



Ngati Porou celebrate the 16th Anniversary of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou in style

Ngati Porou Pakeke gathered with Trustees and Staff of Te Runanga o Ngati Porou for a triple celebration at Hiruharama Marae, earlier in September.

The triple celebration marked the 16th Anniversary of the enactment of the Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Act, 1 September, 1987; a luncheon to acknowledge 180 plus Ngati Porou Pakeke and the 93rd birthday of Iritana Haig.

The day's festivities began with morning tea which provided an opportune time for Pakeke to catch up with whanau and friends, that many had not seen for years.

"Our pakeke need times like this to catch up with their relatives and old friends, to share their memories of times since passed, and to remember those who have passed on. These occasions are precious and very rare," said a daughter of an 89 year old kuia, who had accompanied her mother to the celebration.

Pakeke enjoyed viewing a one hour video of the preparation for the January 1, 2000 Hikurangi Maunga Dawn ceremony, including footage of the



construction and erection of the Maui Whakairo and the transportation of Te Aio o Nukutaimemeha (Ngati Porou waka) from Whangara to Te Hatepe at Rangitukia.

The video screening was followed by speeches from Hoko Reihana, Hoturangi Tautau, Hakopa Karaka and Mane Tatare. Most of the speeches alluded to the Runanga as a 'tamaiti

mokopuna' (child) born of the Iwi, who required constant nurturing and guidance and the appropriate disciplinary action when necessary. The important message being that the Runanga is of Ngati Porou and therefore Ngati Porou need to guide and inform its actions and performance.

The day's celebration concluded with
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Report from the chairman Apirana Mahuika

Ngati Porou, tena tatau katoa. Tena hoki tatau I o tatau kua riro atu ki te po. Tena hoki o tatau whanau e pehia nei e te pouri me tatau kua haere. Na reira koutou, haere! Haere! Haere! Tatau te hunga ora. Kia ora.

I would just like to touch briefly on some of the achievements of Te Runanga and as a result the provision of much needed work for many of our people.

1 The establishment of TRONP.

After 2 ½ years of Hui-a-Iwi involving hundreds of Ngati Porou whanau. The Runanga has been

a major employer of Ngati Porou people. Currently employing about 75 people who are engaged in a raft of activities including education, social services, farming, housing, economic development, safer communities and other related tasks. All but two of our current employees are Ngati Porou with affiliations to every whanau grouping within the Ngati Porou rohe.

The majority of staff through the CEO access their own salaries through negotiations with Crown agencies and private enterprise. Through the ability of our staff TRONP is able to provide

employment to Ngati Porou, provide a range of services to Ngati Porou, including advocating on behalf of Ngati Porou whanau and hapu and accessing external funding to cover service costs.

2 The current Ngati Porou Hauora was a TRONP initiative. Ex-Runanga General Manager Ned Ihaka was the first Runanga appointed member of NPH and he and I attended numerous hui on health and negotiated the first major funding boost to the Hauora which has led to its ongoing achievement.

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Tena koutou nga uri o Tangaroa nga uri o Tane Mahuta me wetahi atu o nga atua o te Ao Maori.

Tena koutou, nga whanau me nga hapu i whakapumautia to tatau "mana moana, mana whenua, mana motuhake" hoki.

The month of September got off to a fitting start with the 16th Anniversary of the Runanga. Pakeke and Kaumatua drew analogies between the Runanga and a 'child', that was born of the Iwi, who could be spoilt and in the next breath endearing, who could make us proud on occasions such as negotiating the return of Hikurangi Maunga to Ngati Porou, establishing organizations and commercial companies that would support Ngati Porou growth and

development. But who sometimes could make us angry, if we were not always kept in the information loop.

The point of the reflection being that Ngati Porou created the Runanga, not 20 Trustees and 65 Staff, Ngati Porou Whanau and hapu consulted and debated for two and a half years, involving hundreds of Ngati Porou people from Potikirua ki te Toka a Taiau. The birth of the Runanga was not a hurried or irrational act it was an "Act of faith of Ngati Porou in itself."

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Again the initiative and the excellent manner in which it has been managed has seen the employment of many of our people up and down the East Coast.

3 The Runanga was instrumental in supporting the establishment of our own forestry company Ngati Porou Whanui Forest Limited, which has also become a major employer of our people.

4 Radio Ngati Porou of which TRONP is the license holder owes its sustained broadcast capacity to TRONP. Again, many of our people are employed by the Radio.

5 Whaia te iti Kahurangi – has contributed to the raising of the standard of quality education in our schools. Through this process TRONP now has an effective partnership with the Ministry of Education and now the Education Review Office.

6 Te Whare Wananga O Ngati Porou is another initiative that owes its origins to TRONP and with restructuring and collaborative arrangements with other Tertiary Institutions, The future for post-compulsory education for our people will be assured.

7 Te Kura Takai Puri Committee was established to co-ordinate the Ngati Porou Treaty Claims against the Crown and has been proactive in accessing funds to employ historians and to support claimants work through their mandating issues. In the main this is a free simple service to our people, as the majority of those on the Committee are not paid, and give their time and expertise freely.

8 Ngati Porou Fisheries Company is now in place and engaged in managing Ngati Porou's commercial fisheries.



The Runanga maintains a political advocacy role to ensure that our Iwi fisheries property rights are not usurped or down-sized.

9 The purchase of Pakihiroa and Puanga were the result of TRONP's proactivity in securing ownership of land in Ngati Porou. Pakihiroa now provides a Turangawaewae for all Ngati Porou people, and has established a sound economic base for ongoing activities.

