CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tena tatau katua i nga ra o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou. Ko te tumanako ia ka tau mai nga manaakitanga tokomaha rawa atu a te Runaga Rawa ki tena, ki tena o tatou. Ki o tatau tini atua, ko nga roimata me nga moteteca o te ngakau e tihaeheeta nei e te mamaea e mutunga kore. E nga mate haere. E nga morehu o ratou ki muri nei, tena koutou, tena hoki tatau katua.

This is the last Nati Link for the year and I trust it will provide more information about the work of the Runanga. What is pleasing is the 1997/98 Auditor's report, which confirms the Runanga's accountability to the people.

The Year 2000 is fast approaching and this time next year, we will all be celebrating the occasion. For us as an iwi, our focus will be two-fold — on Mt Hikurangi and on the various whanau activities in each rohe. We will celebrate our 1000-plus years survival in this land and more importantly, the survival of our tikanga over the centuries.

It would be great for our people to be home for these celebrations. Na reira nau mai, haere mai ki te wa kia ngakau.

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TE RUNANGA

Receiving another clean bill of health from Auditors Debittes Tohmatsu tops off a year of achievements for Te Runanga o Ngati Porou. The Runanga's 1997/98 Annual Report is now available for perusal.

Runanga CEO Amohaeke Houkamau said there were a number of highlights for the year including the Runanga's 10th Anniversary hakari at Porourangi Marae. The completion of the Runanga's Review was another highlight, she said, with over 800 Nati's participating in the 48 consultation hui held throughout the country.

Her most vivid memory for the year, was the lesson in tikanga Api Mahuika and other Ngati Porou witnesses, gave in the Auckland High Court in April of this year, to assert our definition of 'iwi.'

"This expression of our commitment to retaining our cultural integrity and tikanga has been the theme that has underpinned all the work the Runanga has done over the past 12 months."

The major challenge for the Runanga this year has been the management of its financial resources.

"Balancing Ngati Porou's cultural, economic, political and social programmes within an environment of fiscal constraints where hapu and iwi have expectations and the Runanga has finite resources has been difficult. Despite that the Runanga managed to distribute its profits to whanau and hapu," said Amo.

Over $62,760 was granted for Education, Hapu and Taura Here Development, Ngati Porouwha and Puritia Whakaraup. A further $78,522 was distributed to hapu groups to run their own Social Services programmes. So a total of $141,222 was paid out to Ngati Porou for development programmes - and a profit of $17,647 was still achieved:

"All that has been achieved in the past year is a testament to the effort and commitment of Ngati Porou to manaaki i to tatou taonga. Te Runanga o Ngati Porou," said Amo.

Copies of the Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Annual Report for 1997/98 can be acquired from the Rautia Office or Porou Ariki or by phoning (06) 8648121 or (06) 8679962.

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The Ngati Porou Festival at Whangara this year was a great success. I thank our kih and kin at Whangara for a wonderful festival... heia Hone. Derek koutou ka rua nga mihi. The next Festival is in Te Ataanga a Hauhau and I am sure it will be a success.

Another school year is drawing to an end and Ngati Porou throughout the country are sitting exams. We wish you every success. Your success is our success, and your achievements in education will lead us positively into the future.

I wish to thank all the Runanga staff for their tremendous work they have done, without which the Runanga would not have achieved its goals for the year. To all the Trustees - thank you also for your support for the last twelve months.

Congratulations to Bill Burdett and Atarita Poonananga for being elected to the Gisborne District Council. I am sure their presence on the Council will be of great benefit to Ngati Porou.

To my long time friend, whanauanga and colleague Hopa Keelan, congratulation on your ordination to the Ministry - it has been long overdue. Kei te mihi atu ki a koe e te hoa.

I would like to pay tribute to another Nati, Tyrone Chaffey, who is the Maori Liaison Officer for the Police. Tyrone is doing a great job involving our people and being involved with our people. Kia ora Tyrone.

The East Coast Rugby Team deserves a mention also. They did us proud this year despite a handful of them being sidelined for choosing to play for Nati’s and not Poverty Bay where they were domiciled. Let’s hope we move in to 1999 to play good rugby, and not politics.

A special mention to Erana Reddy for making Nati Link the newsletter every Nati looks forward to. We have so many talented young people and they are coming to the fore as never before.

Finally to everyone - a Merry Christmas, a happy and prosperous New Year to you all. Ma te Atua tatau kapa e manaaki e hai!

A T Mahuka,
Chairman.

