

# Te Haonga Mai

Whanganui River Maori Trust Board Newsletter. ISSUE THREE, JULY 2003

## TRUST BOARD

This month has been spent eagerly awaiting the movements of the Government following the Te Tau Ihi Iwi claim to customary rights over the Marlborough Sounds seabed and foreshore

Fisheries Hui continue to take place as we meet with a number of our neighbouring Iwi to the south, to discuss boundary issues.

Members from the Trust Board and Te Puna O Te Matauranga will travel south this month to visit Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu operations and in particular look at Kotahi Mano Kaika. Kotahi Mano Kaika is the Ngai Tahu Language Strategy. This journey will provide an insight into post-settlement development and strategies.

For feedback on these matters and others be sure to attend the next Runanga o Te Awa Tupua Whanganui hui or ask your representative, or, watch out for the next issue for up to date Iwi information....

## AWA TUPUA CLAIM

Our Claims Negotiations team have been extremely busy having various Hui with Hapu and local District Councils explaining that a fundamental position is to ensure well being, care, protection, use and development of Te Awa Tupua. The Crown recognises that Whanganui Iwi view and treat Te Awa Tupua as a whole, inclusive of the water and all Taonga that give Te Awa Tupua its essential life.

This message has been well received and we will continue to have Hui to present the position on the wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua.

Presently our support tables, Redress lead by Robert Cribb, and our Jurisdiction table lead Graham Bell are working to develop our substantive positions on redress and jurisdiction for these negotiations.

The Genesis Hearings are once again nearly upon us, that is, the appeal is going to be heard in November/December 2003 and we are, in reality, the only appellants. All the other appellants have or are about to settle with Genesis for compensation.

Our position has always been clear, whilst Genesis continue to divert the headwaters the wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua is being undermined and

compromised.

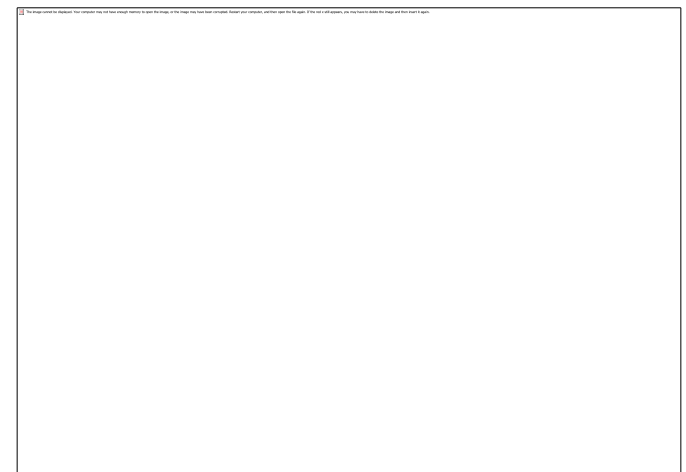
It is our intention to present our position to the Environmental Court over four days in Taumarunui as Whanganui Iwi from 3 November 2003. How many times do we have to say NO to this request for a 35 year resource consent by Genesis?

If you have any thoughts or concerns do not hesitate to contact the negotiation team through the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board.

## TE PAPA UPDATE

We are nearly there! The 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2003 is just around the corner. Recently the model representing 50% of the Whanganui Iwi Exhibition concept was successfully shown in Taumarunui and Whanganui.

This is a snapshot of the model. Here you can see what will be the front of the exhibition with Teremoe at the forefront.



There are four segments to the exhibition;

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| <b>Segment One</b>   | Te Ao Kohatu – The Mists of Time  |
|                      | The taonga in this segment illustrate life 'up the river' in the 'mists of time'.   |
| <b>Segment Two</b>   | Te Uku me te Rino – The Contact Period to Present   |
|                      | Contact, conflict, and change   |
| <b>Segment Three</b> | Te Ao Apōpō – Tomorrow's World  |
|                      | A vision for the future   |
| <b>Segment Four</b>  | Te Whare Karioi (theatre) 3 x 3-5 minute films  |
|                      | The films will comprise material such as still images, kapa haka, personal interviews, graphics and external stock footage.   |
| <b>Te Huka a Tai</b> | This part of the project invites schools from the Whanganui River Region to work with the Te Papa Discovery Centre staff to create art-works for display in Te Huka a Tai Discovery Centre. |

These projects and any other of our kura come up with will complement and link to the main Whanganui exhibition and to other themes and exhibits in Te Huka a Tai.