10 TRONP was, with other like-minded Iwi, instrumental in protecting our treaty property rights in respect to fisheries. The presentations given by TRONP and key Ngati Porou people contributed to the landmark decision by Justice Patterson "confirming that Iwi were the intended beneficiaries of the Deed of Settlement Act 1992 and that the definition of Iwi was traditional tribes and not just any group of Maori people."

11 The Runanga has been proactive in developing and supporting a range of events that promote and celebrate 'to tatou Ngati Poroutanga including; the Ngati Porou Hui Taurima, Ngati Porou Inter-marae Sports event, Hikurangi Dawn Ceremony, and Matariki Celebrations at Otiki.

12 Over the past 16 years the Runanga has increased its asset base from nil assets in 1987, when the Te Runanga O Ngati Porou Act was enacted to a \$7million asset base as at June 30, 2002.

This is a significant achievement given the volatile economic times we have experienced and all the other cultural, social and political activities that we have also had to address, develop and attend to.

Without TRONP our unemployment figures would be much higher than what they are now. TRONP has worked hard to create opportunities for the sustained employment of our people and the revitalisation of the Ngait Porou economy.

The majority of our managers who are Ngati Porou range from 30-50 years of age. Some are urban-based Ngati Porou people who make their contribution from abroad and the balance live and work from home.

TRONP continues to pursue opportunities and conduct a thorough assessment to determine their viability and complementarity in respect to the 'Big' Ngati Porou development picture.

Finally, I thank all the many Ngati Porou people, both locally and abroad-based for their continued input in assisting Ngati Porou to grow ourselves and our resources.

To our staff for accessing funding to invest in services for our people and in economic developments. I cannot express the depth of my thanks.

To the people who send in letters of support by the hundreds and countless letters and telephone calls of support – tena koutou.

Ma Te Atua tatau e tiaki e manaaki.



He huarahi hangai - ERO memo milestone

I hainatia he whakaaturanga manatu e Amohaere Houkamau, te Āpiha Matua o Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou, me Karen Sewell, Te Āpiha Arotake Matua.

E whakaritea ana e te whakaaturanga manatu, te anga mo te mahi ngātahi a Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga me Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou, ki te whakapai ake i te mātauranga e whakawhiwhia ana ki ngā ākonga Ngāti Porou. Kei nga kura o te kainga.

He ai ki a Amohaere Houkamau, he tohu tino nui tēnei kirimana kua hainatia nei.

"I tino ohore te ono tekau ma toru mano o te iwi o Ngāti Porou ki ngā ripōata a Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

i runga i te katoa o ngā kura o te rohe i tetau 1997. "He ai ki a Amo, kei runga i a mātou ngā kawenga mo te whiwhi a a mātou tamariki i te mātauranga.

"I whai whakaaro nuitia e mātou ngā kōrero a Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga, ā, kua haina ngātahitia e mātou he whakaaturanga manatū i waenganui i a mātou me Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga. Ko tēnei kirimana i waenganui i a mātou me Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga, ko tētahi atu ano o ngā tohu kei runga i tēnei huarahi rautaki e whāia nei e mātou. Ka mahi ngātahi a tēna, a tēna o mātou, arā, Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou, Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga me Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga, ki te whakapakari ake i te mātauranga i roto

i te rohe o Ngāti Porou."

He ai ki a Karen Sewell, Te Āpiha Arotake Matua, e whakamana ana tēnei kirimana i te whanaungatanga i waenganui i Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga me Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou.

"E whakamana ana tēnei whakaaturanga manatū, i te mana motuhake o tēna, o tēna o ēnei rūpu, ā, ki ngā kawenga hoki kei runga i ēnei rūpu e rua ki te whakapūāwai i te mātauranga ki roto i ngā ākonga Māori Ngāti Porou.

Ko tētahi atu, ko te whakamahi i ngā kōrero arotake a Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga e whai wāhi mai ana, mo te whakahe i te matakite a Ngāti Porou mo ake ake nei."

A memorandum of understanding was signed in Gisborne by Amohaere Houkamau, the Chief Executive Officer of Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou and Karen Sewell, Chief Review Officer, Education Review Office. The memorandum sets out a framework for the Education Review Office and Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou to work together in the interests of strengthening education for learners attending Ngāti Porou East Coast schools. Amohaere Houkamau described the agreement as a milestone. "The 1997 ERO report on East Coast schools was a wake-up call which required Ngāti Porou to take accountability for ensuring that our tamariki received quality education," she said. "We took on board ERO's timely comments which were hard hitting and put in place a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Education to address the key concerns raised. This agreement with ERO is another of the strategic alliances we are forging on our education pathway. Each of us in our respective roles will work together to strengthen education within the Ngāti Porou region." Karen Sewell said that the agreement gives ERO a formal relationship with Te Runanga o Ngāti Porou. "This memorandum recognises the independent but complementary roles both organisations have in improving the quality of education in Ngāti Porou East Coast schools, and the use that can be



Photo courtesy Gisborne Herald

Signing an understanding towards improving East Coast Maori education are Karen Sewell Education Review Office ceo and Amohaere Houkamau Runanga ceo with (from left back) TRONP chairman Api Mahuika, deputy chairman Selwyn Parata, Education Review Office Kaumatua Awhina Waaka and Taka Waenga Cassidy Tangaere.

made of ERO review information in delivering the vision that Ngāti Porou have for their future."

Social Workers Caring For Tamariki In Schools

In 1999 the Runanga secured a Child Youth and Family contract to deliver non-statutory social work services to Ngāti Porou whanau and hapu.

A Strengthening Families initiative, 'Social Workers in Schools' is unique in that social workers operate out of schools where the early intervention services can take place.

