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Prime Minister meets Prime Farm Partnership



Prime Minister Helen Clarke lands at Waiomatatini Station to meet and lunch with Matariki Partnership manager, secretary and several trustees.



The Matariki Partnership, a combination of Waiomatatini C Trust and Ahikouka A6B Incorporation, is the Eastern Regional winner of the Bank of New Zealand Maori Excellence in Farming Award 2007 Sheep and Beef. Judging was based on the efficiency in which the property is farmed relative to its potential and the effectiveness of the governance of the farming enterprise.

A successful field day held on the farm in late May 2007 culminated in the presentation of the regional award - a commemorative medal and cash and farm related items to the value of up to \$15,000. The Ahuwhenua Trophy Maori Excellence in Farming Awards 2007 night will be held in Rotorua on Friday 15 June 2007.



Photos courtesy of Naomi-Lee Tuhaka, Tolaga Bay Area School.

Chairmans Mihi

Tena tatau nga uri o Porourangi e pokia nei e nga mate huhua e whakangaro atu nei ki te po.

E nga mate haere ki te moenga roa, ki te waahi noho o te iwi kei te po.

Ngati Porou Whanui, ara, nga morehu o ratau kua wehe atu i a tatau, tena tatau!

E whai ake nei ko waku korero hei tapiri i era atu kei te pukapuka nei.

Na reira, panuitia nga korero kia marama ai koutou ki nga mahi e mahia ana e nga ahi ka mo tatau.

Prime Ministers Visit

The Prime Ministers visit to Ngati Porou has to be of political significance to us in that we were able to inform her of the various economic developments and initiatives undertaken and anticipated for future action, by Ngati Porou, for Ngati Porou.

She was extremely impressed with our economic advancement which we achieved without Crown and / or Treaty of Waitangi Funding.

She saw evidence of this in terms of pastoral farming when she visited Waiomatatini land blocks. A series of presentations in respect of our Fisheries Company was presented by Mark Ngata (General Manager) and Chris Insley presented the development and growth of Ngati Porou Whanui Forest Ltd, including the new initiative of Carbon Forests which is the first of its kind in our region. Hilton Collier had earlier briefed Mark Burton on our farming plans and projects. Sadly he was unable, due to work commitments to meet with the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister in her later speeches, made reference to these Ngati Porou initiatives and to their successes going forward, and the impact that these will have on employment and to the growth of the region.

Minister Mark Burton

Prior to the Prime Ministers visit, a group of us met with Minister Mark Burton to discuss with him our economic

initiatives which we later discussed the day after with the Prime Minister. Like the Prime Minister, he too was impressed with what was presented to him. It is important from my perspective that we take every possible advantage to disclose to politicians our views and stories about ourselves and to demonstrate how we have been able to move forward at our own cost and efforts. Too often politicians and the like will dream up ideas for us, which has failed us historically, and I refer to their dismal efforts in land development under Part XXIV Development Schemes instituted under The Maori Affairs Act 1953, resulting in massive debts on the land and the Amalgamation of Titles, contrary to the wishes of our people.

Another failed enterprise was The Waiapu Valley Vineyards followed soon thereafter by the sale of the State Forests in Ngati Porou. Against this background of failure, Ngati Porou, in control of its economic destiny is proving to be successful.

GRADUATIONS

I attended the graduation at Massey University to celebrate the successes of some 18 graduates with Ngati Porou whakapapa. The majority of these graduates majored in Business Management and Administration – qualifications to continue our tribal advancement and growth in Commerce and Economics. The same picture presented itself at the graduation which occurred at Tairāwhiti Polytechnic.

FORESHORE AND SEABED

We are in discussions with the Crown about the likelihood of direct negotiations in respect of our claims. Shortly, we will be undertaking a series of consultations about this issue to once again seek our peoples mandate concerning this process. Details will shortly be widely publicised about the various hui that will be held to deal with this matter. It has been necessary for us to explore direct negotiations given that the other process will drag us to about

world, to reconstitute old skills or try out new ones and set new goals.

On Friday 15 June, a contingent of landowners representing the Matariki Partnership, (Eastern regional finalist) will converge on Rotorua to be judged alongside the Southern regional finalist, Pah Hill Station (Whanganui Atihau Incorp) and Northern Central



2020 before any settlement is achieved. Under this process we will need to pay out money that is best invested elsewhere for the next 13 or so years, whereas under direct negotiations the financial costs will be greatly reduced by having a shorter time frame for settlement.

SUMMARY OF WAI 262 CLAIMS

We lament the passing of our lawyer Gina Rudland who represented us in this claim till her death prior to Christmas. At the Summary of our claims we will remember her and how she championed our cause with great passion and commitment. The task to give continuity for us in this arena has fallen upon her cousin Matanuku Mahuika. Of those who made submissions we have lost The Reverend Weka, Tama Poata and Tame Te Maro. The surviving submitters are myself, Koro Dewes, Keri Kaa, Tate Pewhairangi, Sid Clarke, Mark Kopua, Luti Tangaere and Aroha Meade.

CONCLUSION

We need to celebrate our successes and be positive about ourselves. The door is open to anyone with positive initiatives that can advance us into the future. We as an Iwi are blessed with a significant resource, namely our people and the multi skills and abilities that they have brought to our current successes. May this continue!

Ma Te Atua tatau e manaaki.

Kia Ora
A T Mahuika
Chairman

Editorial

Nga Kohinga celebrates the Maori New Year or "Matariki" - a group or Star Cluster of Seven Sisters that is observed around June 15. Matariki signifies a new phase of life, the end of harvest, a time to share and present offerings to others. It's a time to star-gaze, to reflect on our place in the

regional finalist Tuaropaki Trust (Tuwharetoa) to see who wins the 'Maori Excellence in Farming Awards 2007 - Ahuwhenua Trophy'. This year, one may sense an 8th star will join the Pleiades Cluster as our Gina sparkles cheers and good wishes to the three Maori regional finalists.

Hei mihi nui tenei ki nga Iwi i toi ki te Ahuwhenua.

