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UNITY OF PURPOSE

Kia ora rā tātou katoa.

It has been a really busy start to 2009 for Te Puni Kōkiri in its role assisting the Government and supporting many national and regional Māori initiatives and events that contribute to realising Māori potential.

Recently, I attended two very important workshops the Māori Economic Summit hosted by the Minister of Māori Affairs, Hon Dr Pita Sharples, and the Job Summit hosted by Prime Minister Hon John Key.

The current state of the economy may impact on Māori communities significantly but it is important now more than ever that we focus on the positives and seek opportunities that will benefit whanau, hapū, iwi and New Zealand.

We have faced similar conditions in the 1980s. Māori communities at that time drew strength from tikanga such as whakawhanaungatanga and kotahitanga to weather the economic storm. The difference this time will be the outcome so if we take on board the genuine practical ideas from the Job Summit and the Māori Economic Summit for job retention and creation, our communities may be better prepared than they were in the 1980s.

Consequently, in this edition of Kōkiri we have provided some business tips for Māori businesses in our Pakihi section and we have also sought the input and views of Māori leaders who attended the Māori Economic Summit.

Te Puni Kōkiri continues to be committed to ensuring that Māori succeed as Māori and as we face some big economic challenges in the coming days and months, we are working tirelessly to mitigate the impact of the current conditions on Māori communities and New Zealand.

Leith Comer Te Puni Kōkiri – Manahautū

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From the desk of the Minister of Māori Affairs



MOVING OUR WAKA FORWARD TOGETHER

Engā matatini o ngā iwi, e ngā kanohi ora o rātou kua rehu atu ki tua o te ārai, tēnā koutou katoa.

Tenei au e hautū nei i te waka Māori o te kawanatanga, i ngā tai tāngata e pari ana, e timu ana, e kōripo ana, e whati ana – ko tō tātou ao Māori tēnei

The ceaseless tides in the affairs of our people surge and flow at the beginning of every year! It's an exciting time, full of energy and action, which carries our waka forward like a cresting wave.

Earlier this year I went with Treaty
Negotiations Minister Chris Finlayson to
visit a number of rūnanga and iwi, to talk
about their claims and their progress towards
settlement. The focus was on concluding
negotiations for the maximum benefit of
their people.

The huge annual gathering at Ratana Pā followed quickly, then there was the Māori Economic Summit in Wellington. I was amazed at the interest in the hui. More than 200 people fronted up with some great ideas to share. At this workshop I announced that I will be chairing a Māori Taskforce on the Economy and I will be making further announcements on this initiative in the very near future.

Then Waitangi Day was upon us. The atmosphere was very positive – there was a real sense that all New Zealanders are open to change, to fresh approaches, to entering a new era of race relations with confidence and pride.

So things felt good when Parliament resumed. We went straight into debating issues of great importance to iwi and hapū, including changes to the Resource Management Act, criminal justice, sentencing and parole. Meanwhile a review of the Foreshore and Seabed Act gets closer, so it's been a full programme.

Te Matatini has been and gone, another huge event on the Māori calendar that is now a strong part of our national life and beginning to get the international recognition it deserves.

I also accompanied a strong Māori delegation to the Prime Minister's Summit on Employment so that the views of our people could add value to those discussions.

In all this activity, Te Puni Kōkiri has provided excellent advice and support.

The energy and professionalism of regional staff in Rotorua and Tauranga, in Whanganui, and the tremendous initiatives taken in Te Tai Tokerau, all make things happen. I was really pleased to visit National Office the other day, and meet the people who man the ship and produce all the quality briefings I receive.

Heoi anō, ki a koutou katoa, e hihiri ana kia ora ngā iwi i ngā piki, i ngā heke o te wā, kia kaha koutou. Kia ora koutou katoa.



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MAIMAI AROHA





"Mr Takarangi epitomised the spirit of the Māori Battalion."

JIM TAKARANGI

"Ake ake kia kaha e"

Sadly, Jim Takarangi, the National President of the 28 Māori Battalion Association, passed away in Wanganui Hospital on Sunday 25 January 2009, aged 83.