On a day to day basis, the role of the Social Worker in Schools is varied and diverse. However, in essence their work involves the application of Ngāti Poroutanga and social work best practice techniques to assist whanau experiencing difficulties caring for their tamariki/mokopuna.



TRONP projects manager (center) Audrey Trotman with SWIS newest team members (left) Ruirua Morice in Ruatoria and Kathy Stainton in Matakaoa.

The social workers also run programmes to meet particular whanau and/or hapu needs.

Mary Ann Crawford works in the Tolaga Bay to Tokomaru Bay areas while Charlotte Te Maro Collier covers Kaiti and Waikirikiri Schools.

The Principals of the schools they service and whanau they work with report favourably on their work.

Recently Ruirua Morice and Kathy Stainton joined the team. Ruirua replaces Taiki Kennedy who now works for Ngāti Porou Hauora and Kathy Stainton works with Matakaoa schools.

Having both worked with the Whaia te Iti Kahurangi team they bring an in-depth knowledge of schools and associated communities to their roles as Social Workers in Schools.

Blood is thicker than water

It may not be commonly known that the three chief executives of the Ngati Porou and Turanganui a Kiwa runanga and Kahungunu Executive share more than the fact that they are all women, mothers and in their early forties – they are also connected through whakapapa.

Reremoana and Amohaere are first cousins on their Houkamau side. Their fathers Huna and Tau are brothers. Tracey and Amohaere are third cousins on their Kohere side. Their great grandfathers, Reweti and Poihipi were brothers.

"When working for your iwi and working with other iwi across the Tairawhiti it is always a comfort and strength that we can all whakapapa to the iwi of the Tairawhiti," said Amohaere.

Reremoana, Tracey and Amohaere all whakapapa to Ngati Porou and Rongowhakaata. Reremoana and Amohaere whakapapa to Ngati Kahungunu. Tracey affiliates to Ngati Kahungunu through Mahinarangi.

"Knowing these connections helps us get through the times when we do not see eye to eye on things, particularly when we are all advocating for the respective iwi that we represent," say the women.

"However, having whanau links does enable us to agree to disagree when that is appropriate and to join together and support one another when we need to do that. After all, blood is thicker than water," said Amohaere.

This story also appeared in Te Ao Maori mai i Te Tairawhiti in July.



Te Tairawhiti chief executives Amohaere Houkamau (left) for Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Reremoana Houkamau of Kahungunu and Tracey Tangihaere from Turanganui a Kiwa present an awesome picture of strength and happiness derived from knowing whanau links.

CEO foreword

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edition of Nati Link. I apologise for the unacceptable delay, in the production of the Nati Link for the six month period ending 30 June, 2003. To coin a phrase "we have changed management" or in this case changed our production team, and I am confident that we are going to meet the bi-monthly production intervals that we committed to. The new production team of Mateawa Keelan, Jasmine Kaa and myself will be working over time to put out four more Nati Links before the end of this year. Creating news is easy, writing it up can be time consuming.

The most controversial topic on our agenda this month is, the Foreshore and Seabed debate. The Crown is proposing to legislate, to secure control and authority over the foreshore and seabed, for the purposes of ensuring that all 'New Zealand families,' can continue to have access to 'public beaches', created for the common good. This paternalistic form of governance driven by the need for the Government to maintain its popularity ratings, irrespective of,

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a four course hakari (feast), prepared and served by the staff of the Runanga and tumau (cooks) from Hiruharama Marae. While the Pakeke wined and dined they were serenaded by a waiata group led by Runanga Deputy Chairman Selwyn Parata.

Runanga Chairman, Api Mahuika said, "it was a wonderful day and a most fitting way for the Runanga to pay tribute to our Pakeke for all that they have done and given to Ngati Porou over the years."

Staff of the Runanga found it a



privilege and an honour to serve and be amongst so many Pakeke.

"It is a humbling experience to be in the presence of such a wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience said Amohaere Houkamau.

"There were calls for the Runanga to convene an annual Ngati Porou Pakeke day, which the Runanga has agreed to do as a most appropriate outcome from the day and this will be included in the annual Ngati Porou calendar of activities and events", she said.

The oldest Pakeke in attendance was



Nanny Rini Goldsmith nee Mackey who is in her 100th year. She is one of six nannies that is a resident of the long stay unit at Te Whare Hauora o Ngati Porou. One of the staff caring for her said, "she has a strong determination and is still able to walk around fairly easily".

Mrs Goldsmith was one of six Ngati Porou Pakeke who were 90 years of age or older. This group included, Iritana Haig (93), Hakopa Karaka (92), Connie Katae (92), Ruby Mackey (92) and Roberta Tibble in her 90th year.

Ngati Porou Land Development Hui Huge Success



Ngati Porou landowners showed strong support for strengthening and increasing the productivity of land based industry in Tairāwhiti, at the first Ngati Porou Land Development hui held at Pakihiroa Station Woolshed in July.

Around 40 East Coast landowners, committee members, station managers and staff attended the hui arranged by the Pakihiroa Puanga Management Committee.

Opening the hui Selwyn Parata said that as part of the Tairāwhiti Development Taskforce this Major Regional Initiative was being driven by a need to develop land use opportunities targeted at enhancing Maori land productivity and to capitalise on strong industry producer and market linkages.

He pointed out that responding to the needs of all landowners regardless of whether their land was large or small would be a particular challenge for the Taskforce. And he added that meeting this challenge would ensure the Taskforce was not only responding to the needs of Government but also to Ngati Porou's needs.

