

Te Haonga Mai

Whanganui River Maori Trust Board Newsletter.
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He Panui A Whanau

He honore, he kororia,
he maungarongo ki runga ki te whenua,
he whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa!
Whakahoutia e Koe e Te Atua ko to matou anga atu
ki a Koe, mo nga keratia i tukua mai ki runga ki a matou,
o pononga e noho ake nei i raro i 'Tou taumarau nui',
aianei, a, ake tonu nei, amene!

E te minenga huri noa te motu, tena koutou katoa.
Kua roa rawa taua e tatari ake ana kia uhia ki runga ki tetei o taua
nei, nga honore o Te Karauna mo nga mahi i mahia kahatia e to taua
tungane, e **Te Atawhai Archie Taiaroa**. E tika rawa ake tenei
uhitanga iho ki runga ki a ia, ina, e whia nga tau kua kua hikitia e ia
ko te manuka, i whakatakotohia e nga papa, e nga taueke, e **Titi
Tihu**, e **Hikaia Amohia** ma. Kotahi ano ko to raua kaupapa hei
whiua atu kia kawea e Tawhirimatea ki ko, ki ko, ko nga korero e pa
ana ki to taua 'awa tupua' me ona pukenga, ona wehi, ona tapu hoki!

E te tuakana, **Atawhai**, tena koe. Ko tou honore, ko to tatou
honore, mai i 'te kahui maunga ki Tangaroa', na reira te hari koa o te
ngakau. Kaua e maharahara ki nga honore kaore ano kia uhia ki
runga ki o taua matua, he wa ke tena. Torona atu to ringa kia
kapohia e koe ko 'nga mihi' hei kaupapa whakanui tatou i a tatou
ake.

E te tuahine e **Ma**, tena rawa atu koe mo tou
tautoko atu i tena o korua, mo nga tau e whia,
kua huri atu nei. Tenei ano te mihi o to iwi ki a
koe, ki a korua, otira, ki a koutou katoa.

**Kaua e wareware ki te whakaatu mai ki a
tatou, kei te tu to 'ra nui' ki whea!**

Ma te Atua i te Wahi Ngaro, koutou, otira tatou,
e manaaki e tiaki, aianei, a, ake tonu nei, tena koutou, kia ora mai
tatou katoa!

Trust Board Trivia

The communication strategy seems to be working and we have
received a lot of feedback regarding our newsletter and air time on
AWA FM.

The next important step in our communication strategy is to travel
out and attend Marae hui. The Trust Board would like an opportunity
to attend your marae meetings and inform you the people about the
current Transition phase that we are undertaking to reach the
establishment of Te Runanga O Te Awa Tupua Whanganui.

If you are interested in having the Trust Board come to your next
marae meeting please contact the office.

**As the natural world regenerates, and another seasonal round
begins, Matariki is a time to pause and reflect - on the year that
was, and the year that will be.**

**In this important time of change and development we must all
work together positively to provide direction for our future.**

Poroporoaki

**"Titiro Kau ahau ki roto o Whanganui
Tena Koutou te hoe atu ra e"
E te kaitautoko I te Iwi O Te Awa Tupua,
Matene haere atu ra.**

Martin Dawson the solicitor who gave guidance
and support to Whanganui Iwi in its claims of
rangatiratanga for the Awa Tupua died recently
after a short illness of cancer.

Martin was engaged by the late Hikaia Amohia in 1984 as he was
part of a very powerful team which included David Baragivanith who
was to become Chairman of the NZ Law Commission and Dame
Sian Elias now Chief Justice of NZ.

Martin was involved in our cases against Electricorp, a hearing which
lasted 83 days, the Waitangi Tribunal hearing and all other major
court and tribunal cases taken by the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board
and Iwi.

Martin and his whanau became very personally involved with the
Awa. His two sons joined the Tira Hoe Waka and his daughter was
named "NGAWAI" after the waters of the river.

He was also a solicitor for Ngati Rangi and had his final wish
granted.

Ngati Rangi rangatira Mark Gray and whanau travelled by helicopter
with Martin over "Te Kahui Maunga" and down the full length of Te
Awa Tupua landing outside the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board
office to a great powhiri by rangatira and kaumatua of the Iwi who
spoke in moving terms of mounting work for the Iwi. He died 10 days
later.