Jim (Te Ati Haunui ā Pāpārangi) was a greatly loved kaumātua of Pūtiki Marae. "He was a staunch defender of tikanga on the marae, and a mentor to the younger generations," says the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector. Tarjana Turia.

"As the National President, Uncle Jim was held in great esteem for protecting the unique history of the 28 Māori Battalion, as well as his utter kindness and wise counsel," she says.

Jim joined the army in June 1944 when he enlisted into the Māori Battalion and served with Delta Company and served in Egypt and Italy. After the war he became a member of the Allied occupation force in Japan.

During this time he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. He left the army in September 1946.

Veterans' Affairs Minister
Judith Collins expressed her
condolences on behalf of the
New Zealand veteran community
to the whānau of Jim Takarangi.

"As their numbers waned over the years, Mr Takarangi took it upon himself to ensure the mana and the memory of the Māori Battalion were preserved for the future.

"As a loyal soldier, a tireless worker for the community, a talented sportsman and a loved kaumatua, Mr Takarangi epitomised the spirit of the Māori Battalion." she savs.

DR PARATENE NGATA

"He rata ranaatira"

Whānau and friends from around the country recently laid Dr Paratene Ngata to rest at his whānau urupā at Manakotutahi, Mangatuna, Tolaga Bay.

He was the eldest of the 12 children of Mere Nape Maurirere and Paraone Te Autaua Ngata of Te Aitanga ā Hauiti, Ngāti Ira and Ngāti Porou whānui.

Dr Ngata's early education began at Whakaangiangi School in the Awatere Valley in Te Araroa and Mangatuna Native School, followed by five years at St Stephen's College. While there, Sir Rawhiti Ihaka and Apirana Mahuika encouraged him to go to Otago University to complete a medical degree and he graduated in 1970.

After graduating Dr Ngata went on to work in Whanganui, Auckland, Rotorua, Ōpunake and Wellington. He finally moved to Gisborne to work as a General Practitioner with his own people.

In 1984, along with Eru Pomare, Lorna Dyall, George Salmond and Mason Durie, he initiated Hui Whakaoranga, which has been described as "the most important Māori health initiative since the days of Apirana Ngata and Peter Buck".

Dr Paratene Ngata was fondly known as a leading light in Māori health and last year he became a Distinguished Fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.

Dr Ngata will also be remembered for his anti-violence stance that he campaigned for relentlessly. Mourners at his tangihanga wore the white ribbon as an anti-violence tribute to the great doctor.

He is survived by his wife Ngaroma, their four sons and mokopuna. Dr Paratene Ngata will be sadly missed.



"Dr Paratene Ngata was fondly known as a leading light in Māori health"







28 MĀORI BATTALION REUNION 2009

The 28 Māori Battalion veterans, whānau and friends gathered in Whanganui for their annual reunion hosted by D Company from 20 to 22 February.

The weekend's activities began with an emotional pōwhiri at Pūtiki Marae welcoming surviving veterans and their whāṇau to the rohe

The reunion was also a time to remember those that have fallen and since the last reunion held at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae Gisborne 13 veterans have passed on, including president Jim Takarangi, who was looking forward to hosting everyone in his home town.

"We mourn the loss of our president Jim Takarangi and

the other 12 veterans who have fallen since the last 28 Māori Battalion reunion," says local organiser Ike Hunter.

The weekend continued with a journey up the Whanganui River, a trip to Palmerston North to visit the Māori Battalion Hall and the annual general meeting of the 28 Māori Battalion
Association.

There are 53 remaining veterans of the more than 3,600 28 Māori Battalion soldiers and officers who went to war.











On Wednesday 25 February 2009 the Minister of Māori Affairs, Hon Dr Pita Sharples, and the Associate Minister of Māori Affairs, Hon Georgina te Heuheu, took time out of their busy schedules to walk the floors of Te Puni Kökiri's national office, meeting and greeting staff.

