



KAWERONGO

TE MANA O NGĀTI RANGITIHI TRUST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Our Organisation

The Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Board of Trustees have committed to the setting up of the Trust as a sustainable organisation which will stand the test of time and develop both the resources which we currently hold and those that will come to us in the future in a manner that will benefit the people of Ngāti Rangitahi.

The Board believes that it is essential to invest in a high quality operating platform, one which can stand the test of time and one that also ensures Ngāti Rangitahi can deliver their own social, cultural and economic programs, rather than having to continue to depend on a whole range of external agencies. However, this in no way implies the Trust will not continue to seek out funding and support from government social service providers.

CEO Nick Alexander says the Trust Kaupapa aims to enable Ngāti Rangitahi to flourish in perpetuity supported by their unique self-determining capabilities. “The simple reality is if we do not take a stand at this time and invest in our future we will be dependent on and subject to the Crown, in perpetuity.

The organisation has developed rapidly over the past six months where plans, budgets, policies and procedures have been set in motion.

Detailed budgets for the next three years as well as the Annual Plan for the 2012 fiscal year were completed in June.

Iwi Database

The iwi registration process has been developed to ensure there is a sound registration platform that upholds the integrity of all information held by the Trust.

An extensive database review took place over the past two weeks where external contractors were brought in to help shape up our current systems.

Currently there are 3,531 members registered with the Trust. However, following the recent review exercise we have found that a lot of our members have moved home or have changed much of their contact details making it difficult for the Trust to get in touch.

Database Coordinator and Iwi Liaison Officer Erana Leaf asks that registered members who are unsure as to whether the Trust holds their correct information to contact the Trust direct. "It is important that our whānau update their details for many reasons including accessing Trust grants, the right to vote in all our iwi Trust elections (applies only to those 18 years+), to contribute towards a positive future for Ngāti Rangitihī whānui by participating in iwi wide discussions, and to receive regular updates from the Trust."

Any registered member may access their own personal information.

Contact Erana by calling our office, or email:
registrar@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz

Whakapapa Validating Committee

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is looking to establish a Whakapapa Committee to make key decisions on all Trust iwi registration applications including our whakapapa validation process.

It is expected that a Whakapapa Committee will be made up of Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members who possess Ngāti Rangitihī whakapapa knowledge coupled with Tikanga and Te Reo (although not an expectation to be met at this stage).

Database Coordinator Erana Leaf says succession planning is a key factor. "There is an urgent need to form a Whakapapa Committee not only for our Trust but for our iwi to ensure that the mana and integrity of our whakapapa is upheld, and to ensure that there is a collective knowledge base regarding Ngāti Rangitihī whakapapa available now and into the future.

A hui of interest has been arranged for all interested parties to attend on 26 July at Rangitihī Marae, starting at 2.00pm.

For further enquiries please contact Erana Leaf by calling our office or emailing Erana direct:
registrar@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz

Communications

The Trust wishes to apologise to each of our members for the absence of our communications in recent months. As some of you may know the Trust has been undergoing extensive developments over the last six months, including the creation of a sound and sustainable communications system.

Since the month of May we have re-developed our website www.ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz where all our recent and current news, view, and events are posted. We have also created our own accounts via social media networks Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, we continue to provide information about the Trust and its initiatives through word of mouth, and most often through the work of our Iwi Liaison Officers meeting Kanohi ki te Kanohi with our iwi members. Of course, these are only a starting point for the way in which the Trust will effectively communicate with Ngāti Rangitihī whānui, and we welcome all suggestions you may have on how best we can contact you and your whānau.

As such we have since employed a Communications Officer, Oriini Tipene-Leach, to manage all Trust communications including pānui, newsletters, website, media activities, advertising and marketing.



This month, the Trust began trialling the use of its Customer Relationship Management system (CRM). Trial and error will ensure we iron out any kinks over the next two months.

The Trust welcomes all ideas and suggestions on how we can improve our current communications. Please email all comments to info@ngatirangitihiiwi.nz.

HR and Finance

The Trust Finance and Human Resource (HR) Policies are now complete and the implementation of these policies is in progress.

In particular our Human Resources policy has and continues to be applied effectively to all our current staff and contractors who are now on detailed legal contracts. All our accounting systems are running smoothly.

The HR policy along with our Recruitment and Feedback policies are available to view in the About Us section of our website (go to Our documents page).

Office Tikanga

Our office staff have developed an Office Tikanga or Code of Conduct.

Our Office Tikanga focuses on each staff member's expectations, about how best we can contribute towards an effective yet harmonious working environment, that is in alignment with our Trust Kaupapa, Tikanga, and Whāinga.

Our Staff

Our organisation has grown over recent months and so we would like to introduce our members to you all throughout each issue of Kawerongo.

In this issue, we feature our Community Engagement project manager, Mere Butler and say farewell to a dear colleague, Rita Costar.



