



*Tihei mauri tu,  
Tu ki runga,  
Ki te whai ao, ki te ao marama,  
Ka rongo te po, ka rongo te ao.*

*Mai I te kahui Maunga ki  
Tangaroa,  
Kua mohiotia e Te ao whanui,  
I tona otinga atu e kii nei,  
'ko au te awa, ko te awa ko  
au'.*

*O tatou mate huhua o te wa,  
Na koutou te manuka I whuia  
ki te papa*

*Ma matou e hiki, otira, ma  
tatou katoa.*

*Tena koutou me nga mihi,  
kia ora rawa atu tatou katoa.*



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#### STOP DIDYMO

Check! Clean! & Dry your gear!  
Disinfect your gear, soak clothing/waders in detergent.  
When cleaning gear don't tip down the drains or into rivers.  
NOTHING CAN KILL IT  
ONCE ITS IN THE WATER SYSTEM. SO ITS BEST TO STOP IT FIRST....

## KIA ORA!!!

Where did 2007 go, what a busy year.

This issue provides brief updates on what occurred last year to get you up to speed and give you some useful information about ways to become or stay involved in what happens within Whanganui Iwi.

Some work will be done on the website to ensure its relevant and timely also.

So check it out [www.wrmtb.co.nz](http://www.wrmtb.co.nz)

## KO WAI TATOU???

As little as 60 years ago, our being was synonymous; we co-habited our kainga; we fished, hunted, prayed and travelled together.

Since then the need for our people to move beyond these kainga in search of employment, education and health has seen our people dispersed throughout the world.

The white dots on the map above represent the Marae that once existed throughout our rohe, today this number has dwindled to approximately thirty five.

Most Marae hold meetings that whanau are welcome to attend. At these hui the committee talk about issues of Marae maintenance, current affairs pertaining to the Marae and whanau and any other topics of concern or interest.

We encourage you to keep an interest in your Marae. If you can't make it home think about how you can contribute from afar. Online banking provides an easy opportunity for you to provide a small financial contribution without any little fuss. All Marae have ongoing costs that they need help with.

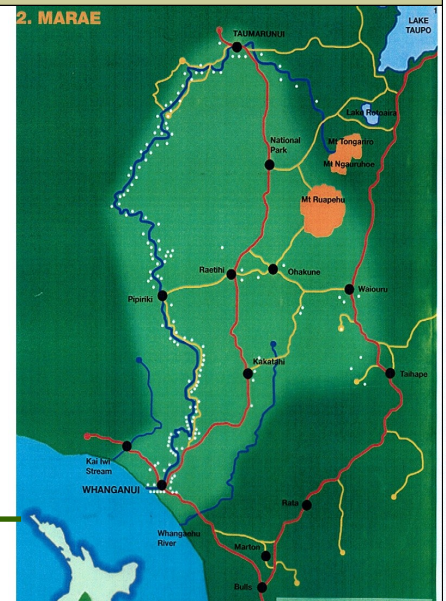
Hui A Iwi are also held from time to time to discuss matters of importance whilst these are mainly advertised within the tribe the notice board at [www.wrmtb.co.nz](http://www.wrmtb.co.nz) will keep you up to date.

More and more whanau are becoming interested in their tribal affiliations.

The population of our Iwi in the 2006 Census is 11,259. Approximately 43% of these Whanau still live within the tribal rohe however the greatest number of our Iwi are living away and abroad in Australia

Many inquiries are taken from whanau searching for the name of their Marae and their Hapū, often not knowing much more then their Parents or Grandparents name and a rough idea of where they were from.

This issue of Te Haonga Mai is devoted to these people. It aims to inform you about ways in which you can connect to your Whanau, Hapu and Iwi.





*E rere kau mai te Awa  
nui mai i te Kāhui  
Maunga ki Tangaroa,  
ko Au te Awa  
ko te Awa ko Au*

## TIRA HOE WAKA

One of the best ways to immerse yourself in the tribe is to participate in the annual Tira Hoe Waka.

The Tira Hoe Waka is an Iwi Wānanga held every year during the month of January. You will need to take about 10 days annual leave but it is totally worth it. It is a voyage like no other you will ever experience.

