby (tane and wahine). Spirits of the iwi were lifted with a long-awaited Heartland team win versus our neighbours and closest hoariri, Poverty Bay, along with hope of what else is to come in 2021.

The ihi which filled recently refurbished Uepohatu at the aftermatch function rose to another level at the centenary hakari on Sunday. Those in attendance were privileged to hear decades of NPEC antics from those who lived them, beginning with eldest surviving East Coast player Kono Waihi, who is himself not too short of a century.

Stories from Legends who'd donned the sky-blue jersey once more the day before, (taking a win against Tui Bay Legends), took a bit more of a hianga angle, which seemed to remain the theme right to our current players. The room went from crying tears of bellowing laughter, to tears of remembrance, as all recounted with pride, their experiences in the sky blue.

It was especially warming to see players from our Wahine team up on stage, and soon after they to the skies to play the Tasman Mako Farah Palmer Cup team in Nelson.

Our goal is to one day have a Ngati Porou East Coast team playing in this grade, and we're gradually building toward this with initiatives such as the TRONPnui Hamoterangi Women's Club competition.

Finally, it was time for Ngati Porou to head to Ngati Kahungunu to challenge Hawkes Bay Magpies for the Ranfurly Shield - the first time since July 6, 1968. A shield challenge is a privilege for any NZ rugby player, so it was an especially outstanding moment for Riiki Waitoa, Tanetoa Parata and Te Rangi Fraser to challenge for the second time representing Ngati Porou. While the win eluded us there was no telling Ngati Porou victory wasn't ours at the end of the match. With our Iwi in tow Ngati Porou pride remained intact throughout formalities.



Hospitality from Hawkes Bay RU, Ngati Kahungunu and Clive Rugby Club was second to none, and we thank TRONPnui and Ngati Porou Holdco for their support in getting Ngati Porou whanui to the historical match. If there were any doubts of the amount of support our team had, they were swiftly quelled when our merchandise completely sold out in less than two hours!



There was a collective sigh of relief when it was confirmed Coach Hosea Gear was cleared to come back to Aotearoa, and he has hit the ground running. The remaining schedule for his team includes a return match vs Tanwhi B in Whangarei July 31st, Eastern Bay of Plenty in Te Araroa on August 7th, and then of course the full Heartland season!

Also, on our centenary calendar, being hosted in Ruatoria, are the Hurricanes Under 16 tournament, October 4 - 7 and Te Tini a Maui Regional Maori Rugby tournament, October 30th. This is among the many other tournaments our eight representative teams will participate in around Aotearoa. Having this many representative teams from a player pool of only 640 is something we are proud of and rangatahi development maintains a priority for us - kia tipu ai nga wiwi Nati.

We are the smallest Union in the country, with the highest registrations per capita at 14.5% of our population. Having our iwi emblazoned across our chests is a proud point of difference and we thank Ngati Porou whanui, our loyal sponsor base, tireless volunteers and of course players, who have made these 100 years absolutely memorable. Here's to another century of Wiwi Nati.

HOLDCO: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATI GROWTH

NATI LINK caught up Henare Walker one of our new directors of Holdco to find out a bit more about him and where he is from.

"Ko Hikurangi te Maunga

Ko Waiapu te Awa

Ko Ngai Tane, Hinerupe ki Waiapu, Ngati Rangī, Te Aitanga-a-Mate, Te Whanau a Hinekehu oku hapu.

Ko Hinepare, Hiruharama, Rahui, Reporua, Whareponga, Kariaka oku marae.

Ko Ngati Porou me Te Whanau a Apanui oku iwi

Ko Henare Katae Walker ahau.



My parents are George and Dolly Walker who both still reside in Ruatoria along with my sister Paula and her whanau. My tipuna on my dad's side were George (Kahawai, John) Walker and Kate Ngarimu, and on my mother's side; Chappy Raroa and Lil Williams, however mum was a whangai to Bessie Raroa and Henare Katae.

I was born in Te Puia Springs and spent most of my youth up Maraehara Road, Rangitukia, where my sister and I were raised by our tipuna Bessie and Henare. Mum and Dad were not too far down the road in Ruatoria. Tapere-Nui-a-Whatonga (Rangitukia) school is where I learnt how to cook up a feed of lamb's tails and a few other key life skills from great kaiako like the Ani and Charles Rolleston and Mrs Wawatai aka Nanny Apo.

The Maraehara river was our playground and walking along the road picking people up to head to our Olympic pools; at the Tangaere's swimming hole was the thing to do or getting down to George Nepia park for the big games. We would also hitch to the Tikitiki dairy for lollies and spacies, ride horses or just making your own fun with the cuzzies while trying not to get into too much trouble. I moved back to Ruatoria where I also attended Ngata college for couple of years before finishing up in Gissy at Gisborne Boys High School.

Now living in Auckland, with my better half Kirsten and our sons Karne (20) and Quinn (14). When I get a chance, I like being an armchair sports critic, having BBQs and a few ales, a bit of fishing, diving, camping or baching and starting too many DIY projects.

My nanny Bessie was pretty hearty with a no mess around, get it done attitude and I remember her often saying "no such thing as can't" whenever I said I couldn't do something as a kid.

My other Nanny Kate, who was pretty academia, focussed and on the Waitangi tribunal was pretty good for a life lecture or two when you could catch her in town. There have been many influential people and I think you soak in a bit from everyone you cross and from experiences you have in life, both good and bad.

I wasn't academic at all when I was supposed to be learning at school, went to Gissy to be closer to KFC and play a bit of rugby, then went to see a navy recruiter to get out of math class and ended up joining before finishing school. I got to see a bit of the world, learn some skills and I was based in Dunedin for a while training reserves when I decided to stay and study something. I had a look at teaching and then fell into Accounting and Finance, coming away with a Bachelor of Commerce and then later gaining a Chartered Accountant qualification.

"My enduring connection to home drives my desire to see our Iwi flourish."



From there I joined a Chartered Accounting firm for a while and then moved to an Investment company and then a couple of Multi-nationals where I still am in the forestry sector. I guess I got a bit of direction, dug in and things happened.



My enduring connection to home drives my desire to see our Iwi flourish. So, what does that mean and what does that look like?

Maori naturally have an affinity and connection to our whenua, being born and bred up the coast further ingrains this and with most of my whanau still back home, you want whanau and Iwi to flourish.

Like me, most of our people live away, but we all have the same whenua to go back to, and the stronger the Ahi Kaa for those still at home is, the better it will be for all in the long run. As a part of the value creation arm of the Iwi, I would hope we can grow our commercial and asset base and then turn that into value on the ground and create opportunities for our people.

Don't be shy to give things a crack, and make sure you give it a good nudge, these are my words of wisdom for young upcoming Natis."



E te iwi!

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