Ngati Porou Takutai For Sure...

The Runanga recently completed a series of consultation hui with Ngati Porou whanau and hapu, to report back on the Ngati Porou and Crown Foreshore and Seabed negotiations. Four information sharing hui were held to update whanau and hapu members on negotiation progress and to begin discussions on potential 'hapu governance/ management models' that could be established when we are able to reach a favourable conclusion to the outcomes we are seeking.

The Rohe Hui were held ;

- 10 April - Pakirikiri Marae, Tokomaru Bay
- 11 April - Hiruharama Marae, Ruatoria venue moved to the Runanga Board room, Ruatoria
- 17 April - Whangara Marae, Whangara
- 18 April - Hinerupe Marae, Te Araroa

The first hui held at Pakirikiri was attended by approximately 40 people and was facilitated by lead negotiator Matanuku Mahuika, who gave a detailed presentation on negotiations progress and commenced preliminary discussions on the design of hapu governance/ management models, that would need to be established if settlement was agreed.

Feedback at the hui has been constructive with people particularly interested in the proposed recognition instruments, and in particular their relationship with existing provisions for Iwi/Maori consultation in areas such as the Resource Management Act (RMA). People expressed a great deal of scepticism about the Crown and wanted to proceed with caution and not tie ourselves into anything unless we had fully explored all advantages and risks.

Recognition Instrument

In previous articles we have discussed proposed recognition instruments that would express and therein create the framework, policies and where appropriate legislation to give effect 'in real terms' to the exercising and recognition of our mana and authority in respect to our Takutaimoana.

We propose now to describe in a little more detail the elements of the proposed recognition instruments ;



- Statutory Designation
- Environmental Covenant
- Permission Right

Statutory Designation - deals with the provision of notice Hapu must receive notice with summaries of all resource consent applications, the relevant hapu will be entitled as of right to be heard by Consent Authorities and the Environment Court.

Environmental Covenant - establishes standards that reflect the tikanga of the hapu, and expresses the interests and relationship that the hapu has with their takutaimoana/ FSSB.

Permission Right - proposes that those wishing to occupy or remove natural materials from the FSSB must receive prior permission from the hapu that holds the TCR to that particular takutaimoana.

The negotiating team are still debating issues associated with the recognition instrument that would enable hapu to close access to special/designated areas for reasons other than fisheries related purposes.'

Deed of Agreement

Significant progress with the negotiations themselves has been made and as stated we are currently having discussions about the structure and format of the Deed of Agreement (deed). The deed will have a number of parts including background or recitals which will outline the background to the negotiations, the Ngati Porou position and the Crown's position in regards to ownership, the basis of our claim of ownership, a declaration by Ngati Porou as a practising and responsible Treaty partner. The deed will also have a large number of schedules covering recognition mechanisms, it will identify agreed Territorial Customary Right (TCR) areas and set out the conditions of the agreement.

A key component of the agreement will be a section titled **Acknowledgement of Mana** where the Crown will acknowledge that Ngati Porou assert ongoing and enduring ownership interests thereby achieving the first outcome that we are seeking. As it stands the deed will be subject to;

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- The High Court confirming TCR's
- Ratification by Ngati Porou Hapu
- The passing of legislation to give effect to the agreements in the deed.

If ratified by Ngati Porou whanau and hapu, the claims covered by the final deed will only effect/include those hapu who have mandated the negotiations and exercise authority over takutaimoana areas that are classified as Territorial Customary Right TCR areas. However those hapu that do not/have not had their takutaimoana recognised as a TCR area will still be able to derive benefits from some aspects of the agreement.

The team of Ngati Porou researchers that have been engaged to collect Ngati Porou oral evidence have interviewed a number of whanau members and are working with our legal team to translate interview scripts into briefs of evidence to ensure we present the strongest legal case possible, without compromising the integrity of the witnesses story and information. While the Crown have done a lot of research on public records they do not have access to this customary evidence. Matanuku advised that the Crown have a number of historians reviewing public records and the research indicates that some hapu have a stronger position to prove TCR's than others.

Management of FSSB Interests

We are recommending work on identifying the most appropriate mechanisms for achieving the quality of hapu governance/management that we would be seeking, if settlement was reached. Te Puni Kokiri are funding an initial stock take which will assist us to identify if there are any existing legal mechanism currently used by Ngati Porou hapu which would be suitable for exercising hapu FSSB rights and satisfy the Crown's requirements. The best proxy for a representative hapu structure within Ngati Porou at the moment are our Marae albeit Marae trusts and committees were not designed with these wider representative functions in mind. Another example identified was the Waipiro Bay/Te Puia Springs Charitable Trust which is made up of representatives from the three Marae in Waipiro Bay and represents the views of those whanau and hapu.

The negotiating team presented a set of possible options for management of FSSB interests:

- Specific and separate management structures for each hapu.
- Specific management structures for each hapu with

an overall co-ordinating body comprised of hapu appointed representatives.

- An overall co-ordinating body that liaises with the hapu on specific issues and conveys hapu decisions and views.

We are very interested in receiving feedback from whanau collectives, marae and hapu on any of the proposed options and on other representative structures that exist that might be suitable. However whatever option(s) we pursue we need to be mindful of the potential costs and administrative issues the hapu will have to deal with. The negotiating team will send a survey to all Marae before the end of April, requesting feedback on this issue.



How to Avoid Being Sacked As a Trustee

Recently the High Court sacked a number of trustees from a Maori trust board and barred them from ever again becoming trustees without the Court's permission. Regular Nga Kohinga contributor and lawyer James Johnston explains.

The Court found that the trustees had tried to use their position as trustees to feather their own nests, by having themselves paid large sums, and trying to create business deals which would have provided some with luxury vehicles.

Trustees are committed by law and ethics to serve others, not themselves. The basic principle is: trustees hold office in order to work for the beneficiaries of the trust.

Trustees' general responsibilities are set out in the terms of trust deed (or Court order for Maori land trusts), the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 and the Trustee Act 1956. Trustees of Maori land trusts have additional responsibilities under Maori land legislation.