The journey commences in Taumarunui and for two weeks you traverse our Awa, Whanganui. Along the way you will learn about many Marae/kāinga/wāhi, you will experience living on Kāinga in remote parts of our Awa. Kōrero is shared, Waiata are learnt and more importantly Whanau relationships are built.

The programme and contact details for the next Tira will be available on the Trust Board website

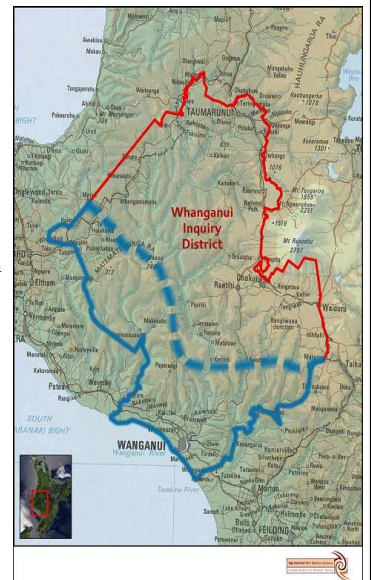
## LAND CLAIMS: WAITANGI TRIBUNAL WHANGANUI INQUIRY

August 2007 saw the commencement of the Land Claims hearings for the Whanganui Inquiry.

For the administrative purpose of the Land Claims claimants have clustered into four groups. The southern cluster were the first component to present their claims and you can read many of their presentations on their website [www.southerncluster.co.nz](http://www.southerncluster.co.nz). From March to May 2008 the Whanau in the central cluster will have a chance to present their claims.

Throughout September to November 2008 the Whanau in the northern cluster and Ngati Rangi will be presenting their claims.

Keep an eye on [www.wrmtb.co.nz](http://www.wrmtb.co.nz) for details on the and venues for the 2008 hearings. This is a map of the inquiry area.



## Pakaitore Trust

Pakaitore Trust was formed in 2006 to administer the Whanganui Courthouse that was returned to Whanganui Nui Tonu by the Crown.

The Trust was required to hold elections within 6 months of its establishment. These were held in 2007 and the following trustees were elected; Geoffrey Te-Rangihiroa Mariu, Te Kenehi Mair, Robert (Boy) Cribb, Dardanella Mete-Kingi Mato, Mariana Te Hei Waitai and Merania Karauria.

The Trust will hold annual meetings in order to update Whanau on its activities so keep an eye out for this panui if you are interested.

## Te Whiringa Muka Trust

Te Whiringa Muka Trust has now been in operation for a year. Gerrard Albert is the current chairman and is supported by his fellow Trustees; Chris Scanlon, Te Kenehi Mair, Graham Bell, Robert (Boy) Cribb, Bernard Haami and Rumatiki Linda Henry.

Whanganui Iwi Fisheries is the trading subsidiary. This company administers the annual fishing entitlement according to policies set by Te Whiringa Muka Trust. The current directors on here are Chris Scanlon, Kemp Dryden and Nancy Tuaine.

Annual Reports will be available shortly. For further information you can write care of these organisations at PO Box 125, Whanganui 4540.



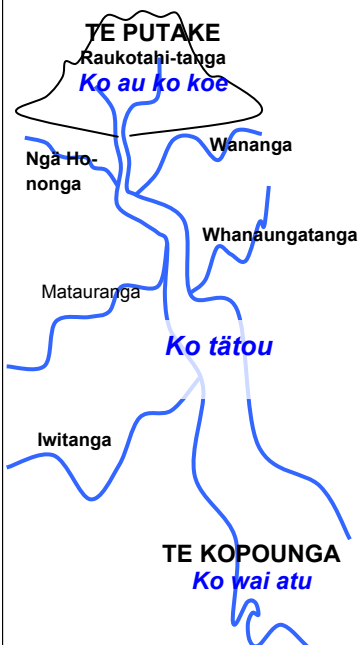
## Whanganui River Claim

There has been no movement on the River Claim since early 2005.