WHAKAPA WHUTUPAORO MO NGA TAMARIKI O NGATI POROU

Kura whakaturia he whakataetia whakapa whutuparo mo nga tamariki kei roto o Ngati Porou. I puta mai te whakaaro mo tenei tu ahua, i runga i te kore he whananga takaro mo a tatou tamariki o roto i nga maraunga o te rau mati. Ko tonu pai, he kaia te kaute o nga kura kua whakarata ki tenei whakaaro, mai i Whakaangi i te raki, ki Te Puia, i te tongo. I tenei wa, kua toru nga wiki tenei whakataetia e haere ana. Ara ano tetahi paininga, kia tino tauato whanuitia e nga matua o nga tamariki kia kite hoki ratou i a ratou tamariki e takaro ana, e harikoa ana, e hono ana ki o ratou whanaunga puta noa i Ngati Porou.

Kia maumahara nga tima, eharo te whakataetia i te mea nau. Ko te mea ke, kei te pakehi ratou i o ratou tinana, hinengaro me o ratou wairua hoki. Ko tuku kupu whakamutu, he mihia aroha ki a Gerry Heeney, me te Kura Kaupapa Moari o Te Wai o Ngati Porou, mo o ratou taukoto whakahere e i te kaupapa nei. Tena koutou.

Meet Te Runanga o Ngati Porou’s two Counsellors, Linda Gibson and Moki Raroa. Last year Linda and Moki provided specialist advice and support to over 1000 Nati’s and more than 30 whanau. Unfortunately Linda is leaving the Runanga at the end of this year. We抎 like to pay tribute to Linda for all the hard work and her ongoing commitment to the kaupapa of the Runanga. Kia ora e te hoa and all the best for the future!

HINEREPE MARAE RE-BUILDING PROJECT

Work has begun to re-build Hinerepe Marae, which burnt down in 1995. Fundraising for the project included the "Out of the Ashes" concert and money-raising projects initiated by whanau throughout the country. Tena taua ahokotu kia kahoe. This photo is of whanau takaingi tauahi kowhai for the project.
KEEPING NGATI POROU INJURY FREE

Nearly 100 Ngati Porou now have drivers licences thanks to the Te Runanga o Ngati Porou Community Injury Prevention Team and East Coast Police. The Injury Prevention Team comprising Jacqui Rangiwi, Fay Pohatu, Aroha Hamilton and led by Aroha Rangihuna, has had a busy year co-ordinating five marae-based Driver Licencing Programmes among other activities.

"We’ve had a 100% pass rate for most of those programmes. By acquiring drivers licences, the employment opportunities for our participants improves. We’ve had six people report back that they’ve secured jobs through getting their licence. We cater for those who have reading and writing difficulties so that everyone has a chance of passing," said Aroha.

Tuhimata Farm Manager George McClutchie who got his heavy trade and trailer licence has nothing but praise for the CIPP Team.

"They did a good job. It was a great atmosphere and that made it easier to understand," said George.

Aroha Rangihuna believes because participants are now more confident, their level of driving improves significantly. Improving the way Ngati Porou people drive is another objective of the Injury Prevention Team. Aroha is seeking resources to co-ordinate Defensive Driving Programmes in the region, in conjunction with Ruatoria Police.

"We’ve established a child car seat hireage facility at the Runanga, so that parents can hire seats off us at minimal cost. We’ve run car safety belt and child restraint checks with the Police and we have the second highest rate of awareness regarding the use of car restraints, in the country. So congratulations to all those safe Ngati Porou drivers out there. I can’t praise enough, the support shown by our local Police for all our programmes. I enjoy my job because I have the opportunity to work in the community doing something useful, which is reactive to their needs," she said.

Jacqui Rangiwi has been seconded to Manutahi School to establish a Tu Tangata Programme in the school aimed at developing programmes to support children, in response to a request from the Manutahi Board of Trustees. Supporting youth is a priority for the new year. They will network more closely with the Runanga’s other Whanau Development workers on Drug and Alcohol Awareness programmes and Family Violence Programmes.

"A good support programme for our youth is urgently needed. As long as our focus is gentle and positive, we go a long way to making Ngati Porou injury free," Aroha.

PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS

The chance to work with babies and their parents is a ‘dream job’ according to Parents as First Teachers Parent Educator Flo McClutchie. The programme focuses on working with mums and dads, to understand child growth and development, to share parenting skills and to maintain positive interaction between them and their child.

PAFT started in February 1998 and Flo already has 24 whānau from Ruatoria, Hicks Bay, Waipiro Bay, Tokomaru Bay and Tikapa registered on the programme. The eldest of sixteen children, a mother and nanny, Flo has many skills to share with young parents.

"I love it. I love spending time with the mums and dads and the little ones. We go through the weekly checklist in my Bible (the PAFT Guidelines). Then we have a chat about how the baby is doing. My role is to give advice when it’s needed and provide support," said Flo.

PAFT is funded by the Early Childhood Development Unit and administered by Te Runanga o Ngati Porou. It provides an invaluable service similar to that previously offered by the Public Health Unit and Plunket. Remember the days when the Public Health Nurse or Plunket Nurse made weekly visits to Mum and baby following discharge from the maternity to weigh baby and give helpful hints on feeding, care and the like? Well that doesn’t happen any more.