Even if trustees do not deliberately take advantage of their position as trustees to do something as blatant as purchase expensive cars with trust assets, they can still be held responsible if they do not properly fulfill their duties as trustees in other ways.

Bearing the following tips in mind will help ensure that you do not lose your trustee position, or end up having to reimburse the trust out of your own pocket.

1. Always act prudently and carefully

You act on behalf of the trust's beneficiaries. Therefore, you must act with the good judgment expected of a businessperson managing the affairs of others. For example, you must invest trust funds wisely and collect rentals promptly.

2. Always act impartially towards beneficiaries

You must not favour – or seem to favour – one class of beneficiaries over another. If you have discretion as to how much each beneficiary is to receive, ensure that each beneficiary receives a fair amount in relation to the others. This will be determined by their particular needs, assuming meeting those needs falls within the objects of the trust or, if a Maori land trust, by their interests as determined by the Court.

3. Make sure you only pay who you are supposed to pay

If you are a trustee under a Maori land trust, the beneficiaries will be set out in the trust order. For other types of trust, the beneficiaries will be set out in the trust deed. Only these people may be paid out of trust funds. An exception is where the trust order of a Maori land trust permits income to be applied for Maori community purposes.

4. Keep beneficiaries informed

Beneficiaries are entitled to ensure that the trustees are managing the trust properly. Proper accounts must be kept and made available if asked for. Don't hide possible problems. If allowing the beneficiaries to see accounts might compromise the privacy of another person, discuss this with your lawyer.

5. Delegation of responsibilities

Trustees can only delegate their responsibilities by power of attorney, unless the trust deed or Court order (for a Maori land trust) clearly allows otherwise. If you are likely to be unable to act at times because of sickness or absence from the country, talk to your lawyer about preparing a power of attorney. Trustees of land that has been set apart as a Maori reservation are not permitted to delegate their powers.

6. Consult with the other trustees

Each trustee is separately responsible for the trust. So that 'the right hand knows what the left hand is doing', hold regular meetings. Discuss fully all matters relating to the trust, fully inform all trustees, and approve all expenses in advance. Minutes should be kept of all decisions of the trustees and stored securely for safekeeping.

7. Declare conflicts of interest

Avoid any situation where your own personal interest may conflict with the interests of the beneficiaries under the trust. Where this situation cannot be avoided, you must declare your personal interest to the other trustees and the beneficiaries. For example, you would need to declare your personal interest and refrain from participating in decision-making concerning a lease of trust land to yourself personally.

8. Keep accounts

Become familiar with all the trust property, and keep full accounts. For a Maori land trust, the Court order will set out how the accounts are to be

kept and filed and also how they are to be audited and inspected.

9. Take only the remuneration you are entitled to

The Court order or trust deed may permit the trustees to be paid for the work they do as trustees. If the order or deed provides for "reasonable remuneration", and you are unsure what is reasonable, discuss this with the other trustees and with your lawyer. You must not take more than what is permitted by the order or deed.

10. Be familiar with the trust order or the trust deed

Any additional trustee responsibilities will be in the Court order or trust deed. It is up to you to be familiar with your responsibilities. If you are in doubt, talk to your lawyer.

Did You Know...

Tangi Air Travel Refund

A recent bereavement has drawn to our attention that Air New Zealand offers a bereavement refund service where urgent travel has to be undertaken to attend a funeral or tangi for an immediate whanau member. This service enables you to obtain a refund for the difference between the usually very expensive last minute fare that you actually paid and a much cheaper fare. Special conditions apply, but ask for a Bereavement Refund form when making your booking.



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TRONP Anniversary Year Events

Runanga-Sponsored Key Events

January to May 2007

3 January Ngati Porou Inter-Marae Sports
14 April National Maori Media Awards
3 - 4 May Tairawhiti Secondary Schools Nga Manu Korero / Kapa Haka Competition

JUNE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Key Events Matariki Festival	Key Events Radio Ngati Porou 20th Anniversary	Key Events TRONP 20th Anniversary and Celebrating Ngati Porou Success	Key Events Hui Taurima - Wharekahika	Key Events TRONP Hui a Tau and Ngati Porou Taonga Exhibition	Key Events Waka Ama – Circumnavigate Ngati Porou Coastline
4th Matariki Festival Waiapu Held at George Nepia Memorial Park, Rangitukia; a very successful event for all the whanau with bands, bouncy castles and great kai.	17th NPEC schools cross country – Tokomaru Bay	1st TRONP 20th Anniversary - Celebrating Ngati Porou Success Awards A celebration of the many historic achievements that the Runanga have accomplished during the past 20 years, undoubtedly a very memorable occasion.	21st Ngati Porou Hui Taurima Wharekahika Festival of Ngati Porou Kapa Haka and Whanaungatanga. To be held at Hinemaurea Marae, Wharekahika (Hicks Bay)	23rd NPEC schools primary athletics	
				25th TRONP Annual General Meeting Te hui a tau mo nga uri o nga hapu o Ngati Porou mai Potikirua ki Te Toka a Taiau. Nau mai, haere mai.	
22nd NPEC Primary Schools Kapahaka Festival, Ruatoria	31st Radio Ngati Porou 20th Birthday	12th Te Rangitawaea Festival and Nati Awards, Ruatoria		26th – 30th Ngati Porou Taonga Exhibition A week long exhibition of key Ngati Porou taonga in Te Tairawhiti; the culmination of an initiative to locate and repatriate Ngati Porou Taonga currently in Auckland Museum, Te Papa Tongarewa and Otago Museum.	
		23rd – 25th Ta Apirana Ngata Memorial Lectures & Ngati Porou Taupatupatu Theme: <i>Te Tipua o Paiea Ariki Moana</i> . Taupatupatu Four categories – Nga Tamariki (10–15 yrs), Nga Taitamariki (16–24 yrs), Nga Tangata Waenganui (25–50 yrs) me nga Pakeke (51+)			

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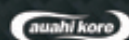


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Ngati Porou Hauora Scholarships

Ngati Porou Hauora are happy to announce that the successful recipients of the Ngati Porou Hauora Scholarships (previously Hikurangi Community Clinic Trust Scholarships) have been approved by the NPH Board. These scholarships have a value of \$2000.00 each and are awarded on a yearly basis.