Mere Butler (Ngāti Rangitihii) is in charge of Community Engagement

Mere Butler joined our team in mid-May as Community Engagement project manager (Social Services, Iwi Development and Cultural and Education Development).

Mere has already made great progress in her role in developing an understanding of the services that will best benefit the Matatā community, and implement the provision of those services towards making a difference.

Mere's parents, Hari and Zelda Semmens, spearheaded many of the Matatā community activities during the 70s and 80s. As Chairman of the Te Arawa Māori Trust Board during that era, Hari instilled in Mere a deep desire to help her people.

"What I have learnt from my Dad is that knowledge has no useful power unless used and shared responsibly. Our Tipuna were recognised for their ability to unite people, not divide them. What we do today is going to have an immediate effect on the next four generations."

He mihi nui ki a koe, e Rita

One of our founding members, Rita Costar, has ventured on to new horizons, but thankfully not too far from home!

Rita has been a member of our organisation for 5 years, sustaining our ahi kā and providing pivotal support to our local Pakeke and the wider Matatā community as Iwi Liaison.

Rita's last day with us was on Friday 8 July.

Rita has left Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust to work in Edgumbe alongside her daughter Yvonne, who has opened a new café, Cakes and Pies.



Rita Costar

E kore e mutu ngā mihi ki a koe, e Rita, mōu i whakamānawa i te kaupapa o tō mātou rangapū mai anō, mai anō. Haere i runga i ngā tai o mihi, o aroha.

Current Staff

Nick Alexander (CEO) **Fay Pryor Rawson** (Project Manager Treaty Settlements: Mana Whenua and Comprehensive) **Erana Leaf** (Database Coordinator / Iwi Liaison Officer) **Barney Gray** (Accountant) **Dougal Stewart** (Project Manager: Commercial) **Jennifer Goodfellow** (Office Administrator) **Oriini Tipene-Leach** (Communications Officer) **Stephanie Johnston** (HR Manager) **Mere Butler** (Community Engagement) **Antoine Coffin** (Project Manager: Iwi Environmental Management Plan) **Krishna Smith** (Toi Te Kupu Te Reo Tutor) **Rukuwai Daniels** (Kāinga Kōrerorero Tutor)

Treaty Settlements

Mana Whenua

To date we have attended many Mana Whenua hui and we have made good progress towards settlement in principle with most iwi. However, we have been unable to conclude unanimous agreement between all CNI iwi claiming a mana whenua interest in the Kaingaroa.

The CNIHL Mana Whenua process has stalled while we resolve how to progress beyond the 30 June 2011 deadline we set for ourselves to complete this process.

Mana Whenua and Comprehensive Treaty Settlements Project Manager Fay Pryor-Rawson says the CNI Iwi Collective are now contemplating fresh resolutions. "It is important that we are continuing the kōrero, rangatira ki te rangatira, kano ki te kano," Fay says. "We will keep trying to reach a unanimous decision, no matter what."

Ngāti Rangitahi is represented by kaumātua Henare Pryor, Tane Turei, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trustees Tipene Marr, Kenneth Raureti and Chairman Graham Pryor.

The following is a brief overview of the Ngāti Rangitahi strategy since the establishment of our MOU alliance group of iwi - Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Rangitahi that will be of assistance in communicating our position.

CNI Iwi Holdings Mana Whenua Process: Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Strategy

Objective:

To secure an agreement between Kaingaroa iwi to holding Kaingaroa forests land in collective iwi title.

Aspirations:

Recognise the Mana Whenua interests of all Kaingaroa iwi in acknowledging that Kaingaroa is shared land.

- The benefits from and obligations to Kaingaroa are best served by collective iwi arrangement and economic development. Collective iwi title is united title akin to ownership in common by iwi, is unspecified but equal ownership over Kaingaroa. We view this as our iwi having a share of 100% based on principles of tribal tikanga, history and sustained prosperity
- Maintain Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi throughout tikanga based process supported by Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Whanaungatanga - recognition of principles in Deed of Settlement of Ahikāroa, Ahitahutahu, Ahimātaotao.
- For iwi to reach such an agreement this will require generosity to each other and continues the sharing demonstrated when all iwi agreed on the financial allocations in the

- CNI Iwi Collective Deed of Settlement so we continue using this as basis of policy.
- We need to remember the history of iwi trying to come to agreement over the Kaingaroa culminating in the successful CNI Iwi Collective settlement process.
- We must face the current challenges to achieve our future objectives we have secured the first 35 years maximising the collective benefits from economic development of Kaingaroa.
- Determine Ngāti Rangitihī baseline by completing research projects for CNI Iwi Holdings Ltd Mana Whenua process. We have to resolve how we hold and manage “satellite” blocks like Crater, Whakarewarewa, Highlands & Waimangu which though in close proximity to Kaingaroa are seen as separate because of the strong mana whenua interests individual iwi can demonstrate in these forest blocks.

customary interests has been carried out by the Trust, in partnership with History Works in Wellington. Portions of this will be made available via our website in the coming weeks.