LOOKING FOR WHĀNAU OF KUIA

Kei te mōhio koe ko wai te kuia kei te whakaahua nei? Do you know who the kuia in the photo is?

Ko tō kuia pea? Perhaps it is your kuia?

The Dentice whānau, who are currently looking after this framed sketch, are searching for the whānau of the kuia.

"The framed sketch is 16cm x 24cm and came to our whānau to be looked after from a local resident who found her in a set of drawers with other associated items at the local tip," says Paea Dentice.

"Our whānau has no knowledge of this kuia but would like her safely returned to her whānau/descendants or appropriate people."

The sketch is signed by Sonny Hawkes 1978, and has the words "Māori Kuia, Waikato, NZ" inscribed.

If you have any information regarding the kuia, please email Paea Dentice: paeatu@paradise.net.nz







MĀORI ECONOMIC SUMMIT



The Minister of Māori Affairs. Hon Dr Pita Sharples, calls for Māori leaders to consider hold initiatives to address the impact of the global economic crisis on Māori and all New 7ealanders

More than 100 Māori leaders from throughout the country gathered for the Minister's Māori Economic Summit held at Te Puni Kōkiri's national office in Wellington on 28 January.

Hon Dr Sharples, announced that he will be establishing a Māori Affairs Ministerial Taskforce on the Economy, which he will personally chair.

"This parliamentary term will be defined by how we negotiate the swirling economic waters ahead," says Hon Dr Sharples. "We have faced these perils before, and for Māori the experience was disastrous.

"We know that too many of our whanau are still recovering from the inter-generational effects of long-term unemployment and grinding poverty," he says.

Dr Sharples says research by the Child Poverty Action Group indicates that between 40 and 50 percent of Māori children live in benefitdependent families.

"The children of low-income families are in a precarious state with too many lives at risk as a consequence of severe and significant hardship. These children must be in all our thoughts as we venture forwards."

DELEGATES COMMENT ON THE RECESSION

Kökiri spoke with delegates from the Māori Economic Summit and asked them a question about the recession:

What is the solution for Māori survival in this global economic recession?



FDWARD FILISON Ngāi Tahu

"I think collaboration. focusing on the issues and really getting stuck in to support one another will be the key. We also need to look at what we are doing successfully so we can build upon that and replicate it for the benefit of all our people."



NAIDA GLAVISH

Ngāti Whātua

"He whakakotahi i te whānau. te hapū, te iwi me te tiro ki waho ki te whakakotahi hoki me te hapori whānui. Ko te whakakotahitanga tō tātou oranga."



MONTY SOUTAR

Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Awa

"We need to have a certain level of optimism and hope that there are positive opportunities for us all at this time. Our minds can't be in a recession because if you expect that then that is what you will get."



TARIA TAHANA

Te Arawa

"I think the solution for us is going back to the principles of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga. We need to think unconventionally to succeed and to come up with solutions that will help one another and we all need to whakamana our people."



However, Hon Dr Sharples says Māori are in better shape to face a recession, both economically and culturally. "Generally our businesses and organisations are conservative; investment portfolios are careful; our strategic vision is shaped by building capacity and capital development," he says. "This offers a strong platform to bring forward infrastructure, community and educational programmes.

"There is also another aspect to our story today, which some commentators are calling the 'Māori edge' – basically our comparative advantage in business." He says a tradition as explorers and entrepreneurs enables Māori to develop their growing asset base in innovative ways.

"My desire for this Māori economic workshop is that we bring together our knowledge and expertise and that indisputable Māori edge, to take a leading role in the nation's economy, in ways which are nothing short of outstanding."

Hon Dr Sharples says the workshop is not just a one-day wonder. "We are entering a new era, with a commitment driven by kaupapa Māori, a vision quided by tikanqa."

He warns that a narrow focus on business and the economy, at the expense of the environment, is not sustainable. "The concepts of guardianship, of respect for the earth and water, of care for the generations to come are central to our traditions and customary rights. As Minister of Māori Affairs I want to make sure that the voice of Māori and the interests of Māori are listened to."