Amohaere Houkamau, chief executive officer for Te Runanga o Ngati Porou presented information about the Major Regional Initiative which proposed establishing three Tairāwhiti Land

Development Business Units based on the Coast, in Gisborne and in Wairoa. She said the function of these units would be to act as a central entity providing linkages between landowners, producers, service providers, education and research agencies, investors and markets, to facilitate sustainable improvements in the productivity of land-based initiatives.

According to Ms Houkamau key challenges to consider included efficient administration of multiply-owned lands, the difficulties experienced in accessing relevant and stimulating training and advisory services; as well as investment in R&D and access to capital finance.

She advised that although the MRI was targeted at Maori land it was not exclusive to Maori land.

Benefits of a TLDB included having a facilitation service for landowners to grow their produce, a means of giving farmers access to learning opportunities by ensuring the education, training and advice needed was available, gathering and sharing information and providing funding towards landowner's projects.

Future predictions of increases in the amount of productive land gained through this initiative would be a catalyst for increases in production, improving the local economy and in turn flowing on to employment creation and increased market returns, said Ms Houkamau.

Marotiri and Whakatawai Stations Take Maori Farmer Awards

Marotiri Farm Partnership committee chairman Tate Pewhairangi and shareholder Ana Raihaniana at the Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Hui a Tau celebration on September 1.

Marotiri won the eastern region Maori Farmer of the Year Award, which was presented at Pakirikiri Marae in Tokomaru Bay. They went on to win the Most Innovative Farmer Award at the national Maori Farmer of the Year Awards held at Wairakei. Marotiri Farm Partnership committee chairman Tate Pewhairangi proudly reflected on the honours bestowed on Marotiri Partnership so far this year.

He also paid tribute to Whakatawai Station which received a Special Innovation Award which was presented at the Eastern Region Maori Farmer of the Year Awards.



Speaking at the Ngati Porou Land Development Hui in July, Mr Pewhairangi acknowledged that Ngati Porou farmers needed to change their way of thinking and start grabbing opportunities for improving farming on the East Coast.

"The days of thinking boy there's only one breed of sheep and that's a Romney and one breed of cow and that's a black one are gone," he told the hui.

Following the success of the first Ngati Porou Land Development Hui the next hui will be held: At 9.00am on Friday, Sept 12 Venue: Marotini Woolshed Mangahuini Station in the Mangahuini Valley.

These hui are open to all Ngati Porou landowners, farm managers and staff.

For details of future hui please contact either of our Runanga Offices



NP File Application For Investigation Of Customary Land

Te Runanga O Ngati Porou on behalf of all affected Ngati Porou Whanau and Hapu has filed an application for investigation with the Tairāwhiti Māori Land Court to determine the legal status of the lands from Potikirua to Te Toka a Taiau inclusive of foreshore and seabed.

"This development signals the clear intent of Ngati Porou to pursue its own course of action in relation to the foreshore and seabed debate occurring amongst Iwi, the Government and a misinformed sector of the New Zealand public," said TRONP Chairman Api Mahuika.

Ngati Porou never ceded its rights and ownership over the foreshore and seabed and we are now working through due process to ensure the rights of our Whanau and Hapu are

duly recognised and respected.

The application for investigation doesn't preclude individual Ngati Porou Whanau and Hapu from filing their own applications, it serves merely to put Ngati Porou's stake in the ground and to ensure the rights and entitlements of all affected Ngati Porou Whanau and Hapu are registered.

Ngati Porou is concerned about the Government's consultative processes, which rely primarily on one-off national hui in other Iwi rohe.

"We have stated to the Prime Minister that if she wants to talk about the Ngati Porou foreshore and seabed then she needs to come to Ngati Porou," said TRONP Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau.

Ngati Porou has sought clarification of the status of land that Ngati Porou

Whanau and Hapu exercised their mana whenua over in accordance with their tikanga preceding and post the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Ngati Porou application for investigation seeks to establish the fact Ngati Porou still holds customary Māori land, and to identify clear examples of their uninterrupted mana whenua, mana moana.

"We have demonstrated for the past 200 years that we are very generous people, unfortunately this generosity has sometimes been abused and/or taken for granted. It is now time for all to become better informed, to become more aware of what customary rights are, how and where these rights are derived and how we can respect the unique cultural values, responsibilities and practices of the indigenous people of this country," said Ms Houkamau.

First of Crown Foreshore and Seabed Hui Held in Whangara

Around 1000 people gathered for the first regional Crown Foreshore and Seabed consultative hui at Whangara marae on the East Coast at the beginning of September.

Senior Government Ministers met with Ngati Porou representatives to speak kano ki te kano about tino rangatiratanga, the undisturbed

and uninterrupted exercising of Ngati Porou authority and control over our foreshore and seabed. These consultation hui are the culmination of a series of events that have led the government to claim ownership of the foreshore and seabed and for Iwi to dispute this breach of their indigenous rights.

"Ngati Porou are in a unique position where 90% of our territorial coastline is in Māori owned title whereas most other Iwi have been stripped of their land. However with the Crown's latest position that security cannot be taken for granted, and the runanga has taken legal steps to ensure that no more land is taken", said TRONP Chairman Api Mahuika.

Issue 26 will feature more about the Foreshore, Seabed and Claims issues

More Consultation Needed On Supreme Court Bill

In April, Te Runanga o Ngati Porou responded to the Government's call for submissions on the Supreme Court Bill to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee.

"We took the opportunity to make a submission on this bill because we realise the significance of the constitutional and judicial reform being proposed in the bill and we believe it is incumbent on all Iwi/Māori groups to express their concerns and views," said Chief Executive Officer Amohaere Houkamau.

According to TRONP the Bill should not proceed until the following conditions were met -

That the appropriate constitutional safeguards are put in place to protect the Treaty of Waitangi,

And; Iwi/hapu as the Treaty partner and the public are fully consulted and a referendum held. A total of 288 submissions were received by the select committee in April.