Environment



Matatā Aerial view

Comprehensive Settlement

The Crown has invited Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust to negotiate a comprehensive claim on behalf of the Ngāti Rangitihī iwi.

However it is very important to the Trust that we earn our people’s mandate. We will then go out over the next 3 months and conduct a number of hui to seek your feedback, outline the proposed strategy for negotiation and seek your mandate to proceed.

The Trust recently attended the Te Kōkiri Ngātahi Treaty Settlements Hui hosted by The Office of Treaty Settlements in Wellington, on 30 June 2011. The primary focus of the hui was ‘A better understanding of Treaty settlements’, with the theme of ‘demystifying the settlement process’ and ‘sharing ideas and experiences’.

Copies of all documents pertaining to Ngāti Rangitihī held by the Office of Treaty Settlements has been requested and will be held in a Master Archive System together with all Research documents at our office in Matatā.

Comprehensive research around Ngāti Rangitihī

Iwi Environmental Management Plan

An iwi environmental management plan is being prepared by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust to assist in meeting the demands of statutory processes and the expectations of Ngāti Rangitihī people that the iwi will be proactive in environmental management.

The plan will be one of a number of tools and mechanisms that will ensure Ngāti Rangitihī has a platform of principles and objectives from which to engage with a broad range of stakeholders including territorial local authorities, regional councils, developers and their consultants, government agencies and the wider community.

An iwi management plan is a document that is recognised under the Resource Management Act 1991 by territorial local authorities and regional councils in the preparation of, and change of district plans, regional policy statements and regional plans.

The following scope provides the framework for the plan.

These are:

- To confirm and map out rohe boundaries (including coastal boundaries)
- To map out historical sites and define historical significance for Ngāti Rangitihī
- To complete resource mapping for entire rohe
- To define state of whenua/natural resources (including sea)/ historical sites, which align with Ngāti Rangitihī Kaupapa
- To define Ngāti Rangitihī tikanga/ kawa for managing natural landscape, resources (including fisheries).(Kaitiakitanga)
- Define framework for assessing consent applications and district, regional, national plans.
- Define consent management process.
- Define process for engaging with other agencies around district, regional, and national plans.
- To establish mātaihai reserves around the waterways in the eastern Bay of Plenty and specifically around the three rivers: Tarawera, Rangitāiki and Ōhinemataroa (optional).

The plan development process will engage with Ngāti Rangitihī and key stakeholders with a view to creating high levels of awareness and understanding as well as appropriate ratification by decision makers.

Te Arawa Fisheries

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is interested in optimising the returns for Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members from Te Kohitanga o Te Arawa Fisheries (TKoTAF). At present, despite having virtually the entire Te Arawa coastline within its rohe Ngāti Rangitihī people are seeing direct returns of approximately only NZ\$20,000 per year via scholarships and a one off NZ\$10,000 grant, from annual revenues of approximately NZ\$1,300,000.

Should the Ngāti Rangitihī quota be withdrawn from Te Kohitanga o Te Arawa Fisheries (TKoTAF) and Ngāti Rangitihī work directly with Aotearoa Fisheries Limited, the overhead would decline significantly and

we estimate that the return to Ngāti Rangitihī would be in the order of NZ\$90,000-\$100,000 per year. We believe that this would ideally be allocated to scholarships for our people and other education initiatives.

At the very least it is only too important that we seek reform of Te Kohitanga o Te Arawa Fisheries (TKoTAF).

The Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Board of Trustees have formally stepped forward to seek opportunities to meet with the Te Kohitanga o Te Arawa Fisheries Chair Ron Roberts. Unfortunately to date Mr Roberts has declined to meet with our Board.

We have since completed a feasibility study around a potential withdrawal from Te Kohitanga o Te Arawa Fisheries Trust Board (Te Arawa Fisheries Ltd, Te Arawa Fisheries Holding Company Ltd).

This preliminary investigation has been undertaken primarily to show the implications for Ngāti Rangitihī should it decide to withdraw from Te Arawa Fisheries.

We will provide further information and formally seek your advice as to whether you would like us to initiate withdrawal proceedings, before the end of September 2011.

Iwi Development & Stakeholder Relationships

Christchurch Earthquake Assistance Fund

Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members living in Christchurch will receive financial aid and ongoing support from Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

The Trust has committed NZ\$20,000 to the Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust Christchurch Earthquake Assistance Fund. Through the fund iwi members are able to apply for two types of grants; a hardship grant or a one-off grant. A hardship grant, worth up to NZ\$1,000 is available to all Ngāti Rangitihī households whom remain living in Christchurch. A one-off grant worth up to \$200 is available to any Ngāti Rangitihī iwi member who has relocated since the February 22



Christchurch Earthquake.

Applicants need not be registered on the Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi iwi database, but must be able to provide details of their affiliations to Ngāti Rangitahi along with proof of identification.

Applications are available to download from our website: www.ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz/christchurch-earthquake-assistance-fund-2011.