# FORESHORE AND SEABEDS

This has been the hottest issue throughout the Country, when the Court of Appeal made a major decision that the Maori Land Court is the appropriate court to hear seabed foreshore ownership issues by hapu and Iwi, as well as stating just because the crown assumes they have sovereignty, that does not mean that the property rights of the indigenous people are extinguished.

Many of our people have asked if this matter affects our river claim. The response is a simple one, Yes, in that;

1. The river mouth is surrounded by the foreshore and leads into the Seabed.
2. The Crowns response of proposing to legislate away our Tupuna title and rights would cut right across our claim.

An urgent Hui was held with the Minister of Treaty of Negotiations, Margaret Wilson who gave us clear assurances that will not undermine the claim process and pre-empt the outcome of our negotiations.

Some members of our Iwi also travelled to the Hauraki Hui where over 1000 Iwi representatives were totally united against the proposed actions of the crown. At the hui Whanganui Iwi presented the following statements:

1. Whanganui Iwi opposes any moves to extinguishing our customary ownership rights to the seabed, foreshore, and all natural resources by anyone, whether it be the Crown, the government and it's agents or any other group, peoples or individuals.
2. Whanganui Iwi has not at any time relinquished their customary ownership rights and object to these being extinguished by the crown or anyone else. Ma Whanganui e korero I nga take katoa e pa ana ki Whanganui, ekore ma tetei ke atu.

At this Hui a Declaration document was formed and supported, Moana Jackson kindly gave us the following background to this declaration.

**Resolution One: The foreshore and seabed belong to the Hapu and Iwi under our tino rangatiratanga.** This resolution reaffirms that the foreshore and seabed have always been under the jurisdiction of Iwi and Hapu as part of the authority of Tino rangatiratanga. Te Tiriti O Waitangi acknowledges that jurisdiction as part of the "exclusive and undisturbed" possession of lands and Taonga etc.

**Resolution Two: We reaffirm our tupuna rights to the foreshore and seabed as whenua rangatira.** This resolution recognises that in Maori law and philosophy the foreshore, the seabed and the land are all interrelated. The Term "tupuna rights" acknowledges that the rights are derived and take legitimacy from ancestral precedents. It also acknowledges that they have never been relinquished (as the Court of Appeal in fact also decided.).

**Resolution Three: We direct all Maori MPs to oppose any legislation which opposes to extinguish or redefine customary title or rights.** This resolution urges Maori MPs to support the wishes of Maori people as clearly expressed at the hui. It is directed quite deliberately at all Maori MPs, and not just members of the Government. Perhaps more importantly it acknowledges that the government authority to extinguish or redefine Iwi and Hapu rights is itself an assumed one with precedents based solely on the power taken by colonising States to dispossess Indigenous Peoples.

**Resolution Four: We support all Hapu and Iwi who wish to confirm their rights in the Courts.** This resolution is recognition of the rangatiratanga of each Hapu and Iwi to pursue the issue in the way it thinks best. However it also acknowledges that the government attempts to pass legislation vesting ownership of the foreshore and seabed in the Crown effectively denies Iwi and Hapu access to the Courts – they deny that due process of its own law.

**Resolution Five: The government must disclose its proposals to whanau, Hapu and Iwi immediately, whose decision to accept or reject will be final.** This resolution arose from concern that not only was the government's original decision to legislate made without reference to Maori, but all subsequent policy proposals have involved only minimal Maori participation.

It was also recognition that discussions with government Maori MPs were not a Treaty-based dialogue but simply the Crown talking to itself.

**Resolution Six: The final decision on the foreshore and seabed rests exclusively with whanau, Hapu and Iwi.** This resolution was simply a reaffirmation that decision-making on this issue is properly an exercise of rangatiratanga. It was also a signal that Crown appointed functionaries did not have the authority to make such decisions and that while other Maori bodies such as the New Zealand Maori Council or Te Ohu Kai Moana might have expertise to offer the final decision had to rest with those whom the rights belong.

**Resolution Seven: We accept the invitation of Te Tau Ihu to host the next hui.** This resolution acknowledged the need for further work on the issue and also recognised the role that Te Tau Ihu have played as parties in the case heard by the Court of Appeal.

In conclusion it is clear that the government will want to resolve this matter with some urgency, however we must ensure that they don't in anyway, whatsoever extinguish or water down our tupuna title and rights, ***we must be forever vigilant and alert, for an injustice anywhere, is an injustice everywhere.***

## TAMAHAKI

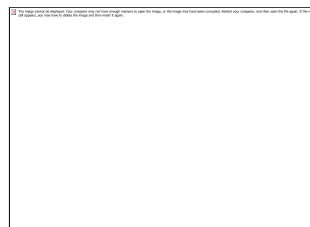
### D.O.C RANGER TRAINING.