A summary of the Runanga's reasons for opposing the Supreme Court Bill follows:

The implications for and impact on Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of this country, have not been adequately advised and discussed with Hapu and Iwi and that the necessary constitutional safeguards have not been put in place to protect Te Tiriti O Waitangi

Full consultation with the public had not been undertaken and a referendum on the Supreme Court and its proposed abolition of the Privy Council must be held because of the significant constitutional reform that would invoke.

The necessary safeguards required to ensure the appointment of Judges does not result in the politicisation of court rulings and decisions have not been clearly articulated and integrated into the Bill.

Iwi/Māori have more faith and confidence in the Privy Council, as

What's the Supreme Court Bill?

The Supreme Court Bill implements the Government's decision to establish the Supreme Court of New Zealand as New Zealand's final appellate court and to end New Zealand appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

This bill will allow the Government to end the relationship with the Privy Council, a London-based final court of appeal, and establish a local supreme court.

Who'll make up the Supreme Court?

The proposed Supreme Court will consist of five members, the Chief Justice and four other High Court judges, appointed by the Governor General.

After the Chief Justice, who'll be the head of New Zealand's judiciary, these four judges will become New Zealand's most senior judges.

an independent mechanism, that is more able to exercise objectivity in dealing with cases that Iwi/Māori have against the Crown and/or involve constitutional rights.



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Ngati Porou's continuous, undisturbed and uninterrupted authority, rights and responsibility for our foreshore, and is offensive.

The offence is not only created by rushed and frantic consultation with Maori, or breaches of our tikanga, it also attempts to override our recognised 'property rights' derived from their own pakeha law, and flies in the face of the "in good faith and following proper and due process" requirements that Government's are expected to comply with in discussing issues of such magnitude, the indigenous peoples of this land.

Ngati Porou have rejected the Crown's proposal, and have sought agreement from the Crown that under Te Tiriti o Waitangi that they should be entering into direct negotiations with respective Iwi, acting for and on behalf of their Whanau and hapu. The Runanga outlined the basis for Ngati Porou's reassertion of our mana moana, mana whenua, as expressed by the retention of over 90% of Ngati Porou lands contiguous to our coastline in Ngati Porou ownership and our direct descendancy from Tangaroa.

Ngati Porou advised that they were prepared to work with the Government as the agent of the Crown, to develop a negotiation framework that would articulate the principles that both parties commit to working together on, stated outcomes that both parties would be seeking and insist that the framework must be robust enough to recognize and be responsive to the unique circumstances of each Iwi.

Copies of the Runanga, Supreme Court Bill and Foreshore and Seabed submissions are available to Ngati Porou persons on request from the Runanga. *One of the key observations of the Whangara hui, is that we need to be debating this kaupapa from our position of strength, that is our whakapapa, tikanga and our sustained possession of our foreshore and seabed. Getting caught up on arguing the Government's principles with them reduces our debate to their terms of reference. We need to have the debate focus on our terms, our foreshore and our unique position.*

"This debate is not one of reclamation it is one of retention for us, we are holding fast to the "taonga tuku iho o o tatou Tipuna mo nga whakatipuranga kei te piki ake".

The 20th Anniversary of the Ta Apirana Ngata Lectures, the 2003 Ngati Porou Hui Taurima at Porourangi and the NPEC rugby clash scheduled between the 23 –27th September are also mediums for the celebration and retention of "nga taonga tuku iho. To tatou 'Ngati Poroutanga', is something like our mana motuhake can never be taken, and is only ever lost when you give it away or give it up". We are not about to do that under any circumstance, whether that be under threat of the Government and its legislative machinery or the attempts of division that prove distracting from time to time. Both circumstances are annoying and will now test the unity of Ngati Porou Whanau and Hapu.

My guess is that the well informed and engaged Nati, will make the right decision all the time "United we stand, divided we fall.." Noho ora mai, Amohaere Houkamau

New Look For NATI LINK

In August the Nati Link moved from Gisborne to TRONP's Housing Team in the Ruatoria office. At the moment we are busy researching, writing and editing Nati Link's Issue 26 for release in October.

Exciting developments are afoot to improve the quality and timeliness of stories in Nati Link. We're looking at a new format for Nati Link with an increased amount of good quality Ngati Porou stories and photos of what's going on here at home and with our whanau nation and worldwide.

Unfortunately, we don't know all the exciting achievements, awards or accomplishments of our Ngati Porou whanau. If you would like to share recent good news about yourself, whanau or friends please don't hesitate to tell us.

Readers contributions and/or comments are welcome. All correspondence will be responded to.

Unfortunately, all photos taken at events in NATI LINK can't be printed.

Photos from events in Issue 25 onwards will be filed in photo albums in our office. So, if you are interested in photos taken by NATI LINK call in and look through our albums.

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We're very busy, as four more NATI LINK issues are to be produced before the end of this year. So, its back to the drawing board as another deadline looms.

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Apirana's Rauru-nui-a-Toi Lectures - continued

The following korero is taken from the Rauru-nui-a-Toi lectures by Ta Apirana Ngata. The previous korero in Nati Link issue 24 ended with the death of Pungawerewere.