The closing date for all applications is 5pm, 22 July 2011.

Taura Here – Regional Roopu



Erana Leaf with Ngāti Rangitahi ki Ōtautahi iwi members Nikki Clarke and Raheera Falwasser

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is committed and determined to see the establishment of a wider Ngāti Rangitahi iwi network as part of our aim to enable Ngāti Rangitahi to flourish in perpetuity supported by their unique self-determining capabilities.

We are currently developing a plan for engagement with our regional roopu in Auckland, Wellington, Rotorua and Christchurch. In the interim we will actively encourage and support groups who wish to attend a series of Wananga.

Details will be confirmed upon completion and will be sent direct to our registered members, posted also to our website and provided in the next Te Pūrongo and Kawerongo issues.

Key objectives for developing regional roopu:

- To ensure programs tailored to the priorities of iwi affiliates living in each of the main centres throughout New Zealand.
- To foster the confidence and deliver the necessary support to ensure passionate Ngāti Rangitahi individuals are given the opportunity to develop initiatives which serve not only their whanau, but their iwi and the wider community.
- To identify effective initiatives/ individuals around which to build structure and support.
- To provide the protection and support for Ngāti Rangitahi individuals/ whanau to 'emerge' in serving their iwi and their community.

Rangitahi Kai Tahī

On the last Sunday of each month Ngāti Rangitahi iwi members and the wider Matatā community are invited to Rangitahi Marae to enjoy a feast of stories, entertainment and kai!

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust developed Rangitahi Kai Tahī at the end of May. The purpose is to enable Ngāti Rangitahi iwi members to return home to the Marae to learn about our tribal stories, to reclaim part of our heritage and more importantly to establish whakawhanaungatanga.

Project leader Mere Butler says Rangitahi Kai Tahī is open to everyone. "As ahi kā it is important for us all to share in the knowledge that was passed down to us from our own whānau who are no longer with us," Mere says.

"It is about bringing us all closer together to positively move forward as one."

The kaupapa is still in its early days, but it already has gotten off to a good start. "We have had around 60 guests attend each event so far, which allows me to believe that there is support for this kaupapa to continue."

Rangitahi Kai Tahī is also about supporting our whānau. Te Kohanga Reo o Rangitahi Marae have come on board to help with the catering as part of their ongoing fundraising activities, with their first efforts in June raising more than NZ\$1,000.

“Mate (Kohanga Reo Kaiako Mate Hataraka) and the Kohanga whānau done such a wonderful job. The kai was absolutely amazing, so much so it all got wiped!” Mere says.

A further development is the inclusion of local entertainers including our tamariki and pakeke into the schedule. To date the entertainment value has yet to be realised, but Mere says necessary improvements will be made over time. “Our tamariki are very keen and so are some of our whānau. But it is up to everyone to get involved, to participate, and to enjoy the time we share together.”



Krishna Smith teaches our local whānau a game or two in Te Reo Māori

The next Rangitihī Kai Tahi event will be held on July 31 from 12.30pm to 4pm. Entry is gold coin per person or \$5 per immediate whānau. Pot luck dessert. Nau mai, haere mai!

Did you know? The lateral translation of Kai Tahi must not be mistaken for its literal meaning. The name ‘Kai Tahi’ is derived from the Māori worldview of whakawhanaungatanga and kotahitangata – “noho tahi, kai tahi, moe tahi.”

Rangitihī Marae DIY success

Our Marae is looking very sharp thanks to the help of Ngāti Rangitihī whānau, friends, the Rangitihī Marae Trust, and Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust who all pitched in to whakapaipai our Marae as part of Māori Television’s Marae DIY series.

More than 200 iwi members and supporters spent four days in early March mucking in, and now our beloved Marae boasts a new Waharoa, fabulous



More than 200 Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members and supporters returned home in May to help renovate our one and only Marae

gardens, show-stopping stained glass windows, a striking patio area and even an impressive Kaumātua lounge. And since filming was complete the Rangitihī Marae Trust has continued renovations of the Marae, installing new carpet, copper spouting, a central heating system and security lighting, with finishing touches almost complete.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is pleased to have been able to contribute NZ\$75,000 towards this first phase of the Marae development, which is worth an estimated NZ\$150,000. The Trust is currently putting together a proposal seeking a partnership with the New Zealand Lotteries Commission for the next phase of development. Updates will be provided in the next issue of Kawerongo.

A half hour Marae DIY show was produced by Screentime and broadcast on Māori Television on June 8 and featured everyone involved, even our beautiful kuia Bella Wade and Jenny Hataraka and whāea Rachel Curtis getting a well-deserved makeover.

But the results stand testament to the strong whanaungatanga and kotahitanga that exists amongst our Ngāti Rangitihī whānau and friends. And we can certainly all be proud of our achievements!

Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Games 2011

Ngāti Rangitihī are the official winners of the Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Games 2011.