"We can't just carry on with a strategy which assumes exponential growth is the solution – without at the same time educating each other about how to manage in a post-carbon world. That requires, at the very least, energy, social and agricultural reform to prepare for our future."

While the workshop focused on Māori business and economy, Hon Dr Sharples calls for leadership for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

"The challenge ahead of us all is deadly serious. We must think of all our populations, all our communities, all our whānau in every deliberation we take today."





GLEN KATU Ngāti Maniapoto

"We need to work together using our collective strengths as iwi to minimise the risk to our assets by building upon existing foundations and creating new opportunities."



MYNETTA ERUETI Ngāti Mutunga, Taranaki

"I'm someone who believes in partnerships whether in marriage, business or management because getting the right kinds of partnerships are the key to working together to get good outcomes for us all."



TIMI TE HEUHEU Ngāti Tuwharetoa

"We need to look no further than ourselves and our resources whether physical or spiritual because we have the answers in front of us. We need to maintain our strong whakapapa ties with each other because together we will overcome any recession or problem."



NGAHIWI TOMOANA Ngāti Kahungunu

"We need to have more kotahitanga within business in the primary sector and we need more engagement with both the private and Crown entities. We also need a greater focus on education to drive our organisations to succeed."



WAITANGI DAY 2009

There was a sense of unity and pride as New Zealand's diverse communities came together to celebrate Waitangi Day 2009. Kökiri photographers were on hand to capture the celebrations in Te Whanganui ā Tara, Taranaki, Murihiku, Rotorua, Tāmaki Makaurau and Waitangi.









- 🔕 Waitangi Day celebrations at Waitangi Park in Te Whanganui ā Tara
- Te Röpü Taikura o Te Whanganui ā Tara
- James Pirika at Whakanuia in Rotorua
- Ngā kōhine at Ōkahu Bay celebrations in Tāmaki Makaurau
- Paepae in the Park at Pātea in South Taranaki















- Enjoying festivities at Waitangi Park in Te Whanganui ā Tara
- Stick games in Waitangi
- Ngā kaihoe i Waitangi
- Te haka a ngā kaihoe i Waitangi
- Rangatahi enjoying the sun at Ōkahu Bay in Tāmaki Makaurau













- He māhanga i Pātea i Taranaki ki te tonga
- Stacey Morrison rāua ko tōna kuia Katerina Daniels i Whakarewarewa i Rotorua
- Nireaha Pirika at Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake) Rotorua
- Rangatahi at Ōkahu Bay in Tāmaki Makaurau









- Tamati Coffey and the whānau at Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff, Murihiku
- 1 Tā Tipene O'Regan welcoming the Murihiku community to Te Rau Aroha Marae
- Kai tahi at Te Rau Aroha Marae in Murihiku



HONOURING OUR PEOPLE

We recognise those Māori who were recently honoured by the Queen in the New Year's Honours List 2009

"I would like to extend my congratulations to you all as you work tirelessly to ensure Māori throughout the country realise their potential." says Te Puni Kökiri Chief Executive Leith Comer.

"Your efforts and contribution to not only Māori communities but New Zealand have not gone unnoticed, ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa," he says.

In particular we wish to acknowledge former Te Puni Kōkiri Chief Executive Dr Ngatata Love, who received a PCNZM for his commitment to Māori development.





NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST 2009

PRINCIPAL COMPANION OF THE NEW 7FALAND ORDER OF MERIT (PCNZM)

Professor Ralph Herberley Ngatata LOVE, QSO, JP, of Porirua. For services to Māori

MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT (MNZM)

Mr Thomas Eruera Whanaupani MULLIGAN, of Hastings. For services to Māori.

Ms Evelyn Maria TOBIN, JP, of Waitakere. For services to te reo.

Mrs Anihira Te Waihanea TUROA-HENRY, JP. of Taumarunui. For services to Māori

Mrs Mabel WHAREKAWA-BURT, JP. of Katikati. For services to the performing arts and the community.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER (QSO)

Major Hone Hikitia Te Rangi WAITITI (Retired), JP, of Opotiki. For services to the community.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL (QSM)

Ms Wikitoria Suvia BAKER, of Temuka. For services to Māori, music and the community.