Second-time mum Marama Beach believes first-time mothers must struggle without that necessary support. Her son David has been on the programme since the beginning of the year.

"It’s been a good refresher course for us. I like to check that David is doing what he should for his age and I think that I’m a bit better at things second time around," said Marama.

Not all second time mums find it easy. Flo has been working with a young mother who has a three-month old baby and a boisterous two-year-old.

"I’ve shown her activities she can do with her toddler. Another thing is showing them how to use stuff lying around the house to make toys, rather than buying them. I’ve had many experiences in my life, and I love to pass them on. I like to think of myself as being another nanny for all 24 of those babies," said Flo.
NGA KAIMahi

Family Man with A Passion for Computers

He's one of the few men currently working for Te Runanga o Ngati Porou. Monty Manuel started work with the Runanga as a holiday job while at Massey University. Seven years later he's still hanging in there, as a key member the Corporate Services team responsible for provision of financial information, human resource issues, computer system maintenance, building maintenance and security and insurance. Quite a workload, but Monty's got big shoulders, as any man who’s been tackled by him on the rugby field can confirm. He manages to balance work responsibilities, but is prone to ‘dropping tools’ to help fellow work mates with their computers.

"If a computer is down, an employee is down, so I will drop my own work to get the computer up and running. I find computers fascinating".

Helping others is part of his nature. That probably comes from being raised with four other cousins, by his nanny Tawai Moana, in Rangitukia. Monty's parents are Horiana Moana, daughter of Sam and Tawai Moana, and the late Tatai Manuel, son of Jack and Margaret Manuel Lima. At the age of five he went to live with his nanny. His hapu include Te Whanau a Takimoana and Ngai Tane, and his marae are Ohinemaui, Hinerepare and Rahui.

Monty and his partner Leeanne Morice have two daughters Ryan and Taylor and two sons, David and Kahula Ward, who they whangai. So it's not surprising that Monty loves spending time with the whanau.

"I enjoy doing anything with my family. Having barbecues, campouts and family 'get-togethers' - just enjoying each other's company"

Monty enjoys a range of sports, but rugby is his passion. "I love rugby, from being on the rugby field, to watching from the sideline or on TV. I like to watch and participate in any sport. I'll try anything once!"

NGA KAITIEKI

She has spent a lifetime devoted to educating others to take pride in who they are, and take responsibility for their own learning. Hana Tukutino is an amazing woman. She has travelled the world working with indigenous people of underdeveloped countries. And closer to home, she’s been an essential ingredient in the development of the Te Atanga Haui Oranga Whanau Trust. Being Trustee for Rohe 3, is just one of many other responsibilities she manages in her very busy life.

Hana Tukutino was born the eldest daughter of Hokimate Rangiua of Te Atanga a Haui and Hania Poito of Wharekahika, Tuhapoto, Mangaru and Waipiro. She spent her primary school years in Tolaga Bay before being shipped off to Te Waiapu Girls College in South Island in 1957. At eighteen, she went on to Ardmore Teachers College in Auckland, completing a Teaching Diploma and Bachelor of Education. She met and married Wally Tukutino in Auckland. Wally had taken a position at Maori Affairs. She and Wally settled in Hillsborough and became involved in Play Centre.

"We incorporated reo Maori into the lessons and were accused of being separatist and racist. All we did was teach our children using our reo."

Hana joined the Aborigine Family Education Centre Programme, a Play Centre initiated project, to work with Australian Aboriginal whanau to promote the concept of Play Centre. Many Maori women were working in Play Centre at the time.

"We spent nearly six months in Australia with Aboriginal whanau. The focus was on showing them ways of teaching by using examples of their own culture and tikanga and developing programmes," she said.

The APEC Workers, went on to work with Pānui whanau, using the same concepts. Following her family's move from Auckland to Hamilton, Hana continued work in education, before joining the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) which is an Advisory Committee to the Commonwealth. NGO works with underdeveloped countries to help people be responsible for their learning.

By the late eighties the urge to come home to Ngati Porou became stronger. When the Tolaga Bay Motels came up for sale, it was too good to refuse.

"We bought the motel which is built on land owned by my whanau, but was lost many years ago because of rates arrears and the Public Works Act. Living at home has been the happiest time of our lives. We have twenty three mokopuna and are still having a lot of wonderful learning experiences."

Hana is still involved in Te Kioiwhana whanau which provides relationship services and counselling modules. Work with Te Atanga a Haui Oranga Whanau Trust also keeps her busy.

"My hope is we become responsible for our own employment initiatives. I want us to be economically sound - with more international exposure, that we push our horizons out into the international scene. We can do it!"

Monty, Leeanne and the whanau after a day at the beach.
"Te ataahua te miharo kua tae mai te iwi ki te whakanui tatou i a tatou. Kare hoki he kaupapa i tua atu i te hui nei. Ko te mea ko te whakawhanaungatanga, huri noa i te rohe nei, i te motu te mea tino pai rawa atu ki a au nei." Victor Walker.