They lived together at Whangara. Then the fame of the abundant crop of karaka berries at Nukutaurua on the Mahia peninsula reached them and the two brothers went to Nukutaurua. We may add the comment, that there is a tradition to the effect, that the karaka tree was introduced by Whatonga and the crew of the Kurahaupo canoe. It was planted at Nukutaurua and many groves of karaka trees which formerly grew near the villages and forts of the East Coast were propagated from that source. It was a mark of quality to say, that your karaka trees originated from Nukutaurua. Popata states, that according to the elders Tamateapoko left Uekaiahu at Whangara and took up with one Uenukumate, and had by him three children, Kauaetahi, Tamahuanga and Maruangaanga and that Uekaiahu then took Pihatewaiora to wife and had by her Raramatai and Tahania. The question involved is one of seniority, which however does not materially affect our story.

Popata explains, that Pungawerewere chose the Kopuaroa Valley, where he met his death, because it was the shortest way to Whangaparaoa and led directly to the Tapuaeroa valley, where his grandchild Taraimokomoko was married to Tamaraumoa, the grandchild of Uepohatu. The following table shows the connection:-

Pungawerewere	Uepohatu
Manuka	
Taraimokomoko	Te Ahunoke
	Tamaraumoa

Pungawerewere, Popata says, was not travelling alone but with a party of followers, some of whom escaped the fate of their leader and told the sad tidings at Whangara. Pungawerewere had failed in his mission and been slain and the prized trumpet had fallen into the hands of Ngati Ruaukuku and Te Wahineiti. The tragedy

had become known at Nukutaurua and brought Rakaimatapu and Rakaimatahara back to Whangara, there to mingle tears with those of Tamateapoko and her sons. There was now a double motive for action. The death of Tamatearahia remained unavenged and his lands were occupied by a strange tribe.

The recent loss of Pungawerewere recalled the earlier tragedy and the sons of Uekaiahu and Tamateapoko determined, that the time was ripe to carry out their mission of vengeance. Ngai Tuere were now a numerous and powerful people, and in Tamakoro, Uetaha and Tahania they had leaders trained in the arts of war.

On the eve of their departure the aged Tamateapoko laid his injunction upon them, "When you reach Awatere turn your backs to your sister Hinengaranga". She drew a picture of the northern districts for them, of the approach there to by the valley of Awatere and of the hill forts, which were arranged as in a semi-circle between Awatere and Wharekahika and were now in the occupation of Ngaoho.

We will now proceed with my father's narrative:-

"The war party travelled from Whangara to Uawa and thence to Takapauarero on the banks of Hikuwai, a tributary of the Uawa river. (This authority states, that Tuiti, sister of Uekaiahu, was living at Takapauarero with her husband). They were at Takapauarero, when word came from Hauiti, that he desired these to make a net for him. And so they returned to Uawa to do Hauiti's behest.

One day they watched a woman preparing fern root, making what is called aruhe kohere. (The roots are pounded and the fibrous matter can be detached. The flour is then compressed and pounded into a paste. The paste is the aruhe kohere, and when mixed with the pressed juice of the tutu berry it makes a tasty dish).

They saw the lady diluting the paste with blood and thought, that she was complying with some prescription. So Tahania claimed the cake and ate it. Their disgust caused them to make reprisal, and so they made a net for catching kehe, a sea trout, and the props and other parts of such a net. They were set on slaying some of the men of Hauiti. They went southwards, climbed by way of Te Raroa and descended by Te Kohekohe to the seashore. The tide was out and they went to the rocks with scoop nets for kehe and tutoko for tangihangaha or rock cod. There came some of Hauiti's followers to catch kehe and gather paua and they were unarmed. Ngai Tuere with their weapons and the determination slaughtered the men of Hauiti. This affair is known as "Tutoko tangatangaha".

That was the end of Ngai Tuere's sojourn with Hauiti and they returned to Takapauarero and remained there for a period.

"It was about this time, that food was prepared for Hinemaurea. She was the wife of Te Aotaki, son of Tuiti, and was of the highest rank. Kumara were grown for her at Nuhiiti, and fern root was made into bundles, which were strung together on lines and let down the cliffs. Te Wahineiti living in those parts raided the bundles and converted them to their own use. This led to many fights with Wahine-iti".

Popata Pariohe's narrative relates, that it was Kahupakari who warned Tamakoro, Uetaha and the others of Hauiti's plan to destroy them, making pretence of their net-making to lull them into a sense of security. Kahupakari was the son of Mahaki, elder brother of Hauiti and brother of Hinerongorua who was Tamakoro's wife, viz:

Hingangaroa	Hauiti
Mahaki	Kahupakari
Hinerongorua	
Tamakoro	

After the affair named Tutoko tangatanga, Kahupakari joined Ngai Tuere and accompanied them throughout their expedition. It was during that affair, that two women, Kawaingarangi and Te Haroto were captured. Ngai Tuere fights with Te Wahineiti.



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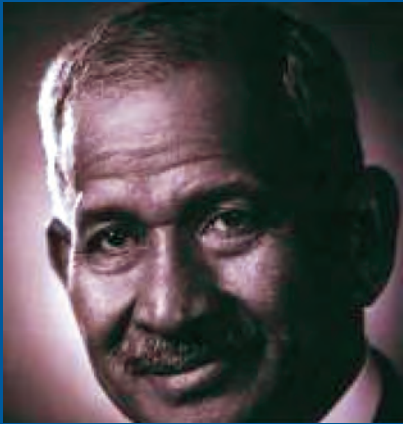
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Action Packed September For Ruatorea

One week of Ngati Porou celebrations is planned; starting with the Ngata Lectures from September 23-25 at Ngata Memorial College, moving to the Hui Taurima at Porourangi commencing September 26-27 and culminating in the Ngati Porou East Coast NPC game against Mid Canterbury at Whakarua Park at 2.30pm on September 27.

Ta Apirana Ngata Memorial Lectures 20th Anniversary



The annual Ta Apirana Memorial Lectures reflect on the life, deeds and many kaupapa Ta Apirana initiated, and the legacy he left.