Mrs Ereti Taetuha BROWN, of Waitakere. For services to Māori and youth.

Mr Brian Desmond JOYCE, JP, of Papakura. For services to Māori and the community.

The Reverend Albert MARTIN, of New Plymouth. For services to Māori.

Mr Samuel Peter MOEKE, of Hastings. For services to Māori

Mrs Janet Patricia PAKU, of Napier. For services to the Department of Corrections.

Mrs Nellie Waimatatini PARATENE, of Masterton. For services to the community.

Mr John Richard Edward RYAN, JP, of Cambridge. For services to Māori and the community.

Mrs Mary Ann SELWYN, of Manukau. For services to Māori and the community.

Archdeacon Richard Rangi WALLACE, of Hokitika. For services to Māori.





TE HONO KI RAROTONGA

Te Whānau ā Ruataupare hosted more than 5,000 people at Pākirikiri Marae, East Coast over the four-day celebration of the relationship between the people of Rarotonga and Tokomaru Bay.

Pākirikiri Marae's whare tupuna Te Hono ki Rarotonga turned 75. In 1930 Sir Apirana Ngata formalised the relationship between Rarotonga and Tokomaru Bay, and in 1934 a Rarotongan delegation attended the opening of Te Hono ki Rarotonga.

Seventy-five years later another delegation of dignitaries and whānau from Rarotonga were led onto Pākirikiri Marae by six Rarotongan ariki including Sir Terepai Maoate, the deputy Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, to join in the jubilee celebrations.

"We are honoured that our 'cousins' from Te Moananui ā Kiwa attended the festivities. Our reo is similar, and our tikanga and ancient stories are also very similar," says kaumātua Tate Pewhairangi.

"This is no more evident than in our 'Paikea' brothers and sisters from Maukē, whose rendition of the story of Paikea in song was a hit with Ngāti Porou," he says.



The celebrations included exhibitions from local Tairāwhiti artists and the unveiling of a plaque, "Te Au Ki Tonga", to commemorate the occasion.

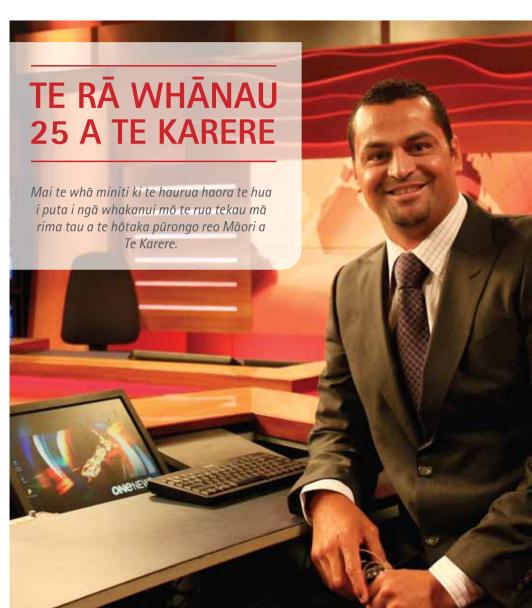
Entertainment from Te Hokowhitu Atu and groups from Rarotonga and Maukē was also enjoyed.

Te Puni Kōkiri and the New Zealand Defence Force supported the event.





KAUPAPA MATUA



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I te tuarua o ngā rā o Hui Tānguru ikapahi atu ai ngā mana nui o te ao Māori me te ao pāho ki te whakanui i te rua tekau mā rima tau a Te Karere

"Nō Te Reo Tātaki o Aotearoa me Te Karere te honore i tae mai ai Te Arikinui a Kīngi Tuheitia ki te whakamanawa i te kaupapa," hei tā te rangatira a Te Karere a Shane Taurima.

"Ehara i a mātou tēnei taonga, nā te iwi kē. Nō reira, ko taku īnoi ki te iwi, tiakina. tautokona, kia ora ai ia mo ake tonu," hei tāna.