The recipients are Beverly Taare (Uawa) and Kevin Pewhairangi (Tokomaru Bay). Profiles of both the scholarship winners will be published as they become available.

Ko Titirangi te Maunga, Ko Uawa te Awa, Ko Te Aitanga a Hauiti te iwi
Ko BJ Taare ahau

Kia-Ora Whanau.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ngati Porou Hauora, for choosing me as one of two recipients of the Ngati Porou Hauora Scholarship for 2007. Thank you for giving me this extra tautoko to help me while I study in 2007.

I am currently studying through Auckland University and the New Zealand Institute of Rural Health. It is a two year part time Post-graduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Advanced Nursing) Primary Health Care-Rural Focus. This diploma will enhance my nursing skills in health assessment and diagnostic reasoning's, community and primary health care, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics.

This diploma is also a stepping stone towards my Masters in Nursing, where I intend to continue with completing a Clinical Project and two more Masters level papers in Nurse Prescribing and Principles of Therapeutics for Advanced



Beverly (BJ) Taare and whanau.

Nursing. This will then allow me to apply to NZNO as a Nurse Practitioner with prescribing rights.

I love working with and for my whanau and I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to work in Paradise (Uawa). It has been a very challenging position but a rewarding one as well. I intend to continue to work in Uawa as a Nurse Practitioner and help out where I can in Ngati Porou Hauora.

I would also like to thank all my whanau who have supported me throughout my studies. Without their support I would not be where I am today and I will not be achieving what I am tomorrow.

S.A.M.'s Whānau Fishing Festival

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The first annual **S.A.M's (Significant Adult Males)** Whānau Fishing Festival was held on Sunday 20th May and is an event to encourage and promote **adult males of all ages and ethnicity** to spend quality time with their families.

This event, held at the Watties Wharf, Turanganui River, in Gisborne was organised by the **"Tairawhiti Men Against Violence"** group. (See associated article in this publication)

Over 500 community members from both the Coast and Gisborne participated in this community

sponsored Fishing Festival and by the looks of the photographs on these pages it was a roaring success.

Ngati Porou Hauora would like to congratulate **"Tairawhiti Men Against Violence"** and all of those whanau who participated in this fishing festival and who support the kaupapa to become an annual event.

Feedback from both the organisations who along with their clients participated in this **"fun day for the whanau"** was that they were just totally blown away by the whole day. Especially the kids and their ideas of a fishing day.

These following Sponsors also need to be given accolades for their support of the day **Gemtime Jewellers, Export Meat Warehouse, Gisborne Milk.**



Tairawhiti Men Against Violence (TMAV)

TMAV is a group of men who are committed to empowering themselves and other men to be great partners, parents, mates and members of the community.

We are not experts just people who care and want to do something to change the way things are.

We acknowledge the violence done by local men and meet monthly to update each other and plan things we can do to promote alternatives to that violence. We provide encouragement and ideas for guys to be positive parents and partners.

TMAV is not the total answer to violence in our community; it is a beginning, an awareness, a group of guys interested in doing something practical about the tragedy of male violence in our society.

How can men get involved with TMAV?

Any male living in the Tairawhiti region is welcome to participate in a TMAV meeting or join as a member. We have some basic rules about respecting each others right to be heard and focusing on the kaupapa for our time together. If

you would like to meet with other men to discuss and commit to what we can do to help reduce violence in our homes and communities then come along to a TMAV meeting. Most of the projects we get involved in are on a voluntary basis with the time, energy and creativity of people willing to contribute.

so we are limited in what we can achieve only by the time, energy and creativity of people willing to contribute. If this sounds like you, welcome aboard any time you feel like turning up.

What has TMAV done so far?

Some of the activities and events we have been involved with to date include;

- Strategies promoting alternatives to violence
 - Santa Parade, Waitangi Day events and White Ribbon Day.
- Organising public meetings for men on the issue of violence.
- Promoting the issue in the media and liaising with other networks and individuals working on the issue of family violence.

What else is happening?

- Working with positive parenting providers on programmes and resources designed by and for men.

- Working on the development and production of an information pack to give to perpetrators of family violence
 - Within 24 hours of incident
 - With contact details for support services
 - Strategies for alternatives to physical and verbal violence, etc.
- Working on the production of a DVD promoting fathers who interact in positive ways with their children including;
 - Ideas on weekly no/low cost activities that can be undertaken by fathers and their children in the Gisborne area.
- Working with places like the library and supermarkets on evening activities for fathers and sons.
- Undertaking some research on the key issues that cause men to be violent and designing practical, local strategies to address these issues
- Addressing stereotyping of males in the media
- Promoting positive male role-models and their struggles with the issues of aggression and relationships
- Practical steps men can take in conflict situations to avoid physical and verbal violence
- Promoting male health
- Communication skills; etc.

TMAV Projects & Plans

Issue 1: The need for us to have positive local male role-models as young men.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
Reading with boys at Gisborne Boys High School.		Andrew Ellmers
Issue 2: Challenging the dominant macho male stereotypes and promoting alternative understandings of what it means to be a man.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
To be developed		
Issue 3: The need for us to have good communication skills within relationships.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
S.A.M.'s Whanau Fishing Festival	A fun day out for kids and their dads or other special men in their life to spend quality time together.	Tony Robinson
Issue 4: The need for meaningful employment and financial literacy skills.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
WiseMoney Seminars (www.wisemoney.org.nz)	A three hour financial literacy training seminar brought to Gisborne (and maybe Wairoa this year) 2-3 times per year.	Manu Caddie
Issue 5: The need for men to develop honest, healthy and empowering attitudes toward the way we think about women, children and other men.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
Rethinking Crime & Punishment	A two day series of Public Meetings with Kim Workman, prison reformer and restorative justice advocate.	Salvation Army
Issue 6: The need for men to understand the causes of violence and unhealthy patterns of behaviour and thoughts.		
Initiative	Description	Contact
Mana Tangata Noho Marae	A one day event for men from Ruatoria to Potaka to participate in a hui on male violence.	Natana Taare

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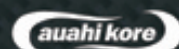
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Master awards McKnight with Black Belt

Motivation, dedication and commitment are characteristics that any aspiring Karate hopeful will need to have in order to succeed. Gisborne Karate Instructor Cameron McKnight (34) possesses these qualities and they helped him achieve a 1st Dan Black belt in one of the last remaining ancient traditional styles of Karate.