Interesting, well-informed speakers are lined up for this years evening lectures aimed at engaging as many Ngati Porou as possible.

Programme

Tuesday
September
23 **Opening Address: Sir H K Ngata**
Origins of Ngati Porou: Dr Tamati Reedy
Facilitator: Wayne Ngata

Wednesday
September
24 **Ta Apirana Ngata The Statesman**
His Political Career: Winston Peters
His Management Style: Graeme Butterworth
His Legacy to Ngati Porou: Api Mahuika
Facilitator: Te Rau Kupenga

Thursday
September
25 **The Life and Times of Apirana Ngata**
Panel of Ngati Porou pakeke
Facilitator: Selwyn Parata

Venue **Ngata College**
Ruatorea
Time **Evening Lectures**
Starting 6-9 pm
Supper will follow
Starting 9-10 pm

NB: Some speakers subject to confirmation.

East Coast Rugby Winds Up Festivities



Join us at the Rugby on Saturday September 27 at 2.30 pm and see Ngati Porou East Coast deal to Mid Canterbury at Whakarua Park Ruatorea.

Ngati Porou Hui Taurima 2003



Porourangi Marae Waiomatatini (above) is the venue for the 2003 Hui Taurima.

Nau mai haramai hoki mai ki te wa kainga ki te maunga tapu kia Hikurangi e manaaki nei i nga hihi a Tama nui te ra, e tiaki nei hoki i o tatou kawai tangata mai i te hi tanga ake a to tatau tipuna a Maui Tikitiki a Taranga te whenua nei Te Ika a Maui.

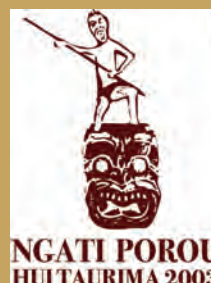
Haramai hoki ki roto o Waiapu ki Tatara e Maru Ana. Kia kitea i nga uri a Porou raua ko Hamo e tuhono-hono nei i a ratou i runga i to ratou papatipu.

Ko Porourangi Whare, Porourangi Tipuna tenei e maioha atu ana ki nga uri whakatipu. Hoki mai ki te kainga kia pangia e nga hau ora o te wa kainga ki te whakapumau hoki i o tatou kawai tangata

Tangihia nga mate Aue taukuri e, te hinganga o nga kaihautu o taku waka auahi ana.

Tatou nga mahuetanga iho a ratou ma. Kia ora. Na Sewlyn Parata

Ngati Porou Hui Taurima Souvenir T-shirts



T-Shirts commemorating the Hui Taurima in the styles above will be on sale during the event in a variety of sizes and colours.



Hui tackles sensitive topic



Hui facilitator Hine Moeke-Murray (front left) holding a photograph of Ani's husband Pirika Huriwai and Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust spokesperson Ani Pahuru-Huriwai (front right) with hui presenters.

More than 100 hui attendees heard from East Coast coroner Hugh Hughes and Gisborne pathologist Ros Iversen, amongst others, at the Caring For Our Tupapaku hui held at Hinerupe Marae in Te Araroa.

Mr Iversen said autopsies involved the removal of organs and that after the necessary tests had been carried out these organs including the brain were put in a plastic bag and placed back in the puku of the tupapaku.

He also told the hui that autopsies were only carried out if the cause of death could not be determined and if the death was a police investigation.

Mrs Pahuru-Huriwai lost her husband last year and through this heart breaking experience came to realise just how ill prepared many people are when faced with the death of a loved one.

Mrs Pahuru-Huriwai has been left

to raise her two children, aged three and one.

"It is true that the pain never goes away when your soul mate is taken. I am thankful for the ever-present love and support from my whanau."

Mrs Pahuru-Huriwai and her sister in law Hine Moeke-Murray who facilitated the hui, want Ngati Porou people to begin preparations for the inevitable.

"Ensure your will has been made, life insurance taken out and funeral arrangements prepared. I'm so glad that my husband and I took the time to sort these things out," she said.

Mrs Moeke-Murray, of Te Aitanga a Mate and Ngati Rangi has been invited to hold further information sharing hui on the East Coast. Another wananga to discuss Ngati Porou tikanga surrounding tangi was also called for at the hui.

Careers towards caring for our tupapaku

There are currently no Maori pathologists and only about 15 Maori embalmers in the country.

Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust spokesperson Ani Pahuru-Huriwai from Matakaoa called for Ngati Porou people to enter into these testing but necessary careers during a recently held Caring for our Tupapaku hui at Hinerupe Marae, Te Araroa.

"Choosing a career as a pathologist or embalmer is a brave and crucial move for the protection and safe keeping of our loved ones who have died.

"Having more of our people working in these professions will enable a greater strength through knowledge gained from our people who will have training and first hand experience in these areas," she said.

15-year-old Te Waha o Rerekohu schoolboy Christopher Barrett intends to be the country's first Maori and Ngati Porou pathologist, said Mrs Pahuru-Huriwai.

A pathologist conducts the autopsy and an embalmer prepares the tupapaku for tangi through a process involving chemical solutions which stops further degeneration of the body.

At the hui horror stories of babies being thrown away and later retrieved from hospital dumpsters and organs kept for research, were heard.

"It is hoped with more Maori Ngati Porou people in this field the atrocious acts of having our babies body parts kept by the hospital for study or donor purposes will never again happen, as they have done in the past," said Mrs Pahuru-Huriwai.

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After these fights the Ngai Tuere expedition occupied Pourau, a pa between Hikuwai and Tokomaru just above the home of the late Wiremu Potae.