Rahi ake i te kotahi rau tāngata i tae ake ko te Minita mō ngā Take Māori a Pita Sharples, ko Timi te Heuheu o te whare ariki o Ngāti Tūwharetoa me Kīngi Tuheitia.

Hei tā Derek Fox tētahi o ngā kaiwhakaū a Te Karere, kaore i pai te whakaaro mo te hōtaka ki ngā rangatira Pākehā o Te Reo Tātaki i te tīmatanga.

Engari ia nā te arohanui ki te reo Māori i whawhatia tonuhia ai e mātou kia whakarewa i tētahi hōtaka pūrongo reo Māori ki te pouaka whakaata, ināianei he rua tekau mā rima tau te roa o tana pāhotanga ki te ao me mihi ka tika, hei tā Derek anō.

I whakahoungia e Te Reo Tātaki i te ruma pāho a Te Karere me te waiata tīmatanga hei kinakitanga mo tana rā whānau.

"Ko ngā ringaringa me ngā waewae o Te Karere, ka mau tonu, Engari kua whakarēreketia te hanga o te tinana me ngā kai o roto," hei tā Shane.

"Tērā ētahi wāhanga hou kua whakaritea e mātou, pērā i te paepae kōrero. He taumata tēnei hei āta matapaki i ngā kaupapa nui o te rā," hei tāna anō.

"Ko te kaupapa te mea nui. Ko te reo Māori kia mau tonu. Ko te reo o te Māori, kia rangona, kia kõrerotia."

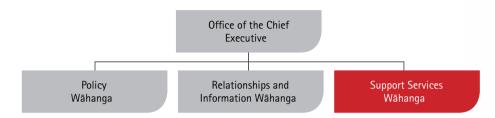






SUPPORT SERVICES WĀHANGA

In this edition of Kōkiri we focus on Te Puni Kōkiri's National Office and profile our Support Services Wāhanga.



TE PUNI KŌKIRI'S ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Policy Wahanga brings together Te Puni Kōkiri's policy development, monitoring and research functions to create and drive innovative, cuttingedge policy utilising the Māori Potential Approach. The Māori Potential Approach provides us with a disciplined framework and set of quiding principles to give effect to the strategic outcome of Māori Succeeding as Māori. Our specific focus areas are culture, well-being, economic, research and monitoring.

The Relationships and Information Wähanga is focused on developing and maintaining the strategic relationships that are at the heart of Māori development.

Forging enduring relationships with Māori, as well as a broad

range of other stakeholders, is the key role of the wāhanga. The wāhanga also manages a network of 10 regional offices and sub-offices throughout New Zealand.

The Support Services Wāhanga provides a culture of support for all groups within Te Puni Kōkiri to ensure that excellent standards are achieved and maintained across the organisation in line with State Sector guidelines. The Support Services Wāhanga includes the Office of the Deputy Secretary, Finance, Human Resources, Legal Services, Information Services, Ministerials and Contracting, Risk and Assurance, Planning and Coordination and Communications.

"Support Services ensures that Te Puni Kōkiri is functioning at an optimal level with reference to key internal and external strategies."

> Darrin Sykes, Te Puni Kökiri's Acting Deputy Secretary for Support Services

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Te Puni Kōkiri's Support Services Wāhanga provides support within Te Puni Kōkiri to ensure that excellent standards are achieved and maintained across the organisation.

Support Services Wāhanga Acting Deputy Secretary Darrin Sykes says the wāhanga is Te Puni Kōkiri's operational arm and it is a key component to ensure that Te Puni Kōkiri has the capability and capacity to continue its great work in realising Māori potential.

"Support Services ensures that Te Puni Kökiri is functioning at an optimal level with reference to key internal and external strategies," he says.

The Support Services Wāhanga includes the Office of the Deputy Secretary, Finance, Human Resources, Risk and Assurance, Communications, Legal Services, Information Services, Ministerials and Contracting.