"It’s absolutely magnificent. You are just here, you are inflamed by your Porourangitanga and meeting people all of the same whakapapa, the same mind - enjoyment – yeah I love it." Asi Manuika.

"Te mutunga mai o te ataahua te kite i te pukaha o te Nati i konei e harakoa ana i nga maahi, e puhake ana i nga whakairo ataianua mo te nohotahitanga a nga taina me nga tuakana i raro i te whakaaro kotahi. Kei konei nga mokopuna, taitamariki, o ratou matua, o ratou tipuna e whakato ana i tautakano, he aha tena mea te Ngati Porou, kei konei e ariki hane nei i roto i te parekereke o te korero i te putahitanga o te tangata o Ngati Porou." Selwyn Farewa.

"It’s good to come to something where you can see people, meet everybody and it’s not a tangihanga." Maude Taurua.

"He hui tino miharo tenei ki a au. Ko nga tamariki kei konei, nga rangatahi kei konei kua mohio ratou, ko wai ratou." Tilly Reedy.

"Excellent - it’s better than the Aotearoa Festival. It’s absolutely tuake. The people are really friendly, supportive and it’s a real whanau atmosphere. The people of Whangara of Ngati Porou are just brilliant. Nga mhi nei ki a koutou katoa." Member of Porou Koa ki Otautahi.

"Mai te tīmatanga tae noa mai ki tenei te ra whakamutunga - pāhoki. Kua noho tahi, kua katakata tahi kei te ora rawa atu tatou o Ngati Porou." Derek Lardelli.

"I think it’s a wonderful occasion where we all get together for something really positive and everybody is happy. Seeing the energy here – really makes you proud to be Ngati Porou." Porou Koa ki Otautahi.
"Seeing something like this happen in Whangara has been choice. Good that a little community like Whangara can host an event like this. It's my first time at the Festival and I think wow! I've banged in to people I haven't seen for years and I've been asking where the next one is going to be." Sharene Gordon.

"Fa nga hui penei ka haramai tatou ki te whakaNgati Porou tatou i a faka motu te mea nui, te whakakotahitanga o te whanau whanui. Tene na mea i tua atu i tena. Hine te aia ki te aahua o nga ropu kaita. Dame e taia te whakangaia i te ropu kotahi, he anaia nga aha kaita. Ko te MC o te hui, ko Shane Nikora.

"Tene rawe rawa atu tenei hui - he whakawhangaanga i a tatou ka-moe, a Ngati Porou." Kepa Eniera.

"Ko mutu te aahua." Ha Ngat Porou te kore i te whaka ara.

―Te Hui Taurima o Ngati Porou 1998―

Ki a au nei tino tumekite! Kua haramai ki te marae o Whangara-mai-Tawhiti i runga tonu i enei ahuatanga. Kei te huri whakamuri nga whakaaro ki nga hui nuni kua tu ki runga i Whangara nei e pa ana ki nga hui tau, engari kua tae mai ki tenei wa, ka pai te kiti atu o tatou kuia, koroa, me a tatou tamaki mokopuna i runga i te marae — a e tino pai. "Toko Te Kati".

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tena tatou Ngati Porou, o tona nga uri o Porourangia. Tena tatou i a tanihia te pokaha e hinga mai nei e hinga atu, a no rei ko i tua ma te whetukinga hoaere, haere, haere, haere. Tatu nga kahurura, tena tatou katoa. The release of our Annual Report and Audited Accounts for 1997/98 marks the end of a very successful year for the Runanga. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the Staff of the Runanga for their commendable effort and resolve commitment given to Ngati Porou and the Runanga. I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate our longest serving staff members, Erin Harewa and Yvonne Williams who have worked for our organisation for the past eleven years. Tena kora. I wish to also pay tribute to the whanau of our staff for all their support and patience, as each and everyone of us pushed the boundaries by encoreing on precious whanau time. To the Runanga Trustees that have supported the kaupapa of the Runanga and the staff, tena koutou. To Ngati Porou e hika ma, tena tatou katoa koutou ma o Foutou whakai, taatoko hoki mo tenei tangaia a tatou — Te Runanga o Ngati Porou.

Ko Hikurangi te Maunga

KO WAIAPU TE AWA

KO NGATI POROU TE IWIO

EDITOR'S NOTE

Have you got a New Year's resolution? Every year I resolve to lose weight, but this year, I think I might try something achievable. I resolve to be positive about being Ngati Porou. As the Editor of Nati Link, that's easy enough to achieve, because being positive about being Ngati Porou is what Nati Link is all about. Nati Link gives an insight in to what Nati's are doing, how they feel about different issues, what's being achieved in the areas of culture, sport, education and the like. I think we've done pretty well this year and the New Year, means more of the same. Nati Link is sure to evolve and improve in 1999. My being positive about being Ngati Porou resolution means celebrating in other Nati's achievements, finding and administering the antidote for "faint poppy syndrome" judging kaupapa on potential rather than on the person promoting it. It's about celebrating our whanagatanga and everything that makes us who we are. I love it. I love being Nati.