The Easter weekend event attracted more than 200 Ngāti Rangitihi iwi members from Poneke, Tamakimakaurau, Kirikiriroa, Rotorua, Tairawhiti, Kawerau and Matatā with as many as 13 teams, made up of 10-14 members, participating in events such as Kī-ō-rahi, Waka Ama, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Netball, Touch, Multi-relay, Golf and Hunting.



Our tamariki getting up close with the Overall Winners Trophy presented by CEO Nick Alexander to Ngāti Rangitihi

Event co-ordinator and Ngāti Rangitihi iwi member Donna Semmens says the main kaupapa of the Te Arawa Games is participation. "It is about enabling iwi members to have a go and be part of representing their iwi, to meet whanaunga, to gain self-confidence and to especially enjoy heaps of laughter – because I sure did!" says Donna.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trustees Tipene Marr and Kenneth Raureti were noticed for their competitive sporting streaks! Tipene participated in almost every event and at one stage ran straight from finishing a Touch game to play Table Tennis, in which he made 3rd finalist. Ken was also noted as being an exceptional Goal Shoot in one of our competing Netball teams.

Apart from claiming the Overall Winners trophy Ngāti Rangitihi were also victorious in the Tennis, Table Tennis, Golf and Kī-ō-rahi events, followed up with 2nd and 3rd placings in all other competitions.

The event, of course, could not have been as successful as it had been if not for the awesome organisation skills and voluntary efforts of our very own Donna Semmens, Pepi Raureti, Renee Wright and

Tanira Raureti. Thank you for all your hard mahi and thank you especially for volunteering your time to ensure Ngāti Rangitihi iwi was well represented both in front and behind the scenes. A special mihi also must be made to the countless event supporters for making it all happen. E kore e mutu ngā mihi ki a koutou!

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust are pleased to have supported the Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Games by way of funding through the Iwi Initiatives Fund (see page 15) the purchase of Rangitihi T Shirts, registrations, transport and kai.

CEO Nick Alexander presented the Overall Winners trophy to the jubilation of cries of all Ngāti Rangitihi involved. Nick says that the Trust is looking forward to supporting next year's event. "The Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Games was a great success for Ngāti Rangitihi and so it is only important that we maintain that momentum, one in which the Trust is committed to making certain."

Details for the 2012 Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Games is yet to be confirmed.

Iwi Initiatives Fund

The Iwi Initiatives Fund is designed to support activities which promote the growth and well-being of Ngāti Rangitihi.

Applications are welcome from any registered Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi iwi member who may require assistance to get their kaupapa off the ground. Each kaupapa must have a significant impact on, or contribution to Ngāti Rangitihi culture and must be able to demonstrate the following:

- Pride in being Ngāti Rangitihi and knowledge of their Rangitihitanga;
- Robust, dynamic people representing us at all levels and in all areas;
- Support to excel in business, sport, cultural activities and everyday life;
- Opportunities to learn our tikanga and our reo;

- A strong presence in our rohe that safeguards our land and environment;
- Marae facilities that we can be proud of; and
- Ngāti Rangitihī people in positions of influence and leadership at local, regional and national levels that they can utilise for the benefit of Ngāti Rangitihī.

For application and agreement forms please visit our website www.ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz, keyword Iwi Initiatives Fund. Alternatively you can call our office on 07 322 2452 or email info@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz.

Cultural Development and Education

Te Reo Māori

The revitalisation of Te Reo Māori within Ngāti Rangitihī homes and amongst the wider community remains an integral part of our strategic plan now and into the future.

Our current initiatives, Kāinga Kōrerorero and Toi te Kupu, have proven to be successful in ascertaining the potential for Te Reo to again become a common language in every Ngāti Rangitihī household.

Further planning on how best to develop a cradle to the grave approach for Te Reo and Tikanga is underway.

Toi te Kupu

Community spirit and fun are the cornerstones of the Trust's Toi te Kupu Te Reo course.

Tutor Krishna Smith says Toi te Kupu focuses strongly on taking Te Reo out of the classroom and into our homes, recreational areas and workplaces. "An integral feature of the course is learning through the medium of games and practical activities that can be shared with whanau and friends at home and at work," Krishna says.

"Waiata is another fun medium for learning Te Reo Māori that will also be integrated into the course."

The first series of Toi te Kupu attracted 40 taura or

students who committed themselves to more than 100 hours of Te Reo learning spread over the 12 week programme. Feedback has been extremely positive and shows there is a need and desire amongst the community for Toi te Kupu to continue.



Toi te Kupu students celebrate Te Reo during a weekend noho (live-in) at Rangitihī Marae in May

The next series of our Toi te Kupu course will begin on Tuesday 2 August, at the regular time of 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. The evening classes will be complimented by a wānanga (live-in) to be held at various locations throughout the rohe.

"All learners are welcome regardless of previous experience and every effort will be made to cater for all levels of understanding, as well as participants' personal learning needs."