While maintaining all of Te Puni Kōkiri's financial operations and matters, Support Services also provides advice and services for recruitment, employee relations, performance management, payroll, leave management, and organisational development.

Support Services proactively and reactively provides the highest quality legal advice to service policy, legal and programme initiatives; ensure legislative and legal compliance; prepare, draft and clear legal documents; and mitigate risks.

Support Services manages communication, information and correspondence between Te Puni Kōkiri and the Minister of Māori Affairs. It is also responsible for ensuring that contracts meet the required State Sector Standards and provides communication services to the Minister of Māori Affairs, Chief Executive and New Zealand about Te Puni Kōkiri's work programmes where Māori succeed as Māori.



SUPPORT SERVICES WĀHANGA

PROFILING TE PUNI KŌKIRI STAFF

HIKA TANGITU

INGOA

Hika Tangitu

IWI

Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Pikiao, Te Arawa, Ngāti Awa

AGE

Winston's gold card is just around the corner

STAR SIGN

Aquarius

FAVOURITE KAI

Pickled pork and puha

FAVOURITE ICE CREAM FLAVOUR

Kapiti icecream - chocolate

MOVIE

Sister Act and Sister Act 2

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU DO AT

TE PUNI KŌKIRI?

Supervising the telephonists and receptionists.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING FOR TE PUNI KŌKIRI?

Too long!

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR MAHI?

Being able to promote a good image for Te Puni Kōkiri by displaying good

quality service.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND/OR INTERESTS?

Wine and music.





PIKIHUIA AWARDS FOR MĀORI WRITERS 2009

Dates and criteria have been set and entries are now open. All you have to do is put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and write.

For more than 10 years the Māori Literature Trust and Huia publishers have held this unique and increasingly popular bi-annual writing competition, producing award-winning Māori writers in all genres.

For Māori, "Pikihuia" is a symbol of excellence, a pinnacle of achievement. Since 1995 the awards have helped launch the careers of new Māori writers such as James George and Kelly Ana Morey and new writers of te reo Māori Darryn Joseph and Charisma Rangipunga.

Writers can write about any topic so long as the story is fiction. Over the years, hundreds of entrants have given life to the many manifestations of contemporary life in Aotearoa and the Pacific.

While some of the stories have explored identity, empowerment and loss, others have journeyed to strange places or talked about whanaungatanga and neighbourliness, love and prostitution, burnt meals and brutality, language and perception.

The stories are captured in the series: Huia Short Stories and Ngā Pakiwaitara a Huia

The categories for 2009 are:

- Best novel extract (up to 5,000 words)
- · Best short story in English
- Best short story in Māori
- Best short story in English or Māori by a secondary school student
- Best short film script by a Māori writer. Entries close 15 May.

All the information you need about the Pikihuia Awards is available from the Huia website. www.huia.co.nz











15 POLITÜ TE RANGI

Inia Te Wiata Tribute Concert Tāmaki Makaurau

Presented in partnership with Te Puni Kökiri this showcase celebrates the legacy and spirit of acclaimed artist Inia Te Wiata. The concert will feature Māori musicians and performers, including soul diva Whirimako Black and Inia's daughter Rima Te Wiata. Expect an evening of infectious rhythm and song where the worlds of traditional and contemporary Māori music and performance are interwoven to produce a unique musical universe.

Website: www.aucklandfestival.co.nz

18 - 21 POUTŪ TF RANGI

ASB Polyfest Manukau

Experience the South Pacific at this unique cultural festival featuring traditional music, dance, costume and speeches. Held over four days, from 18 to 21 March 2009, this annual event is the largest Māori and Pacific Islands cultural festival in the world

For more information contact the festival director

Email: director@asbpolyfest.co.nz Website: www.asbpolyfest.co.nz

18 - 20 POUTŪ TE RANGI

National Māori Asthma and Respiratory Conference Örākei Mara Marae, Tāmaki Makaurau

Health professionals and community workers are invited to participate in the National Māori Asthma and Respiratory Conference. There is a fantastic line-up of keynote speakers, presentations and workshops. Topics include helping smokers who have asthma, a new asthma self-management plan for adults and dealing with chronic illness and depression. The conference is hosted by the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation.