I hope you have a great time with your whanau over the festive season and may the New year bring you good health and success.
## Funding Options for Marae

Are you hohia with running shop days and raffles just to keep the marae maintained for the next hui or function? The following article on funding options for marae is Nati Link’s Christmas pressie for all those who keep our marae ‘alive’. Tene koutou katoa!

### Lottery Welfare

**Projects Eligible for Funding:** Purchase of crockery, cooking utensils, mattresses, linen, carpet, tables and forms.

**Funding Criteria:** A maximum grant of $5000 for equipment purchases is available. You need to demonstrate the marae is the focal point for whanau, hapu, iwi and community activities (which all marae are!). All Lottery applications require proof of legal status. The Moari Land Court has copies of the Marae Trust Deed which certifies the status of marae. Once a copy of the Trust Deed is acquired and provided to Lotteries, the committee can ask to have that Deed placed on file, so that it can be referred to for all future applications. The committee must have good financial management practises, and have accounts audited regularly.

**Note:** Only one Ngati Porou marae applied for funding from Lottery Welfare this year. This is a straight out grant. Apply!

For more information, application forms or assistance to fill in application forms: Contact Lottery Funding Advisor, Auddine Grace-Kutia at (06) 868127 or (025) 2494167.

### Lottery Marae Heritage and Facilities

**Projects Eligible for Funding:** The conservation and development includes renovation, repairs, construction of new or current facility or building of Wharenui, wharekai, wharekau and whare Mangaia. Includes the conservation of wharekara, urupa, pataka. If you are renovating your wharenui for example, and need to buy new heaters for the wharenui, you can cost that in to your application. Purchasing a piece of land to extend the marae complex, is fundable. If you need to spruce up the marae memorial plaque, that’s fundable. And if it’s covered paepae for the marae it’s required. This fund is the one for yu!

**Funding Criteria:** Applicants must contribute one-third of the total cost of the project. That can include cash in hand, grants you may have received from other sources including other Lottery committees or work done in the last two years. Only one application per marae per project per year will be accepted. If the project is to build a new wharekai, and an application is made one year for phase one, which is to erect the wharekai shell and kitchen facility, the following year a further application can be made for phase two, which might be to line the wharekai.

If you think you meet the above funding criteria, contact: Funding Advisor Auddine Grace-Kutia for more details.

For more details: Contact Elizabeth Kereru on 0800 824824.

### Creative NZ – Creative Communities

**Projects Eligible for Funding:** Anything that stimulates local art activity like a wananga on, for example, raranga – your project might be to weave a new set of whariki for the wharenui; seminars, performances, events like cultural festivals; half the cost of equipment purchases.

**Funding criteria:** As long as the project leads to greater interest and participation in the arts it qualifies. Projects won’t be funded if they have already been completed. Applicants must be able to contribute half the cost of the project.

For more information and an application form: Contact Ali Matthews at the GDC on (06) 8672049 ext. 8659.

### Hillary Commission – Community Sports Fund

This fund is for developing junior sport and physical activity.

**Projects Eligible for Funding:** Coaching or volunteer training like costs of organising a marae aerobics training programme. Includes travel, accommodation, tutors fees and venue hire.

Includes projects to increase the number of people taking part in sport eg, promoting the development of a marae fitness programme.

**Funding Criteria:** Details of the project, budget and a current statement of income and expenditure from the marae is required. Projects won’t be funded if they have already been completed. Must be able to contribute half the cost.

For more information and an application form: Contact Ali Matthews at the GDC on (06) 8672049 ext. 8659.

### Lottery Environment and Heritage

**Projects Eligible for Funding:** Conservation and restoration of historic buildings like Wharenui including cost of commissioning Conservation Report. Conserving cultural property like paintings and orographis is eligible. Native planting projects qualify as does the cost of collecting historical information on whanau tapu or other oral history research. Historical Research and Publications projects qualify.

**Funding Criteria:** Applicants must contribute one-third of the total cost of the project. Conservation Reports must be provided by a conservation expert recommended by either the NZ Historic Places Trust or the NZ Professional Conservators Group. Letters of support for the project and a set of audited accounts are required.

**Note:** If the wharenui on your marae are starting to crack, the paint peel apply to Lottery Environment and Heritage to get them restored!
MARAE REPORT

Carvings fixed and new paint job for Rongomaianiwaniwa
Volunteer workers Coby Tangare, Anzac Koia and Hine Poi are still making final touches to the paintings on the poupo in Rongomaianiwaniwa wharenui at Rahui Marae in Tikitiki. The renovation project started over six months ago and included restoring the carvings on the mahi, amo, koru and pane and removing rotten panels on the porch of the whare. Originally carved in the 1890's by Hone Ngatoto, Rongomaianiwaniwa looks majestic, with the carvings restored to their former glory. Rahui Marae Secretary, Ginny Dawn Reedy, is pleased with the progress.