Student Feedback

I have learnt so much during the 12 weeks and I can now confidently speak to my children using basic phrases. I can happily stand up and say my pepeha and mihimihi without hesitation. I can sit down and watch Te Karere and other Maori Television programmes and understand what they are talking about and not have to try and guess what they are saying like I used to...My love of the language has been ignited and I want to continue my learning beyond this course. – **Lisa Rauhina**

Just wanted to write to say thank you for supporting our roopu Toi te Kupu. Krishna is an awesome tutor. He has a really laid back way of delivering the class that makes

relaxed and easy to understand. I already have some reo but I have gained heaps more confidence in using it in the last six months due to Krishna - **Lynn Kerekere**

I have worked in early childhood education for 25 years and have always had a basic vocabulary including colours, numbers, basic greetings etc. I have attended various professional development courses on Te Tiriti and Te Reo over the years, but have never had such a positive and life changing experience as I have had with the Toi te Kupu group. - **Denise da Silva**

Krishna is the most amazing tutor, with a wonderful teaching style and he makes sure that the whole class gets what he is trying to teach. I am so stoked with what I have learnt thus far and I get to use my reo daily. It has really boosted my confidence to practice what I have learnt outside of class, at work, home and in the community - **Sarah and Karl Stevenson**

Krishna is a fascinating person and a gifted teacher, totally committed to sharing Te Reo using audio, visual and kinesthetic teaching / learning skills which I was not even aware of, and some of which I find very difficult, which has been a good new experience for me. He is patient, practical, adaptable, sometimes irreverent and rarely boring. He leads by example, respects others beliefs, and is passionate about sharing all things Maori. It is easy to respond to his passion and enthusiasm, and it has opened a whole new Māori world for us Pākehā students. - **Eunice Silvester**

I feel really lucky to be part of te Whanau o Toi te Kupu. Not only have I learned so much in a short period of time, but this 'course' has enriched my life. It's not just a 'course' though... we're not just being taught a language, we're being reawakened to a real-world view. - **Kristy Robinson**

Kāinga Kōrerorero

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is also supporting Te Ataarangī Educational Trust and Te Puni Kōkiri in the delivery of Kāinga Kōrerorero.

The programme supports whānau members to speak Māori to each other in the home and is taught by Rukuwai Daniel.

Kāinga Kōrerorero classes are run at Rangitihī Marae from 10.00 am to 12 noon every Wednesday during the school term.

For more information, contact the office on 07 322 2452 or email info@ngatirangitihī.iwi.nz.

Arts and Culture Centre

A feasibility study looking into an Arts and Culture centre based in Matatā has been completed by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī.

The Trust sees the purpose of an Arts and Culture centre:

1. To provide a focus for Ngāti Rangitihī art, culture and history
2. To give cultural activity in Matata a central focus
3. To realise strategic objectives of Ngāti Rangitihī - building mana, optimising resources, and advancing cultural, social and economic development
4. To utilise a wide indigenous skill base in the arts
5. To provide an attraction for visitors to Matata and to be recognised as a cultural tourism attraction
6. To raise Ngāti Rangitihī's profile in the local and wider community
7. To promote, as appropriate, traditional tikanga values in Maori building
8. To showcase best community practices including sustainability

However, at this time there are insufficient funds to support the establishment of an Arts and Culture centre. But, the Trust does not rule out the likelihood should our people approve our mandate to enter Comprehensive negotiations, where we will seek funding from the Crown for this purpose.

Social Services and Support

Te Aka

As part of our Social Services strategy we want to ensure a set of social, cultural and environmental programs that meet your stated priorities. As a result we are carrying out extensive iwi wide consultation through until the end of July 2011.



Post settlement resources need to be utilised in the best interests of the people within the iwi and those within their wider community. In order to determine these interests we need to carry out a socio-economic cultural survey in conjunction with a wider participatory planning exercise.

At the same time Ngāti Rangitihi identity via language and culture has declined significantly. This process then also serves the purpose of capturing Ngāti Rangitihi culture, history and by extension tikanga in a way that can be used as a platform for reinvigorating the identity and mana of our iwi and strengthening their role as a positive force within the wider community.

There is also clear need at this time for consensus building within the iwi. This process then is designed to provide the opportunity for all whānau groups to deliver their voice into the planning process and by extension, to feel real ownership of the programs going forward.

As you know, the first stage of the iwi wide consultation has been completed. To summarise, the key messages to come out of this process are the following Tikanga and Te Reo need to be rehabilitated as a high priority.

- There is a desire to ensure the Marae is a 'safe' place for all to return to and to re-connect. Many suggested a mass powhiri may be needed to welcome everyone home again.
- Improved support for Kaumātua / Pakeke needed.
- Programmes for Rangatahi needed.
- Some whānau feel excluded; we need to play a role in ensuring all are included; have access to support.
- Many want to develop a stronger connection to the Marae and to the maunga (Tarawera). Many feel they need support to re-connect.
- Our Marae Wharekai needs to be upgraded.
- Primary healthcare support needed.
- There is a strong desire to improve water quality and flow in our rivers and by extension the lagoon in Matatā.
- Support needed for Land Trusts to improve leveraging of resources within these Trusts.
- Many would like to see communal gardens developed.