In effect the Crown suspended negotiations with Whanganui Iwi and has sought other negotiations they believe can progress with greater results. Accordingly the Crown is currently negotiating with Tainui regarding the Waikato River.

Given that we are now moving in to another election year it is probable that negotiations will not recommence with the current government. Unfortunately non settlement of the River claim makes it difficult to progress matters regarding the River Management and Control. Discussions continue as to whether there are some practical measures the Iwi can do to give affect to River management pre settlement. These will be discussed further at Hui a Iwi in 2008.

## Mai te Putake ki te Kopounga - Rangatahi Succession Strategy



The diagram represents the framework of the succession strategy, it aligns the growth of our Rangatahi with Te Awa Tupua. Where the Awa starts small at Te Putake and grows stronger as the tributaries contribute to it, so to do our Rangatahi. The strategy aims to contribute to the growth of our Rangatahi so that they are enriched as they grow. Assisting the Rangatahi as they move out through Te Kopounga to the expanse of the World. Through the strategy Whanganui Iwi is committed to providing opportunities for our Rangatahi to interact with their Iwitanga. Events, activities and Wananga are held regularly that Rangatahi can participate in to assist in their connection to their Whanganuitanga. Since the development of the strategy over 500 Rangatahi have participated in work of the strategy.

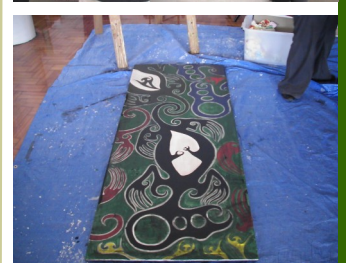
In 2007 the Rangatahi participated in a Noho Marae at Maungarongo Marae in Ohakune where they spent three days travelling throughout the Maunga learning about different places of importance. One of the days was spent up Koro Ruapehu enjoying his many challenges and on the last day we ventured throughout our Atihau Incorporation lands showing the Rangatahi the lands they will be future caretakers (shareholders) of. The other highlight of this year was the 2007 Rangatahi Summit represented in the photographs. Here the Rangatahi were exposed to different Mahi Toi, traditional and contemporary art forms that were used to tell stories. They had Video, DJ, Kowhaiwhai, Print Making and painting workshops.

Presently Sheena Maru and Reneti Tapa are employed as Rangatahi Kaitautoko to facilitate the work of the strategy. Whanau are welcome to contact them to find out further details about upcoming activities on 06 345 8160. Thanks to all of those that people who have contributed to this Kaupapa.



*Mahi Toi was theme for the 2007 Rangatahi Summit.*

*Rangatahi learnt kowhaiwhai panels, haka powhiri and other activities.*





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## KOTAHİ AROHA - Whakatīnātia te Aroha

2007 saw the launch of the Kotahi Aroha/ One Love campaign by the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board. Kotahi Aroha aims at increasing Whanau wellbeing through the expression of Aroha & by encouraging Whanau to say I love you at least once a day.

There has been an awesome response from Whanau regarding the brand and the kaupapa. It uses the symbolism of Bob Marley to spread the message and encourage love not violence within Whanau.

The campaign follows on from the Mauriora—the potential of Whanau conference held in October 2006 to raise concerns about the increase in Family Violence and provide suggestions on how Whanau and those that work with Whanau can overcome the issues and results of Family Violence. T-Shirts, Singlets and Sleeveless Hooded Sweatshirts are available from the office for sale.



**DON'T FORGET IF YOU WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED AND WANT TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS HELD BY ENTITIES NOTED IN THIS PANUI THEN YOU MUST BE REGISTERED ON THE WHANGANUI IWI REGISTER. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE OR AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.**



### 61 TAUPO QUAY - DIY 2007

What awesome Whanau we have. The tono went out for the need to give our building at 61 Taupo Quay a face lift, and the people came.

It started on the 13th of December with preparing the building and surroundings. Our gardening ladies were so keen they cleaned up everything before the DIY started on Saturday. So our aunties just got to it and prepared the garden for our plants that have since been donated and we are awaiting slightly cooler day to do so.

Big mihi finally to all of those Whanau & Organisations who gave their time, resources & Aroha on the day