"It's gone okay. Cost wise it's been a strain and there is so much we need to do on the rest of the complex, but it's looking really good," said Ginny Dawn.

Rahui Marae Conservator Dean Whiting did a Conservation Report on Rongomaianiwaniwa in 1996 where it was noted that significant work on the carvings and painted surfaces was needed. A $23,000 grant from Lottery Environment and Heritage enabled the much needed work to be done. For Coby Tangare, working on this project has helped to keep him busy.

"We originally came to help out Dean Whiting and ended up doing most of the work. We've painted the outside of the whare. It's something to do to help out I suppose," said Coby.

If you affiliate to Rahui Marae and would like to make a donation toward future marae projects you can send your whakaaro to: Ginny Dawn Reedy, P O Box 7, TIKITIKI.

FARM CADET SCHEME ADDS VALUE TO FARMING

A pilot project aimed at providing practical and theoretical training in agriculture and farm business management. In January 1996 Alan Bateman, Regan Poi, Chris Moana, Thomas Logan, Mervyn Kunarangi, Paul Rowe, John Nicholson and Aaron King joined the East Coast Farm Cadet Scheme to learn about farming and to work towards earning the National Certificate in Farming. The scheme is a result of a joint venture between a range of organisations including Work and Income NZ (previously known as NZ Employment Service), Ag Industry Training Organisation (Ag ITO) and Agriculture NZ, and Ngati Porou based farms. The scheme enabled Whitiwhiti Station, Pakahau Station, Narokiti Farm Partnership, Makatini Station, Waimatari Station and Waitokorok Station to become training providers, with the view of providing a trainee with full-time employment at the conclusion of the course. For Ag ITO's Training Advisor Peter Brown, the scheme is a success.

"The trainees have done exceptionally well to date. Usually funding is only made available for 12 months. In this case the course is running for two and a half years," said Peter.

Agriculture New Zealand Consultant and Trainer Lance Richard said the skills of the students had improved and the scheme had sharpened up some of the farmers.

"The cadets are focussed and while agriculture is seen as having limited employment potential, Ngati Porou should get behind agriculture and look to lifting the skills base we have. There is an untapped potential and these fellows are an example of that," said Lance.

The event was sponsored by Wrightsons, Hikurangi Farms, ACC, Ag ITO and Work and Income NZ.

Forty-year-old Alan Bateman who is working at Whitiwhiti Station, said the course provides a range of opportunities for him.

"I've been on farms all my life. Starting d Photo Tikitiki. 900 started when I was eight years old, worked in the Freezing Works, did some mutton with Mepple and now the course. It's been good. I'm thinking of getting in to tutoring and doing a Farm Manager's Course through Whitiwhiti when this one finishes," he said.

Alan won the Motobike Handling Award and was the Overall Winner for the Skills Training Day. John Nicholson of Waitokorok Station won the Fencing Award for his innovation and confidence. The Dog Handling Award went to Waitokorok Station's Aaron King. Pakahau Station's Regan Poi took the award for tractor handling. Narokiti Partnership's Mervyn Kunarangi won the Trimming Award, and buddy Chris Moana the Livestock Award. Paul Rowe from Natihiti Station won the overall Safety Award which has been a major focus in their training. He also won the award for the safe use of Chemicals. Thomas Logan, now based in Matavai, won the prize for Weed and Plant Identification.

The Farm Cadet Training Pilot Scheme winds up in the year 2000.
NGATI POROU SCHOOL ACHIEVERS

Hard Work pays off for the Rerekohu 'YES' Team

Staying in a ‘flash hotel’ and flying to Auckland to the National
Maori Businessman’s Conference are some of the perks five enter-
prising students from Te Waha o Rerekohu Area School savoured,
after finishing as one of the top seven teams, in the 1995 Young
Rerekohu Sixth Former Awhina White, 5th Former Rachel Wahi and
4th Former Marara Katipa, Charlene Campbell and Eva Hooper en-
tered the competition in February this year. The challenge – to
develop and run a business. They chose to resurrect the school’s
Tuck Shop that burned down three years ago and was not re-
opened as it was deemed unprofitable. Guided by Acting Principal,
Richard Katipa, and mentor, Runanga Economic Development Man-
ger Arnold Reedy, the team developed a Business Plan, conducted
a Feasibility Study, created and implemented a Marketing Strategy
and produced a Prospectus.

“They invited shareholders to invest and ended up being inundated
with offers. They opened for business in Term 2, running the shop
four days a week during interval and lunch time. It was a profitable
enterprise with investors receiving a 43% return on their invest-
ment,” said Richard.