- Many would like to see Regional Roopu or Taura Here developed, with a focus on re-connecting to our history, culture, tikanga and te reo.
- Many would like to see a regular Ngāti Rangitihi festival where all things Ngāti Rangitihi are highlighted and celebrated.
- The Trust needs to be located closer to / or on the Marae.
- Improved communal facilities (including sporting facilities) attached to the marae needed.
- Improvements in job training / employment opportunities.
- Support for improvements in quality of Housing needed.

Whānau Ora

The Te Arawa Whānau Ora Leadership Group have approved funding through the Whānau Integration, Innovation and Engagement Fund (WIIE Fund) to be managed by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust.

The total funding approved is five lots of NZ\$5,000.

We are currently developing our Programme of Action with the following key objectives:

- To foster the confidence and deliver the necessary support to ensure passionate Ngāti Rangitihi individuals are given the opportunity to develop initiatives which serve not only their whānau, but their iwi and the wider community.
- To identify effective initiatives and individuals around which to build structure and support.
- To provide the protection and support for Ngāti Rangitihi individuals and whanau to 'emerge' in serving their iwi and their community.

A separate pānuī will be sent out to our registered iwi members by post and email and details will be available on our website in the few weeks.



Kaumātua / Pakeke programs

A tailored program for our Kaumātua and/or Pakeke in Matatā is being developed by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

The first stage of planning, a Social Services Mapping and Awareness Raising program for Matatā, is now complete.

- To identify all social services available to Matatā residents via all major service delivery agencies
- To determine those services are currently being accessed by Matatā residents to which they have a right
- To determine service gaps both in the case of unavailable services, and those simply not being accessed
- To implement web and community based servicing to highlight services available and to provide concrete support for accessing

The program will be rolled out in Matatā over the next six months.

Māori Centre

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is also developing a plan for a Māori Centre for Social Program Quality and Innovation, based in Rotorua.

The objectives are to run a test series of Social and Cultural programs utilising a platform of quality delivery systems. However, much of this work will be based on the needs identified in our extensive Baseline survey (Te Aka) to be conducted throughout the year.

Our aim is to realise this plan before the middle of 2012.

Commercial and Business Development

As a Trust we are looking into a range of investment initiatives that will safeguard the Pūtea gained

through the CNI Forests Iwi Collective Settlement and at the same time generate further income and jobs for our people.

To achieve this, the Trust will pursue the following goals:

- Commercial investment returns are poised to provide a strong economic base for the Trust and Ngāti Rangitihī people
- Commercial investment and business development is driving a fair return for applying to other Trust objectives in areas such as social services and cultural development
- Matatā has become a centre of business development for Ngāti Rangitihī.

The Board is currently assessing applications from Investment advisers to manage at least NZ\$4,300,000 of monies. This money is currently being managed by Westpac within a range of Bonds and blue chip shares.

Details will be outlined in the Annual Report, to be distributed from September 2011.

Tukia Group

In September 2009, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust joined with five other CNI iwi to establish Tukia Group Limited in order to implement the long-term commercial strategies developed by the CNI Iwi Collective.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust owns a 16.67 per cent shareholding in Tukia Group Limited, the same portion as each of the other five iwi shareholders of Tukia Group who are Ngāti Manawa, Ngāti Whare, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāi Tūhoe and Raukawa.

As part of a major joint venture, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust and Tukia are partners in an Integrated Carbon Farming and Associated Services Company in New Zealand, launched by Tukia Group Limited in 2010, known as CO2 NZ.

Although it is relatively new the investment is already



starting to bear fruits. A separate pānui will be sent out in the coming weeks to inform our registered members and key stakeholders of the CO2 NZ initiative.

Another planned investment through Tukia Group Limited in an international geothermal power initiative, in partnership with Mighty River Power, has failed to materialise.

The CNI Iwi collective were unable to meet their 15% collective commitment, as two iwi pulled out at the very last minute. It is a simple fact that the investment is already bearing fruits for Mighty River Power, so unfortunate for all the iwi concerned.

However Tukia group still owns the rights to a partnership in the Tauhara Geothermal initiative alongside Contact Energy. It will be some years before this develops but Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is committed to long term sustainable initiatives.

Business Investments

A range of smaller scale initiatives that are certain to provide employment and job training for Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members, coupled with profits that can be fed back into the Trust's social and cultural programs are currently being investigated by Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

We are currently carrying out due diligence on a medium sized insulation business with a view to deliver a Healthy Homes programme that will allow us to provide support for insulating and heating Ngāti Rangitihī homes. Through a commercial section within the insulation business income will be generated, which in turn can be channelled back into our Social and Cultural programmes for Ngāti Rangitihī iwi members.