Whanganui and Te Atiawa took Martins body to Pipitia Marae for the
tangi at which hundreds attended. He was finally buried at Whenua
Tapu cemetery, Pukerua Bay and together with all the young Maori
Lawyers, Whanganui Iwi buried him.

Matene e moe e oki.

Well the first issue of Te Haonga Mai was distributed with success a
big thank you to all those who contributed to the last edition.

In an attempt to give you more up to date information we have now
set a deadline for articles and that is the last day of the month prior
to publication, so if you have news for July you need to get it in by 30
June. If you are late we cannot guarantee that your article will make
it to print.

Tupoho

There have been several special meetings held in May.

Harbour development - Whanganui Harbour Development Group led by T. Churton, Hapu representatives and others have supported the concept in Principal - further meetings upriver are required etc.

Pakaitore/Moutoa Board – Review of agreement signed on 28 February 2001, issues were discussed about the lack of funds coming through for administration of the Board, Iwi were not contributing and clarification was required by the Crown and Iwi.

TE RUNANGA O TUPOHO HUI

DATE	VENUE	TIME	HAPU
15 Jun 03	Kaiwhaiki	10am	Ngati Hine Te Ra
17 Aug 03	Koriniti	10am	Ngati Pamoana
19 Oct 03	Otoko	10am	Te Awa Iti
14 Dec 03	Kaiwhaiki	10am	Nga Paerangi
15 Feb 04	Putiki	10am	Putiki Wharanui
11 Apr 04	Parikino	10am	Ngati Tuera/Hinearō
20 Jun 04	Te Ao Hou	10am	Wainuiarau

In December a new schedule will be issued to all Hapu representatives. At this stage the Hapu can replace or reaffirm their representatives.

WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL & TUPOHO WORKING PARTY HUI

DATE	VENUE
02 Jul 03	Tupoho / WRMTB
16 Aug 03	Wanganui District Council
17 Sep 03	Tupoho / WRMTB
29 Oct 03	Wanganui District Council
10 Dec 03	Tupoho / WRMTB

An AGM with full Council and Hapu representatives will take place on 29 October 03. The venue is organised by the Hapu holding the tokotoko, in this case Te Awa Iti, Parapara - Otoko Marae. This will need to be confirmed.

Finally – Congratulations to Archie Taiaroa in his receipt of the New Zealand Order of Merit and also Shane Gilbert (Ngati Pamoana, Nga Poutama) who was made a Member of the Order. Tautokotia tena o nga Rangatira o te Awa nei.

Hinengakau

Nga mihi nui kia koutou, no te Rohe o Hinengakau

**WEHEA TE MUKA
HE TAURA WHATI
WHIRI KIA U
HE TAURA MAU WAKA**

Separated flax strands creates weak links, bound tightly together, will advance and meet any challenge

**No reira nga muka o te taura o te tatou Kuia, Tena koutou otira,
Tena koutou katoa.**

**Ka pai te toko i te tatou waka
Kia orite tangi me nga ripo o te Awa Tupua**

Therefore we the flaxen strands of the entwined rope of our Kuia Hinengakau; Greetings! with care let us advance our Waka so that we all advance in complete harmony with the "Ripo" of the Awa Tupua.

Uhi Taa Rakau – Whakairo (Maori Carving Arts)

National Certificate – 1 year

Diploma levels – 3 years

HDT office 07 8966726 or Uhi Taa Rakau Whakairo 07 8967092

River Guide Training Course – to start 19 May 2003

(Postponed until August 2003) NZQA recognised

12 people needed for this 6-week course

Course Contents include: 1st Aid, Water Rescue and Safety, tikanga, Kiwi Host. Please forward, name and contact details to HDT office: 07 8966726

Te Whare Ora

Hauora Clinic, Taumarunui

Opened 14 December 2002

Now in the 2nd stage of upgrade

Mirimiri course currently being designed to start 14th July 2003

For more information or appointments please phone 07 8958778

Te Kura Maori

Opened 28th April 2003

10 Tamariki currently enrolled

Kaiako required to start Term 3

For more information or Kaiako Application Package please contact HDT office 07 895 8778

Ministers Visit

Minister of Conservations visit on 6 May 2003

When the visit was first mentioned there was a feeling of expectation amongst Iwi. At last, we would get the opportunity to meet and talk with a Minister who had indicated a willingness to work with us on issues surrounding the management and control of the Whanganui National Park. Our Iwi Liaison Group had met twice since the announcement of the visit to determine the issues to highlight and how we would present these to the Minister.