Although their immediate objective, the Kopuaroa valley where Pungawerewere was done to death, was not more than forty miles away, the path to it was beset with danger. They had left a hostile Uawa behind them. On either side were Ngati Ira, Ngatihau, Ngai Tutekapiti and the omnipresent Te Wahineiti and these were only too ready to fall upon the intruders, if they should relax vigilance. Te Wahineiti closed in on Pourau pa, which was theirs. Ngai Tuere had found it empty and occupied it. Several attacks were made but were repulsed. So Rangitarewa, he who was the lover of this cousin Materoa,

and who was with Te Wahineiti, resorted to treachery.

My father will now take up the tale:- "Rangitarewa climbed to the pa and entered it with intent to make peace under cover of which he plotted the death of the leaders of Ngai Tuere. As one chief to another he asked Raramata to leave the pa and to go with him to the Wahineiti pa. Tahanua Raramata's younger brother attempted to dissuade the latter from going, but Raramata insisted. He was a chief and so was Rangitarewa. Together they went and entered Rangitarewa's pa where Raramata was promptly despatched. Rangitarewa went to repeat his treacherous tactics and asked Tahanua to follow his brother. Tahanua asked, "But where is that man?" (meaning Raramata). Rangitarewa

answered, "Oh he is yonder holding forth and amusing the people". Then Tahanua knew that his brother had been killed. He seized Rangitarewa and slew him. From Rangitarewa's top-knot he took the plume and held it in his mouth, biting it and with that he sprang it onto the wall of the pa and performed a haka of defiance to the enemy. They saw the plume in his mouth and knew that Rangitarewa was dead.

Please note the tipuna name in Issue 24 - (second whakapapa table on page 8) should have read ...Pakariki.

This korero will continue in Nati Link Issue 26



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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL CLAIMS: The Road To Success – Claim Coordination



James Johnston considers a Crown document

This article discusses the issue of Waitangi Tribunal claim coordination.

Claim coordination is essential to the success of your Waitangi Tribunal claim. This has become even more apparent with the adoption by the Waitangi Tribunal of the new approach to hearing Treaty claims.

Successful claims coordination involves the following:

- The early establishment of a claims committee and/or suitably

qualified claims coordinator for your claim.

- The establishment of processes for keeping the claimant group informed including for instance, the provision of regular panui/ updates and/or the holding of consultation and mandate hui.
- Establishing processes for the prompt dissemination of information including historian reports, Tribunal directions and/or draft Tribunal documents such as statements of claim.
- Establishing processes for feedback from the claimant group and allowing for meaningful input in the decision making process.
- The establishment of clear lines of communication between the claims committee, claims coordinator, the claimant group and any other organisation such as a cluster (i.e. Te Kura Takai Puni), the Tribunal, Crown Forestry Rental Trust and Office of Treaty Settlements.

A robust claims coordination process will ensure that your claimant community are included in the process and will help to unify your

claimant community. Accordingly the claimant consultation process needs to be well thought out, carefully considered and appropriately applied.

No GST on Treaty Settlements

The issue of GST on Treaty Settlements was looking like an expensive problem but this has been solved. The IRD has issued a statement that:

"The Crown have made payments in redress for breaches of the Treaty and not for the promises made by the Claimants. Therefore, GST is not chargeable." (Inland Revenue Tax Information Bulletin: vol 14, No 9 (September 2002), pp 50-59.

Recent Poll result from RCW website

Some recent results make for interesting reading:

What do you think of NZ's links to the Privy Council?

- | | |
|-------------|-----|
| • Retain | 72% |
| • Abolish | 17% |
| • More info | 11% |

For other poll results check out our website.

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Toko United Take EC Championship

Tokomaru Bay United ended Tokararangi's two-year championship reign with a 24-15 win on Toka's home turf at Te Araroa on August 2.

An ecstatic crowd of Toko supporters cheered and danced in the rain when the full time whistle blew.

Car horns sounded as a bedraggled Toko team jubilantly completed their victory lap of the playing field.

With the halftime score equalled at 10-10, Toka trailed 17-15 well into the second half. The final try, a runaway, and conversion by Tamatea saw Toko seal the win 24-15.

Tries for Toko were touched down by B Amai, L Te Reo and K Tamatea with K Tamatea kicking three conversions and a penalty.

Tokararangi's M Wirepa junior and L Delamere scored the team's two tries and W Waitoa kicked a conversion and penalty.

It was thanks to a late field goal from Kahu Tamatea that Toko United entered the final East Coast Championship game when they defeated Hikurangi in a nail biting semi-final.

Although Hikurangi scored the first try and led 8-6 at halftime the final and match winning points were notched up by Toko who took the game by one point-16 to Hiku's-15.



NGATI POROU SEPTEMBER EVENTS

22 - 26 Sept

**Hurricanes Under16
Regional Rugby
Tournament
Whakarua Park
Ruatoria**

23 - 25 Sept

**Ta Apirana Ngata
Memorial Lectures
Ngata College Ruatorea**

26 - 27 Sept

**Ngati Porou Hui Taurima
Porourangi Marae
Waiomatatini Ruatorea**

27 Sept 2.30pm

**Ngati Porou East Coast
vs Mid-Canterbury
Whakarua Park
Ruatorea**

Weather Delays Completing Waka Spruce-up



Te Aio o Nukutaimemeha receives much needed TLC (tender loving care) from its kaitiaki - Ngati Porou.



A grand one-day effort by Waiapu locals, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Taperenui a Whatonga and Runanga staff saw the waka sanding and polishing completed and a white undercoat applied at the end of May.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather the final painting was postponed last month.

However, plans are well underway to restore the majestic waka back to its full glory.

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