Managing Director Awhina White said it was a great learning experience.

“We had to be committed. We had to be there early in the morning
to get things ready and then we had to sacrifice our intervals and
lunch hours to work. It was a challenge for us all,” she said.

All the hard work paid off. They were flown to Wellington to attend
the National Prizegiving dinner officiated by the Governor General.
They came home with the Telstra Award for Commitment and a
cheque for $2,000. Not bad for Te Araroa aye?

“We were the only Mori group to make it in the top seven. When
the girls received their prize we all got up and sung Paika. We
flew the flag. The team was then invited to attend the Mori Business-
man’s Conference in Auckland, all expenses paid by the Poutama Trust. The whole experience was certainly worth it,” said
Richard Katipa.

The highlight for Awhina White was being offered a Management
position by Fletcher Challenge at the prizegiving!

“We learnt that success takes sacrifice – but it pays off in the long
run.”

Tolaga Bay Teenage Talent Recognised

Te Atanga a Hauti are breeding their own kind of ‘Michael Jordan’
and ‘Coby Bryant’. Ask fifteen-year old basketball protege Warren
Puha from Tolaga Bay Area School. According to Warren basketball
is the main sport in Tolaga Bay and he loves it and to make his
year, he was recently picked to play in the NZ Area Schools Basket-
ball Team. For Warren it was an accomplishment to make it to the
Central North Island Areas Teams, which encompasses 16
Area Schools. But he was chosen for the national team that is
made up of children from 25 Area Schools, and that’s something
everyone in Tolaga Bay is proud of.

“The whanau thought it was pretty cool. They want me to go hard
because there could be a future in the game for me,” he said.

Warren is enthusiastic about the future too. He’s off to Church Col-
lege next year, looking forward to honing his skills and following
in the footsteps of another Tolaga Bay basketballer, Rikki Crawford.
Warren dabbled in rugby this year, making the East Coast Under
16’s team, but basketball remains his passion.

“The trick to basketball, is making the ball an extension of your
body. It’s cool,” he said.

Fellow student seventeen-year old Boyd Atkins, also from Te Ai-
tanga a Hauti, thinks volleyball is cool too. Boyd started playing to
keep fit, but he and national Area School Basketball Selectors dis-
covered he has a real talent for the game. Boyd was recently sele-
ceted for the NZ Area Schools Volleyball Team. He’s the ‘setter’ in
the team. That’s the person who sets up the ‘spike’, which is when
the ball is slammed to the opposition. Making the national team
was a bit of a shock for him, and more so for his family.

“They didn’t believe me until they saw my picture in the newspa-
per. They are rapt,” said Boyd.

Boyd comes from a whanau of cowboys familiar to the national
rodeo circuit. Boyd himself has a penchant for rodeo and trav-
elled the North Island Circuit this year competing in the second
division.

“I love rodeo too. The riders are the Churchees from Rotorua,
but the cowboys have a style of their own,” said Boyd.
Let's Go Fishing

Debate and litigation over the allocation of assets held and administered by Te Ohu Kaimoana for Maori has saturated the media. But how many of us really understand the issues and the impact allocation will have on Ngati Porou whanau and hapu? We take an in-depth look at the Te Ohu Kaimoana Fisheries Allocation, with Economic Development Manager Arnold Reedy.

Nati Link: What assets does Te Ohu Kaimoana hold currently?
Arnold: Te Ohu Kai Moana holds two sets of assets. The Pre-Settlement Assets (PRESA) are the assets settled following the introduction of the Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Act 1992 and they include 61,000 tonnes of quota worth about $250 million, 68% ownership in Moana Pacific Fisheries Ltd and approximately $50 million in cash. The Post Settlement Assets (POSA) includes a 50% shareholding in Sealords Ltd, shareholdings in 20% of all new fish species introduced into the Quota Management System since 1992. The POSA assets are worth about $200 million.

Nati Link: That's a huge asset base - no wonder there's been debate over the allocation formula. How does Ngati Porou sit in terms of allocation?
Arnold: We have 220 kilometres of coastline and over 56,000 people affiliating to our iwi. Using these statistics as a baseline, the value of PRESA we can expect is between $10 million and $35 million.

Nati Link: Haven't Te Ohu Kai Moana developed an allocation formula already?
Arnold: Yes they have and their model proposes that all inshore quota is allocated on a Manawhenua, Mana Moana basis. For deep sea quota 50% will be allocated on Manawhenua, Mana Moana basis, the other 50% on Population. Shares in companies will be allocated based on tonnage of quota received. Cash is to be allocated on a Population basis and $10 million is to be set aside for a Development Putea Fund.

Nati Link: So what's our share in the PRESA look like?
Arnold: We should get 3,200 tonnes of fish, have a 3% shareholding in Moana Pacific Fisheries and approximately $4 million in cash.