On the day, a large number of our whanau gathered at Kaiwhaiki marae in the morning to talk about what we were going to say to the Minister. Some of the speakers demonstrated how they would do this. The Minister, Chris Carter, arrived at 1.30 pm accompanied by his rather large escort of departmental officers and field staff. After the customary powhiri and 'cuppa' etc. we moved into the whare *Te Kiritahi* and the presentation began with Archie giving an overview.

This included the history of the National Park, the visit of Dennis Marshall, previous DoC Minister, and his involvement in the establishment of the *Te Ranga Forum* and signing of the agreement at Pipiriki.

Others who spoke were Barney Haami, Graham Bell, Bob Gray (Ngati Kurawhatia Kaumatua), Baldy Haitana and they covered a wide range of issues relating to activities in the National Park. These included the intent to locate the Conservancy at Pipiriki, Iwi management and control of the Park by 2005, the training of our people in management, issues about the employment of our people; the restructuring of field centres with consequent reduction in responsibilities held by field managers, impact of our Awa and Land claims, Nelson DoC training school, pest eradication programmes, staff grievance processes and others. Keith Woods spoke about the Crater Lake and the views of Ngati Rangi on this matter.

Unfortunately, the Minister's response to all this was quite negative and offered little hope of reviving the *Te Ranga Forum* agreement.

After the ministerial party left there was further discussion in the whare. Some expressed anger and indicated unwillingness to continue working to re establish dialogue with the Conservation department. Others, although angry, reflected on the unimpeded introduction of DoC policies unfavourable to Iwi since suspension of *Te Ranga Forum* and felt dialogue should continue.

The article inserted by Archie in the Wanganui Chronicle on Wednesday 7th June reflected the mood of the people.

At the moment we are considering options and looking at how best to resume discussion without losing sight of the objectives contained in the original agreement.



E mihi kau ake tenei ki kautau nga uri whakatipu o a tatau Awa Tupua o Whanganui. Mai i to tatau Pou Iirangi, ara ko AWA FM tera.

Tune into AWA FM on the following frequencies throughout the rohe. 91.2 in Ohakune, Raetihi and the National Park. 93.5 in Taumarunui and in the city of Whanganui, 100 and all those frequencies are on FM.

REGULAR SHOWS YOU MAY WANT TO TUNE INTO

TIME	SHOW	HOST
Monday – Friday		
7.00am	Road Safe Central Breakfast Show	Taura Allan
3.00pm	Phat Piharau	Kahurangi Simon
8.00pm	Poipoia Te Reo	Parata Reweti
Saturday		
8.00am	Te Oranganui Sports Café	Pirihira Cribb
Sunday		
12.00pm	Kia Toa Kia Tere Ki Mua	Tom Webb
2.00pm	Reggae on the River	Kahurangi Simon

SO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

• Operation DJ

AWA FM have entered into a 'Work Experience' type project with Road Safety and we have two young wahine working at the station, learning the 'tricks' of the trade and hopefully going to pursue a career in broadcasting.

• Nga Kura Maori

Information and Communication Technology is big everywhere you go and AWA FM boast the only working relationship between Maori radio and schools (and Maori kura at that), to develop a programme that provides professional development and access to radio technology.

So far we've had some excellent sessions with the tamariki including music and waiata recording, voice over's for promo's and jingles, audio resource recording and Wananga.

Keep an eye out for the very first 'Waiata o Nga Kura Maori Waiata' CD, which we're applying to Te Mangai Paho to fund. What a neat resource that's going to be for our Kura and our people.

• Regional Smokefree Speeches

Congratulations to all of those who celebrated World Smokefree Day on Saturday the 31st of May 2003. On Thursday the 5th of June 2003, the Regional Smokefree Speech Competitions took place at the Freemasons Lodge in Whanganui.

AWA FM has a strong involvement with this competition because it fosters the oral language in both English and Maori and of course, what a great Kaupapa. Bit of a challenge to our Maori Kura to get involved. This competition is for Form 1 and 2 (Year 7 and 8) Tauria, so it makes the perfect stepping-stone to the Manu Korero competitions.