Moana Bell of Patiarero was accepted as a DoC Ranger Trainee at the Polytec in Nelson.

Tamahaki supported her and her partner Himi and their 4 children by taking her to Nelson Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2003. A Powhiri was arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2003 at the Polytec, Moana is one of 2 Maori students attending. Tamahaki took all 20 students, from all over the country onto Nelson Polytec.

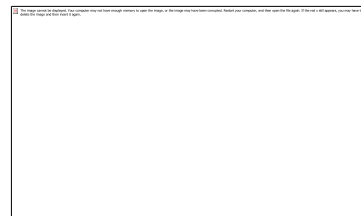
Moana will spend 4 months in Nelson, and then come back and do 8 months field work, and then back to the Polytec. It is actually a 2 year course.

The sad part about the weekend was that while we were in Nelson, Moana's partner Himi's grandfather Scotty Kairimu passed away on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We brought Himi and his children back to Te Puke Marae where his grandfather lay, on Tuesday 1.00 am in the morning. Scotty was laid to rest at Mangamingi on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2003.



**Back row:** Ashleigh-Rose Rapana, Himiona Rapana, Moana Joan Bell

**Front row:** Tiana, Jenny-leigh and Kiri-Joy Rapana



**From Left:** Koro Hokio Tinirau, Nanny Buddy Hawira, Missy Ponga, Pearl Brown, Marie Ponga, Ashleigh-Rose Rapana, Marina Williams, Robert Cribb, Aroha Williams, Moana Bell, Kiri-Joy Rapana, Tiana Rapana, Himiona Rapana, Jenny-Leigh Rapana, Patsy Edmonds

**TAMAHAKI AGM: 27 JULY 2003 – 10.00 am, TAMAHAKI OFFICE  
19 WARD STREET, RAETIHI**



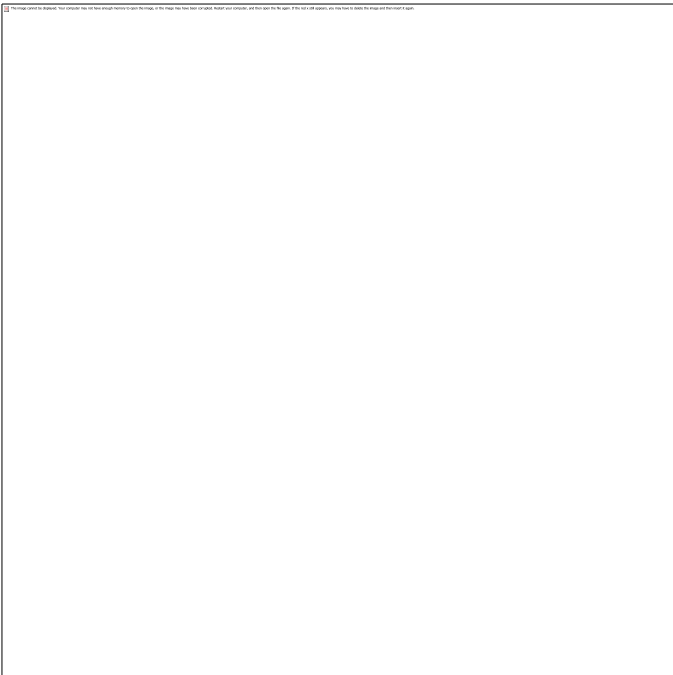
Ngati Hinetera Hapu (tokotoko) was the host at a recently held hui at Kaiwhaiki Marae on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2003 where the following issues were discussed:

- ♦ Hapu representation is still an issue and further hui will need to be held.
- ♦ Te Papa, Whanganui Iwi Exhibition, supported by Nga Hapu o Tupoho. Contact Aunty Julie Ranginui – Roopu Whakahaere.
- ♦ Tourism representatives - Sunny Teki, Dardi Metekingi and Ripeka Green have recommended Nga Hapu o Tupoho endorse Whanganui Maori Tourism Organisation proposal presented by S Teki.
- ♦ DIY Marae development – several have applied and one has been shortlisted.
- ♦ Memorandum of Understanding between Whanganui Iwi and the Department of Justice/Corrections document presented by D Hakaraia, Regional Culture Officer. Hapu to respond at next meeting – supported presentation at Te Runanga Awa Tupua o Whanganui.
- ♦ Waste water management plan – M Karauria presented changes to the plan – need to consult with local Hapu, Putiki Wharanui, then arrange a meeting on site with the Whanganui District Council officers.
- ♦ She also presented (personal) Mother Aubert Garden House proposal at Virginia Lake – clarification required by Tamaupoko and Putiki elders, meeting to be arranged.
- ♦ Claims – ongoing discussion regarding Southern Cluster. Nga Rauru have presented protocol paper “Mata te Rua” about how we communicate and interact with each other. Delegation from Ngati Apa have met with Whanganui to discuss boundaries.
- ♦ Maori Christian Alliance gave a brief but full report about their activities, past and present. For information call Pastor Gavin Brooks.
- ♦ Nominations to Taumata Hauora Trust to represent Whanganui was presented closing date June ending.