Cameron attended a three-day Goju-Ryu Karate training camp that was held recently in Wellington, it attracted 120 people. There they worked on the technical side of the art form and the discipline of the mind and inner spirit. Cameron says "it was great to meet up with, and train with old and new colleague's. Being graded along side a large number of Senior Black belts by Master Morio Higaonna was a most humbling and memorable experience."

Their teacher was chief instructor of the international Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate-Do federation, Master Morio



Cameron McKnight with Master Morio Higaonna

Higaonna, who among his peers is regarded in the highest honor. He is a Black Belt (9th Dan) and there are 10 grades of black belt in total.

The final day of the camp realized a dream for Cameron, he achieved a Black Belt grading (1st Dan) and he said, "to achieve a black belt requires four years of hard work and determination", of his tutor he said "Sensei Morio Higaonna is a little man with big presence and is one of the top 10 masters in the world, it was a honor to be trained by him".

Cameron is as dedicated as they come and he says that whanau support was a crucial part of his ability to learn the art form, he gives credit and thanks to his wife, his grandson Raymond and one of his senior students Eddie Kupenga who have supported him along the way.

Cameron is currently the instructor of the Gisborne club and he said "the doors are open to anyone as long as they're committed and keen to put the time in". The Gisborne club trains twice a week at the old scout hall on Canarvon Street on Thursdays and Sundays while in the grape vintage season, otherwise it is held on Mondays and Thursdays at 5.30pm.



RNP'S 20th Anniversary 1987 - 2007

Check out the celebration plans on our website
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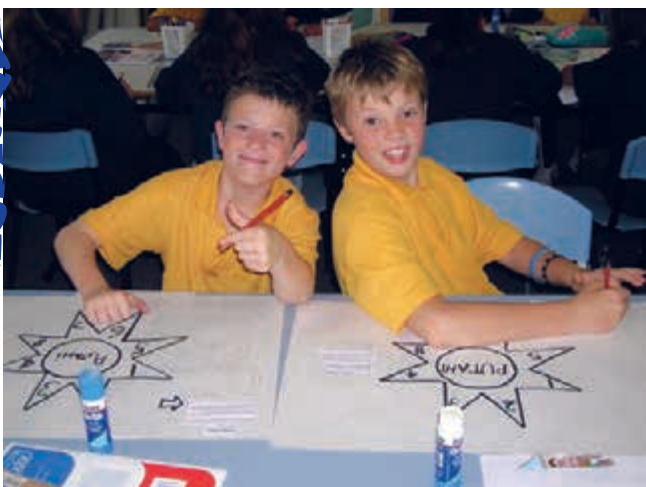


Maori Language... Building a Bridge between Adelaide and Aotearoa

I would like to share the fantastic journey we have traveled over the past 12 months since the start of our planning for introducing Maori language to the students at our school. Alberton Primary School is a C.P.C (Child Parent Centre) to Year 7 school, catering for students aged from 4-13 years of age. Our school has students from a wide range of multi-cultural backgrounds, including about 75 students from Aboriginal background as well as a couple of families with Maori background.

Alberton Primary chose to focus on Maori language after a staff member came to New Zealand for The World Indigenous Leaders conference nearly 2 years ago. We were automatically taken by the strong cultural link to the Maori language that exists among Maori people. The passion and respect towards the language is an inspiration to us and we would like to embrace this and share your success with our Indigenous community members. Our school is now teaching Maori to eighteen Year 6 students.

The idea was introduced to the students earlier in the year and they were aware that to be part of the Maori Immersion program they would need to show commitment and cultural respect as they would become our Cultural Ambassadors for the program. Students were invited to write a letter of application stating why they would like to be involved in the course. We had an overwhelming response and having only limited places, had to turn down some very disappointed students. However they are looking forward to participating in the program next year.



Michael and Tyson.

The designed curriculum looks at language for one lesson a week and cultural perspectives for the second lesson of the week. We will be introducing students to greetings, family names, numbers, phrases and words, making games, cooking, dance and music, just to mention a few.

The program owes its success to a very dedicated team of teachers and community members. We are fortunate enough to have a native Maori speaker, Jo Pipi, who is part of our team and assists us in a multitude of ways, including making sure we are pronouncing our sounds correctly!



Miriama, Sinead and Chelsea making a traditional Maori game.

Many other students have shown interest and would like to be involved. The hope is that this is the start of a rich cultural relationship for our students. When we begin the communication with our "sister school" in Wellington, we hope to connect our indigenous language, Pitjantjatjara, with their students sharing language, experiences and so much more.

This term we are linking up with a class of Year 6 students and their teacher Kim, starting off with emailing each other. Next we will be speaking to each other through head phones with microphones and seeing each other via video conferencing. This is making some of our students make sure they are groomed just right for the big meeting. We have a very excited group of students and teachers who are talking up the opportunities that our program presents.

Eventually the hope is to have a cultural exchange for students and staff, which will provide a lifetime experience for all involved. The students will be making sure parents know all about our great program in both countries because the prospect of hosting or visiting each other is something to consider. Building a bridge between Adelaide and Aotearoa is just the start of an amazing journey for our two countries and I look forward to sharing it with you. Ka Kite Mary Ttikirou Deputy Principal, Adelaide, South Australia.



Maria and Siobhan.

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Kaea Torona titaha.