• Happy 12th Birthday

AWA FM turned 12 years old on Tuesday the 17th of June 2003 and was celebrated at Maungarongo Marae in Ohakune

WHAT'S COMING UP?

• The New Look AWA FM

We've got some exciting new developments in our broadcast programme and staffing arrangements at AWA FM. Lequan Mason and Hapai Potaka-Osborne will join us as part of our Iwi news team. Watch out for them at a Hui near you and if they ask for an interview, don't be shy. Otherwise, you'll moan at us for not covering the issues!

We are also preparing a new bi-lingual programme that will run from Monday to Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. It's all part of helping our whanau to learn the language, to learn the issues of Whanganui.

And a brand new Kohanga Reo segment will be added in on Monday to Friday from 9am to 10am and then replayed from 2pm to 3pm. I roto i te reo rangatira anake!

Uncle Morvin will join us on Sunday's from 12pm to 2pm with Te Taonga Korero.

And don't forget. If you have a contribution, compliment or concern, you can ring the Programme Director, Pirihira Cribb, at AWA FM on (06) 347 1402 or 0800 229 236.

Te Awa Tupua Claim Update

With the signing and completion of the Terms of Negotiation document on the 6th March this year, we are into the next phase of these very important negotiations, that is developing the Agreement in Principle document (A.I.P)

The A.I.P document will ensure that our focus will continue to be about the wellbeing and health of Te Awa Tupua.

This document will cover what we call the 'Big Items' for example:

Jurisdiction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inalienable title – visible Iwi rangatiratangaEnforceable authorityRenew Te Tiriti o Waitangi relationship	How: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Te Awa Tupua Settlement ActStatute entityClear role and functions (i.e. policy, regulation, monitoring, representation and the monitoring of activities that impact on Te Awa Tupua
Redress: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Environmental, social, cultural, economic grievancesImprove Crown-Iwi relations	How: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recovery of Te Awa Tupua environment - care and protection mechanisms and instruments for habitat, water quality, fisheries, man-made diversions etcCompensation - monetaryRecovery arrangements for social, economic, cultural advancementCrown Apology – address historical grievances in order to move on
Resourcing: Tangata Tiaki	How: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ongoing access and approval of funding to ensure physical presence and organisational capability to monitor, regulate, and administer activities that impact on Te Awa Tupua; throughIwi-based entity (mai uta ki tai) in collaboration with hapū organisational structures

Naturally there is still a lot of work that needs to be done by the negotiating team, however all going well we are hoping the AIP document will be ready for discussion by Whanganui Iwi within the next 6 months.

If you wish to know more contact the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board, listen to Awa FM every second Thursday at 11am or better still, contact one of the negotiators.

Manu Korero

A Big day on Thursday 22nd May for all our rangatahi in the Aotea rohe. Here are the winning Taurira that will represent the Aotea rohe at the nationals in Manawatu this year:

Taa Turi Kara (Junior English)	Melissa Henare (Whanganui City College)
Rawhiti Ihaka (Junior Maori)	Te Huatahi Hawira (Whanganui High School)
Korimako (Senior English)	Erana Hokopoura (Hawera High School)
Pei Te Hurunui Jones (Senior Maori)	Rangiwahia Wano (New Plymouth Boys High)

Pae Rangatahi

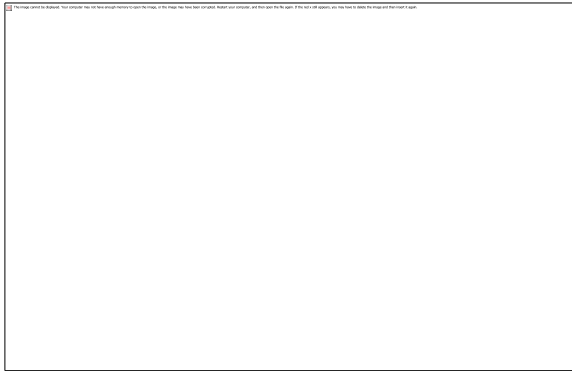
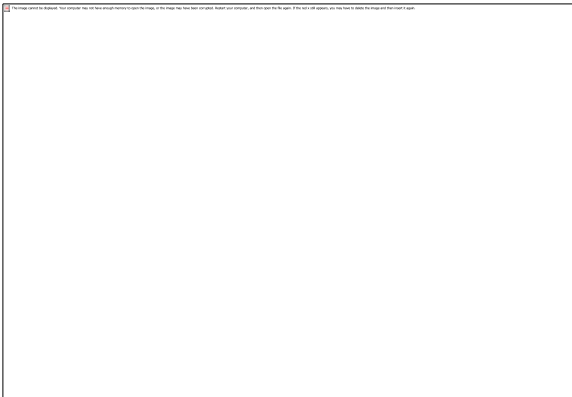
On Wednesday 21st May the Prince Edward Auditorium at Collegiate school was jam packed with talent at this year's regional secondary school kapa haka competitions. The competitions proved to be an awesome day with intense performances and overflowing audiences, some even having to sit in the aisles. Sixteen teams from Taranaki, Whanganui and Ruapehu schools battled it out for the chance to compete in the May 2004