There have been community meetings taking place – Whanganui District Council and Tupoho Working Parties.

Wanganui District Council – Whanganui Port Development  
Whanganui Iwi Negotiators with three local authorities – Ruapehu, Stratford and Whanganui including the OTS Internal Affairs.

Overall, things are on the move. Our next meeting is on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2003, Ngati Pamoana at Otukopiri at 10am sharp.



Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority has been providing services to Whanganui, Nga Rauru and Ngati Apa for the last 10 years.

One of the most significant changes in the last year has been Te Waipuna and it's transformation to a Primary Health Care Organisation (PHO).

**What is a PHO?**

A PHO is a group of primary health care providers responsible for the delivery of primary health care to their enrolled populations. So if you are enrolled with Te Waipuna then that means you.

**What does this mean for you?**

Nothing will change or affect your normal visit to the doctor or nurse, we will still provide all the same services as before. What has changed is how the Government funds us to provide these services. They have introduced a new formula that takes account of ethnicity, socio-economic status, age etc.

**What's different about it then?**

The difference is that we can now pass on the benefit of lower reduced fees to all of our clients without suffering financially as an organisation.

Community Services Card holders remain the same, (at a lower price) and for those who don't have a card, you will now pay lower fees (in line with your age group fee).

**What do you have to do to take advantage of these services?**

Make sure, that if you are an existing registered patient, your details are up to date, and you must confirm you wish to be enrolled with Te Waipuna as your preferred PHO.

**Can I be enrolled with two PHO's?**

No. You must enroll with the service you use the most often.

You can choose to use another PHO organisation, however the Ministry of Health like to classify people in categories and when you use the same doctor all the time you are called a regular patient. Regular patients get the most advantages of the benefits provided by PHO. If you chop and change your doctor then you are classified as a casual and are generally charged more for your visits or don't get the same benefits. This is the reason why you should choose one doctors service and stay with it.

**Can I register with Te Waipuna today?**

In July we regretfully have had to close our books (stop new registrations) due to a doctor leaving the service, however we anticipate taking new registrations as soon as a new doctor is employed, so watch this space.

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If you have any questions regarding Te Waipuna Services or wish to update your contact details please call the reception team, on **(06) 34 90037** or drop in and see them at 40 Drews Ave, Whanganui.

For any other enquiries regarding any services provided by Te Oranganui please contact Sheena Maru, Communications Coordinator (06) 34 90007 who can direct you to right person, or place.

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Huapae o Te Matariki  
Hinengakau

Ko enei nga kakahu o Martha Taiaroa Nga Kakahu tino ataahua.  
Nga taonga whakairo, nga kaimahi o Te Toki, no te kura tauira o Uhi  
Taa Raakau ki Hinengakau

**Maata Gallery Exhibition  
Taumarunui  
6 - 13 June 2003**

**KAKAHU:**  
Two pieces made by Martha  
Taiaroa

**WHAKAIRO:**  
These pieces of Whakairo  
were carved by Tauira at  
Uhi Taa Rakau ki  
Hinengakau

**TAUMARUNUI** - in The middle of  
everywhere, people from near  
and far packed into the Memorial  
Hall on Friday 6 June 2003 for  
**Huapae o Matariki**. This event  
was opened by Archie Taiaroa  
and hosted Film and Television  
Star Temuera Morrison as MC  
for the evening.

**Huapae o Matariki.**

A unique fashion show exhibiting contemporary and  
traditional flax work in honour of our Tupuna before us  
and as gifts for the next generations.

**UHI TAA RAAKAU** carving school was highlighted by  
being fully involved for that night by displaying their  
Whakairo. Their Whakairo was then held at  
Taumarunui's local Art Gallery for a week long exhibition.  
This is the second exhibition "Uhi Taa Rakau" has held,  
profiling past and present Tauira work completed at the  
Kura.