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Kaea Nā Ruataupare te kupu, kia ngakia te mate o Kowhaki

Kapa Kia mate pekanga whenua, kia ora pekanga tangata (x2)

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Hinetapora Kohanga Reo visit to Te Upoko o Te Ika



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Hinetapora Kohanga Reo visits Beehive.

On May 11th Hinetaipora Kohanga Reo Whanau and Mokopuna set off to Te Upoko o Te Ika on a Mo Reedy bus after 5 weeks of intensive fund raising for the trip. The kaupapa of the trip was to integrate the story of Maui, which the tamariki have been learning, with the significance of Te Upoko o Te Ika, and a visit to see the nationally acclaimed theatre production Maui. The Maui Production was the highlight of the trip and the Maui story was brilliantly portrayed with song, dance and spectacular acrobatic displays. A 20 minute mihi from people in the audience to the cast after the play, laid testament to the quality of the production, and the interpretation of the Maui story.

Other highlights of the trip included a spot on the Good Morning Breakfast Show, a visit to the

Wellington Zoo, Te Papa Museum, a trip on the Ferry to Picton, lunch with the honorable Parekura Horomia Maori MP, and a ride on Wellington's cable car. The tamariki also enjoyed swimming nearly every day at the Porirua Aquatic Centre and the Lower Hutt Aquatic Centre.

Hinetapora Kohanga Reo Whanau would like to thank all those who contributed and helped to make the trip a success. Thank you to everyone who dug deep into their pockets every week and supported our fund raising. Thank you also to the National Kohanga Reo Trust for providing accommodation, support and for making us feel welcome.

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Ngati Porou Seafood's Group

AQUACULTURE

Compiled by Mark Ngata (GM – NPSG)

There has been a number of hui, initiated by the Gisborne District Council, with interested parties in the region to look at aquaculture development and in particular the potential for establishing Aquaculture Management Areas (AMA's).

Various research experts, Govt and regional departments in this field have provided presentations to identify clear guidelines for processes going forward.

At this point interested parties have clearly indicated that until we know what can and cannot be done and where, it is difficult to provide extensive plans and strategies for aquaculture.

The GDC has advised that constraints mapping of the coastline would be costly and reported other councils with similar coastline lengths who had undertaken this work had been met with costs between \$80,000 - \$150,000.

The GDC has decided that they cannot pursue a plan change, which includes constraints mapping of the coastline, until such time as industry demonstrates firmer commitment, due to the costs and uncertainty involved, however, they would continue to liaise with interested parties in pursuing aquaculture opportunities.

Both NPSG and TROTAK have indicated a willingness to progress the constraints mapping process further and have discussed developing a joint approach to improve cost efficiencies.

This will include mapping the entire coastline and 12 nautical miles out to indicate, shipping lanes, commercial, recreational and customary areas, marine reserves, and cultural and regional sensitive areas.

Food levels within the area will also be identified to assist in highlighting aquaculture species that are not fed manually.

The next GDC meeting on aquaculture is set down for the 20th June 2007 at 3pm in the council chambers.

Making Money From Aquaculture (Part 2)

In the last edition of Nga Kohinga, I outlined the key

drivers that need to be considered when thinking about developing an aquaculture business and operation, namely; Site, Specie, Type of System, Expansion Ability, Competitive Advantage, Ownership and Control. Whether based on land or sea these key drivers are very relevant and some variations of different types of marine based aquaculture farms were illustrated.

Equipment and technology has come a long way in twenty years making farms more easily available in terms of costs and establishment time.



This is no more clearly seen in land based aquaculture operations which are becoming more popular as they provide less regulatory restrictions and can often be better controlled than marine based farms as they are generally completely closed off or separated from the surrounding environment. As indicated in the examples below.

Types of Land Based Farms

There are essentially three main types of land based aquaculture farming systems that can be employed in various locations depending on the landscape available.

These are systems based on tidal creeks, rivers or estuaries and recirculation systems which can be closed or open systems as indicated in the pictures provided.

These ponds or tanks can be freshwater or saltwater systems which provides flexibility and optimal utilisation.

All systems can be applied to specific species or a wider range of species and I have commented on the key attributes of each system herein.

Tidal Creeks

Those areas that are inland from the coastline and generally alongside creeks or small rivers a short distance from the sea and are impacted by daily tidal movements.

These types of systems have high levels of sediment, inorganic particles and nutrients within the tidal flows meaning systems to adequately control and clean the water must be developed and maintained. Effluent (outgoing) and influent (incoming) water flows are critical in maintaining water quality.

Species in this system include eels, some finfish species, ie: flounder, and in other countries prawns and shellfish.



Tidal Creeks.

Rivers or Estuaries

The Waipaoa river example would fit into this category as would other locations alongside major river systems.

Like tidal systems effluent and influent systems are critical in maintaining appropriate levels of nutrition and water quality. This is done through a series of water ways and pumping stations across the farm that allows all ponds to be inter-connected and serviced.

Species in this system could be finfish, eels, and in other countries prawns, shrimp, etc.



Rivers or Estuaries.

Recirculation Systems

Essentially uses the river or creek as its inflow and outflow system and then diverts water flows through filtration systems and pumps around the farm before exiting via the outflow.

This system does not need to be by the sea and generally operates from natural fresh water flows. A key concern in this system is the maintenance of the river or creek as it is the key supplier and any reduction in water flow could impact the farms ability to operate.

Species in this system include salmon and eels mainly at this stage.



Recirculating Systems.

Closed Recirculating Systems

Generally refers to those operations which occur under cover or inside large warehouses. The systems are controlled by pumps circulating water flows through filters to maintain water quality.

These systems are also referred to as closed systems and variations are used for lobster & eel holding plants around the country prior to exporting live. These closed systems are effective as they are easily controlled and do not have the same problems experienced by open systems, namely, viruses, algae blooms, and bad weather.

Species in this system which could be freshwater or saltwater include finfish, eels, and paua.



Closed Recirculating Systems.