Nationals to be held in Wellington while other groups were there purely to entertain.

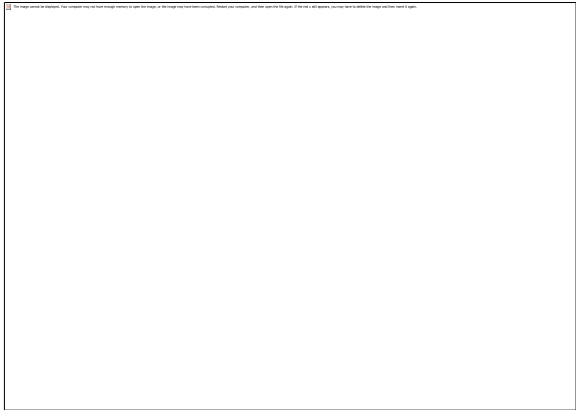
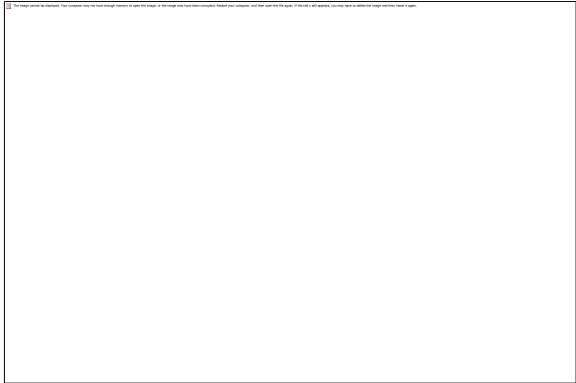
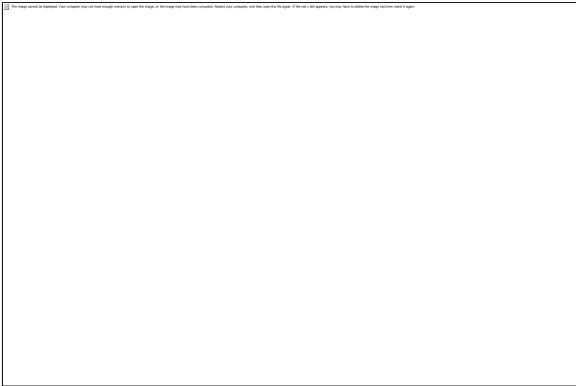
The overall results were:

1 st	Te Kura Tuarua o Ngamotu (Spotswood College)
2 nd	Te Ngakau o te Awa (Cullinane College)
3 rd	Kia Whaiora (Whanganui High School)

NGAKAU O TE AWA



KIA WHAIORA



*Although the river flows the same as time has unravelled.
The valley is still there but is it wholesome the way our tupuna knew it?
Papatuanuku....the korowai of ancient lands and ancient people would it still be intact?*

*The marae have changed but not its concept.
Ceremonies handed down have diluted but not its significance.
Unity and preservation still warm the people's hearts.
Evolution of progress has unfolded but has it been beneficial?*

*At what cost has this "progress" done for people land and waters.
Are we right to consume more than we replenish.
As the river flows emptying to the sea, as the dawn seeps into day,
so too does our ignorance heighten!*

*The plants and trees sing to us humans silently,
all they ask us in return is for us to sing to them.*

*This is the balance of atmosphere
Men have polluted the sacred river bed; have ignored nature's lore.
So must they face the loss of themselves one day.*