Ngati Porou need to consider all possible options, weigh up the advantages and disadvantages and then decide on the most appropriate structure.

Nati Link: What other issues do we need to consider?
Arnold: Firstly who our representatives on this organisation will be and how we ensure all descendants of nga haupu Ngati Porou mai i Potokirua ki Te Toka a Taiarau are represented. How and who will manage these assets as a commercial venture on our behalf is another. Another issue is how we ensure all our people receive benefit in some way. Then we need to work out how much we distribute and how much we save.

Nati Link: So can you see Ngati Porou getting into fishing in a big way using the quota we receive from allocation?
Arnold: No. Although 3,200 tonnes of quota may sound like a lot of fish, it's fish of different species and commercial viability limits the number of people who can actually get involved in fishing. We may only have enough quota to keep four cray fishing boats, two inshore fishing boats and one deep sea trawler on the sea.

Nati Link: Are you going to be having hui with Ngati Porou to talk about these issues?
Arnold: Definitely. We hope to start them this year when our relations come home for the holidays. These are issues that Ngati Porou need to start talking about and debating, so the Runanga is...
GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING

Clustering schools and Boards of Trustees are two options to be explored in phase two of the Whaia te Iti Kahurangi – Strengthening East Coast Schools Project, to restore quality education in Ngati Porou. Gardiner and Parata Ltd have been contracted to implement phase two of the project, based on the Development Framework completed in September.

Gardiner and Parata Ltd Director Heka Parata said maintaining community involvement was crucial in this phase.

“We will work with Boards to look at their strengths and weaknesses and explore sensible ways for them to cluster. There is no preconception as to what form that might be. It will be flexible enoung to take advantage of economies of scale,” said Heka.

Heka said there were numerous benefits in clustering, including the opportunity to identify people with particular skills required for a Board, with support networks. Clustering would enable schools to attract highly skilled teachers. Maori language resource banks could be established so that Kura Kaupapa Maori kaiako and teachers of Maori language can share resources. Another potential benefit is sharing curriculum expertise. The idea of running block courses on curriculum subjects like a four-week Maths Camp can be explored.

“The biggest benefit is that children become the focus. Educational outcomes are improved because we’ve got a wider hub of community focussed on the outcomes,” she said.

Ministry of Education CEO Howard Fancy acknowledged there would be different solutions for each school community. He reiterated the government’s commitment to working with communities and strengthening those partnerships.

“There is a positive attitude toward change. People are looking for new ideas and want to make it happen. The opportunity is there to be the leading example of innovative approaches to education and ways to use resources. We should see it come through in the educational achievement of the children,” said Mr Fancy.

Those sentiments were supported by Minister of Maori Affairs and Associate Minister of Education, Hon. Tau Henare at a hui held at Hauiti Marae in November, where the government made it’s formal response to the Strategic Development Framework.

“The good thing about this is that the Coast people have jumped on board. It’s what has to happen, but it can only happen with the buy-in of community, of iwi, of parents,” Mr Henare said.

The Kura Kaupapa Maori waka has already embarked on it’s journey to retaining Ngati Porouanga, said Waipiro KKM Board Chairperson, Alice Rangiwhaia-Cheeseman, who attended a hui initiated by Te Wai o Ngati Porou KKM to look at the concept of one Principal to handle administration and providing quality education to our tamaki.

“Ngati Porou Kura Kaupapa are really focussed on driving quality education our tamaki are entitled to. Our community is really excited about what’s happening,” she said.

Hei ta Koro Dewes, he nui nga hua kei roto i tenei kaupapa.

“Kokiri ana au ki roto i ta matou komiti, kaua e whaiti mai i nga whakaaro ki nga tamaki paku paku anake, pehere hoki nga matua tae noa mai ki nga mea pakeke. Koina nga mea hei whakauru mai i roto i te hikoi whakamua nei.”

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou CEO Amo Houkamau is looking forward to the next stage.

“The Runanga is committed to the partnership it has developed with the Ministry of Education and to implementing the strategies identified in the Strategic Plan for strengthening our schools. We need to maintain a steady, progressive momentum. The Whaia te Iki Kahurangi project contributed to a regained confidence and to maintain this positive outlook, we need to produce tangible results. Once you get Ngati Porou feeling progressive, there’s no stopping us!”
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**Te Runanga o Ngati Porou 1999 C2000 Ngati Porou Inter-Marae Sports Challenge Saturday 2 January 1999 Programme**

- 9am: Manager’s Meeting and Registrations
- 9.30am: Whakatūa and Parade
- 10am: Touch and Tennis competition starts
- 11am: Kiwi Sports
- 12pm: Swimming
- 2pm: Line Dancing
- 4pm: Touch Final
- 4.30pm: Prize giving

Remember **PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY** in this challenge - the more participants the more points!

- First Prize: $2000
- Second Prize: $1000

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**TE RUNANGA O NGATI POROU – CALENDARS**

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