Species or Types of Seafood Produced

The main species that are currently being farmed within these systems are:

Finfish

- Snapper
- Groper (Hapuka)
- Kingfish
- Salmon

Currently Salmon is the most well known specie from aquaculture and delivers \$100m per annum in export revenue. Research and development projects in other finfish species is ongoing. This will further enhance this sector which has a high growth rate potential for New Zealand. This will certainly be an area NPSG looks to assess all opportunities.

Shellfish

Paua is currently New Zealand's most valuable species within the quota management system. Paua farming has not been hugely successful in NZ to this point mainly due to its cost to establish and its slow growth rate which is still the major issue confronting research projects at the moment.

A market for 'cocktail' or small paua has been developed around this slow growth rate which is an attempt to get income while continuing to farm paua.

Fresh Water

Eels has always been an ideal specie for farming within a recirculation system. The main issues confronting this sector is the type of eel specie we have and competition with Northern hemisphere eels which achieve better prices and quality.

Fresh water koura (crayfish) is not a new specie but is certainly being viewed as a new business opportunity with several farms being established in the North Island. Similar to the Australian yabbie which has achieved huge success in the domestic restaurant sector.

Summary

Marine based aquaculture farms can be very costly, even before you put one line into the water, as the legislative framework for accessing water space is lengthy and costly for any potential investor. Land based systems however can be more streamlined in terms of process, legislative requirements and costs.

The key attribute for profitability and sustainability will come down to the size of the farm. It must have the ability to produce annually more than 100 tonnes of product for sale if it is to be commercially viable and profitable. This requires space, approximately 20 - 40 acres in most cases and a capital investment, estimated at between \$1m - \$5m to set up depending on the type of farm and specie group. Compare that to marine based farms which maybe smaller, 5 - 10 acres, but require significantly more cost to anchor and stabilise the farm as well as maintain it.. Research & development is also a key component of any aquaculture operation as learning and improving product growth and quality will provide Ngati Porou with knowledge, expertise and a competitive advantage in the market place for its products. This provides opportunities for training and education scholarships for NP to ensure long term success of our farms.

Returns would not occur immediately so investors must be prepared to wait which in most successful farms operating

for 5 years or more can be up to 15% depending on the species, which would soon pay this capital outlay off and provide the business with additional expansion and investment opportunities.

Ngati Porou Seafoods Group is certainly taking these issues into account as it identifies its long term direction with aquaculture development and how best to implement its strategies and aspirations in this key area for the future. Our next edition will focus on what species we need to focus on long term and how aquaculture supply can benefit that strategy as well as creating opportunities and improve returns.



Finfish (Snapper).



Paua (Abalone).



Tuna (Eels).

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When Ngati Porou Forests first approached the Gisborne office of Infinity Solutions in 2002, initially we were unsure whether their organization fitted our customer profile in

terms of the types of organizations we prefer to provide service to and partner with.

Ngati Porou Forests' small office, based in Ruatoria, with less than 10 staff and a conglomeration of very dated, disconnected and disorganized personal computers and very little IT infrastructure to speak of, did not strike a chord in terms of first impressions.

After meeting with General Manager at that time, Chris Insley, and hearing the vision that he had for the organization and the positive effect that the investment of their organization would bring to the East Coast and its people, it was apparent that they were set to grow.

With little to lose and everything to gain, we set upon establishing a technology roadmap that would lay the foundation to enable and facilitate the rapid growth of a company that would become (as it is today) highly dependant upon a technology platform to provide an environment whereby rapid and well informed business decisions can be made.

The remoteness and geography of their Ruatoria office initially played a significant impediment in how we could practically provide services to them and be responsive to their needs. It took a significant amount of time and effort to get a very rudimentary data connection established to their offices via the incumbent telecom's provider, however the effort was absolutely necessary given the travel time involved to service the location and also the level of IT understanding of the staff at that time, was very limited.

Once this connection was in place, we were then able to provide service remotely and offered internet and mail services for many years, until such time as ADSL became available at their local exchange. Early on we recognized the importance of remote connectivity for them, as staff are not always in the office and need to gain access to resources, regardless of whether they are at home, in Gisborne or traveling around the country or the world.

The size of Ngati Porou Forests, and it's nimbleness in its formative stages meant that the adoption of new and leading edge technologies was readily accepted. They were one of the first adopters of SharePoint Portal server in the country, and consolidated financial reporting via a "Digital Dashboard" was delivered through an innovative use of Microsoft SQL server and OLAP services.

Chris and his team have invested wisely, both in training and developing their staff as well as acting on sound advice when it was necessary and timely to do so. As with all great business relationships, this has worked well for both parties because of the high level of trust that exists between our two organisations and maintaining an understanding of absolute transparency.

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Darren says, "With everything from desktop support, server support, network infrastructure and optimisation, software design and development through to business consulting and risk analysis services, we are well poised to help the Ngati Porou Forests business and our other valued customers grow and prosper in the future."

Darren Hart
Regional Manager - Gisborne
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Golden girl Chivaun a star of the future

Gisborne win 43 medals at NI champs

TRAMPOLINING by John Hill

Keep an eye on Chivaun Broderick. That's the word from Gisborne Trampoline Club coach Doug Callahan after the youngster won three gold medals and posted world championship qualifying scores at the North Island competition here at the weekend.

"She's only 10 but is demonstrating skills much higher than her age," said Callahan, whose charges won 43 medals – 19 gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze. "The Auckland club coaches couldn't get over Chivaun. They were amazed that she had come so far in such a short time.

"She has already qualified for the worlds in Canada in November, for tramp, but posted one of two qualifying scores for the double mini. I've no doubt she'll do the next at the North Island grades in July.

"She also qualified for the worlds in synchro, along with Anastasia Smith, but that means competing in the 13-14 years age group.

"They haven't failed to take gold in every synchro event this year."

To cap an outstanding three days, Broderick took home a silver medal in the power tumbling discipline.

Ryan Besseling, another world champs qualifier, also won three gold medals.

Besseling, competing in the 15-16yrs group, bounced back from injury problems to win the junior international tramp, age double mini and synchro with Kieran Tui of Counties.