Over the last few months we have been working hard to develop the organisational capacity that is necessary for us to be able to provide relevant commercial, financial advice to our people. We now have the essential in-house skills and experience to

provide advice to any iwi member who needs support and assistance.

We have already been approached by several iwi members looking to start up new businesses, and we have provided advice. As an ongoing method of support we are also looking into avenues through our website to promote small and medium sized businesses owned by our people. More to come on that very shortly!

DOC Camping Grounds

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust is exploring the potential to take over the management of a number of camping grounds within our rohe.

At current we are putting together management plans and are in negotiations with the Department of Conservation (DOC).

Our intentions are not only that we take back our lands and restore Ngāti Rangitihī mauri, but at the same time the Trust is able to provide employment for our people.



By extension we will be offering assistance to a number of Land Trusts affiliated with Ngāti Rangitihī with a view to assisting them to bring their costs down, improving their commercial model and increasing resources available to our people.

Be sure to keep an eye out for updates on this, which will be provided in Te Pūrongo, through our website, and via separate pānui.

Governance

The New Zealand business environment is more challenging now than it ever was in the past. The global financial crisis has had a devastating effect on the New Zealand economy and we have our own domestic problems to grapple with. Our low wage economy; slow employment growth rate; signalled reduction in government spending and the decline in exports over the past 12 months to name just a few.

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust operates in this same environment.

Apart from the establishment of our Trust and putting the desired management structure in place, we have to now make certain that our Board of Trustees have the ability to set a platform for long term survival and continuous growth of Ngāti Rangitihī assets.

This requires experienced Trustees to work together to create an efficient and robust organisation with sound strategies, and the capability to operate and succeed for the long term. Efficient Trustees are those who bring:

- appropriate competencies to lead and govern the trust;
- an outward looking, consultative and robust strategic thinking approach;
- a preparedness to undergo independent performance monitoring;
- a willingness for continuous learning in the role and responsibilities of governance.

Our current Board of Trustees including Graham Pryor (Chair), Tipene Marr (Deputy Chair), Cathy Moana Dewes, Martin Marr, Harina Warbrick, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait and Kenneth Raureti, are committed to delivering good governance, along these lines.

Ngā mihi nui

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust wishes to acknowledge our Trustee member, Catherine (Cathy) Moana Dewes who was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in this year's Queen's birthday honours list.



Trustee member, Cathy Dewes (ONZM)

The honour is richly deserved recognition for all the efforts Cathy has devoted and dedicated for more than 35 years to Māori education and the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori.

E te māreikura, e Cathy, nei rā ngā mihi a tō iwi ki a koe mōu kua roa nei e whakapeto ngoi ana kia ora māriri tō tātou reo hei kamehameha, hei ipukarea mō tātou katoa, a kaati, mō ngā whakareanga o āpōpō. Tēnā rawa atu koe.

Events Calendar

21-23 July **Te Arawa Rangatahi Hononga / Te Arawa Youth Gathering**

About: Rangatahi will take part in a two and a half-day hui to think about their future and contributing to Te Arawa's development. The programme will be delivered in a youth friendly format that combines: whanaungatanga, tikanga maori, youth development principles, personal development and futures thinking.

Venue: Te Papaouru Marae, Tamatekapua, Ohinemutu (in event of a tangihanga the hui will be moved to Tunohopu)

Who can attend? Anyone of Te Arawa descent aged 15-24

Cost: \$15 for students \$25 for working or sponsored rangatahi

Contact: Heidi Symon. Phone: 021 911 305 Email: heidis@tpota.org.nz

26 July **Whakapapa Validation Committee hui**

About: Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is looking to establish a Whakapapa Committee to make key decisions on all registration applications on behalf of Ngāti Rangitahi Whānui.

Venue: Rangitahi Marae, Matatā

Time: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Who can attend? Open to all Ngāti Rangitahi iwi members with an interest in Whakapapa

Cost: Free

Contact: Erana Leaf on 07 322 2452 or email registrar@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz

31 July **Rangitahi Kai Tahi**

About: On the last Sunday of each month Ngāti Rangitahi iwi members and the wider Matatā community are invited to

Rangitahi Marae to enjoy a feast of stories, entertainment and kai! (Page 7)

Venue: Rangitahi Marae, Matatā

Time: 12.30 pm to 4 pm

Who can attend? All Ngāti Rangitahi whānau and the wider Matatā community

Cost: Gold coin koha per person or \$5 per immediate whānau (potluck dessert also)

Contact: Mere Butler on 07 322 2452 or email research@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz

Feedback

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust is committed to upholding the highest levels of honesty, openness and integrity in all of our activities with great respect to the customs and culture of Ngāti Rangitahi.

We value all feedback and welcome any suggestions you may have that will help us to improve in all areas of our mahi so that we may be able to continue to provide excellent service to our people.

For all enquiries please contact our office in Matatā on 07 322 2452. All general enquiries should be emailed to info@ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz.

If you would like to know anything further about our Trust, please visit our website www.ngatirangitahi.iwi.nz.