Chivaun Broderick pictured on the far right, 2nd row.

"Ryan's qualified in all three disciplines and he's off to the Australian nationals with the New Zealand team in three weeks. He'll do well," said Callahan.

Coach also singled out first-time North Island age group competitors Zac Borrie, Robbie Tallott and Olivia Corrin.

"They all won gold. You don't want to put pressure on kids but I'd have to say Olivia, barring injury, will go on to be a New Zealand representative. She's only six but she is doing harder and bigger skills than some of our former national reps were at the same age.

"Megan Recter was another to do well. She won gold in the 17 years plus double mini and tramp and silver with Tiffany Walters in synchro and international women's tramp.

Courtesy of Gisborne Herald



Trampolinist Chivaun Broderick is a proud Ngati Porou girl and is here to stay. Her grandfather is Norman Tuhou of Ruatoria.

Last year Chivaun won gold for three disciplines – the double mini, tramp and synchro at the NZ Nationals in the under 10 year age group. This year although her birthday is one month before the cut off date she has

gone up to the 11-12 year age group. But this did not worry her as she won gold for the tramp and double mini in that higher age group. Chivaun also won the 13-14 age group synchro as she had to go up an age group again to compete at a higher level and with a greater degree of difficulty.

Chivaun has been doing tramp for three years but this is her second year in competitive tramp. She trains 5-6 days a week with coach, Doug Callahan. Chivaun has qualified for the World Championships in Canada in November 2007. This is great for Chivaun but financially stressful for her parents who have to raise \$6,500 for her trip.

Chivaun has been asked by the Counties Manukau coaching staff to move to Auckland to compete for them she is proud of her Ngati Porou roots and is here to stay!

Fundraising has begun - any financial donations from people and sponsorships from businesses to help Chivaun on her way to the top would be appreciated. Contact details are brodys@xtra.co.nz and c/- 17 Ruru Avenue, Gisborne.

Campaign Trail Begins in 2007



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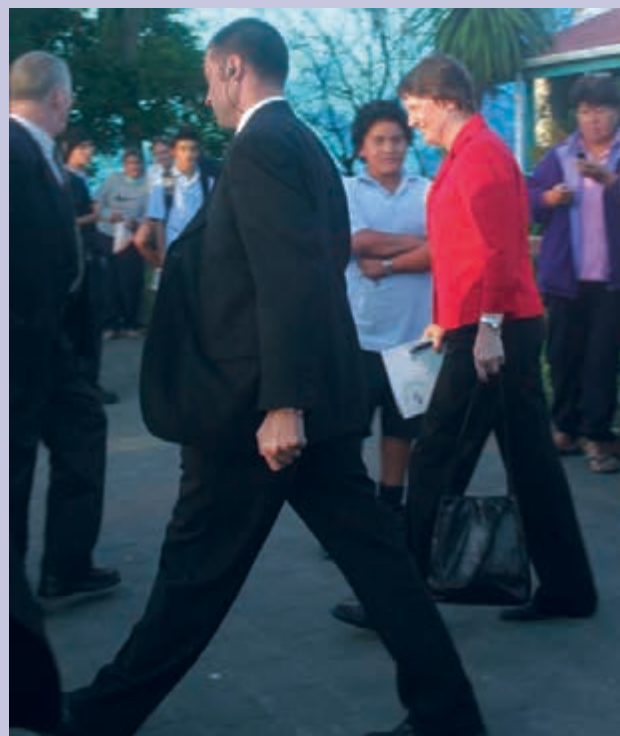
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Matariki Festival 2007

Bringing in the Maori New Year with a bang, whanau was the theme behind the Ngati Porou Matariki festival held at the George Nepia Memorial Park in Rangitukia at Queens Birthday weekend. The scene was set with lots of tasty food, plenty of laughter, whanau and friends, excellent weather and a dose of great music.

The locals were first up on stage with the Kapa Haka group from Pae-o-te-riri School (Tikitiki); they were followed by the Waitoa brothers, David and Kahu with assistance from Darylene Rogers who sang a mix of Ngati Porou classics.

Local band 'Ahi Kaa' to follow up gave a Tikitiki, Rangitukia flavor to some familiar classics.

Still keeping it close to home Brent Mauheni of Rangitukia provided some brief entertainment. The next group on stage was the '**Kapohia Nga Whetu Music Club**' that is made up of some very talented children from the area.

More local talent followed with the **McClutchie Rd Band** of Ruatoria, powerhouse Tania Milner was on lead vocals with Rewa McClutchie on guitar/bass, Hori Kaiwai on Keyboard and Darylene on backing vocals.

A special treat followed with an impromptu performance by ex-Katchafire member Tamehana Thompson who with the help of a few locals put together a short set for the event. All the way from Wairoa, the band 'Too Much Cuz' got the crowd rocking with soulful harmonies and songs the whole whanau could sing along to.

The final band was thought to be a no-show then at the last moment Whakatane group '**Tribal Connections**' made it on stage to deliver a powerful and sweet performance and



ended as the sun began to set.

As well as the acts on stage the park was packed with stalls selling Kai galore. There were bouncy castles, slides and even a jousting game for the kids. Ngati Porou weavers exhibited their art form to many onlookers who all took the opportunity to ask questions and to take a closer look at the intricate designs.

Event organizer Paora Brooking said "It was great to have a day for all of the whanau" and he credited major funders Te Puni Kokiri and others for their assistance saying "the day would not have been possible without their help and especially the work done by the 'home crew' who worked tirelessly to make the day special." It was the first festival of its kind for the small community and due to the positive attendance this year it looks certain to become an annual event.

Rugby legend and TV personality Matua Parkinson of the CODE programme participated with his cameras shooting footage for the show. The show 'Ma Tatou' was also present and their footage will screen on the 29th July on Maori television.

People from all over gathered to celebrate Matariki which is also known as the Pleiades star cluster or The Seven Sisters. The official date marking the beginning of the Maori New Year is June 15th 2007.



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