For more information contact Sunny

Phone: 04 499 4592

Email: conference@asthmafoundation.org.nz Website: www.asthmafoundation.org.nz

21 POUTŪ TE RANGI

Te Houtaewa Challenge Ahipara, Far North

Te Houtaewa 90 Mile Beach Challenge Run and Waka Ama Surf Challenge takes place at 90 Mile Beach and at Paripari Domain in Ahipara.

For more information contact Frances Piacin

Phone: 09 408 6060

Email: Tehoutaewa@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.newzealand-marathon.co.nz





28 POUTŪ TE RANGI

Department of Māori Affairs Reunion Petone

The reunion celebration of the old Department of Māori Affairs will be held on Saturday 28 March 2009 at the Petone Working Men's Club. This is a chance for all former employees to come together and celebrate the mahi they achieved to realise Māori potential.

For more information contact Organising Committee Chair Bill Kaua Email: bill@kohanga.ac.nz

28 POUTŪ TE RANGI

Te Ahuareka o Ngāti Hine - Ngāti Hine Festival Ōtīria Marae

Te Ahuareka o Ngāti Hine (Ngāti Hine Festival) is a celebration of Ngāti Hine achievements, success and opportunity to strengthen whānau relationships. Stallholders are invited to participate and whānau can enjoy lively tautohetohe, and other entertainment.

For more information contact Pepi Walker

Phone: 09 438 6341

Website: www.ngatihine.iwi.nz

29 POUTŪ TE RANGI

Whānau Day

Manurewa Marae, Manurewa

Another fun day for all the whānau with exciting activities that will encourage whānau to step out of their comfort zones and work as a team and dare to try something different. The day includes an Amazing Race and Fear Factor activities that will be fun for the whole whānau.

For more information contact Lorraine Byers at Manurewa Marae Phone: 09 267 8768

Email: Matukutureia@xtra.co.nz







10 - 12 PAFNGA WHĀWHĀ

Te Hui Ahurei a Tühoe Rūātoki

Te Hui Ahurei a Tühoe is a celebration of Māori culture - eniov live entertainment including kapa haka and battle of the bands, cultural language debates and sports challenges, and sample the many kai stalls, buy gifts and more.

Phone: 07 312 9515

Fmail: tuhoe education@xtra co nz Website: www.tuhoeahurei.com

18 PAFNGA WHĀWHĀ

Ngāti Awa Tertiary Grants and Scholarship Presentations Uiraroa Marae, Te Teko

The Ngāti Awa Tertiary Grants and Scholarship presentations will celebrate the academic achievement and success of Ngāti Awa students. Six Ngāti Awa Scholarships and approximately 200 Ngāti Awa Tertiary Grants will be awarded in 2009.

For more information contact Monica Maniapoto

Phone: 07 307 0760

Email: runanga@ngatiawa.iwi.nz Website: www.ngatiawa.iwi.nz

29 HARATUA - 01 PIPIRI

Wairoa Māori Film Festival 2009 Wairoa

The Wairoa Māori Film Festival is presented by Te Roopu Whakaata Māori i te Wairoa (the Wairoa Māori Film Festival Society Inc). In 2005, the festival organisation hosted the inaugural Wairoa Māori Film Festival. This Festival was held in June, as part of the Matariki celebrations over the Queen's Birthday weekend. In 2009, it will also coincide with Queen's Birthday weekend and Matariki celebrations.

For more information contact Huia Koziol

Phone: 06 837 8854

Email: maorimovies@gmail.com Website: www.manawairoa.com

27 HÖNGONGOI - 2 HERETURIKÖKĀ

Māori Language Week 2009 Nationwide

This year's theme for Māori Language Week 2009 is "Māori Language in the Community - Te Reo i te Hapori". Join the many thousands of New Zealanders who enjoy celebrating New Zealand's unique indigenous language, te reo Māori.

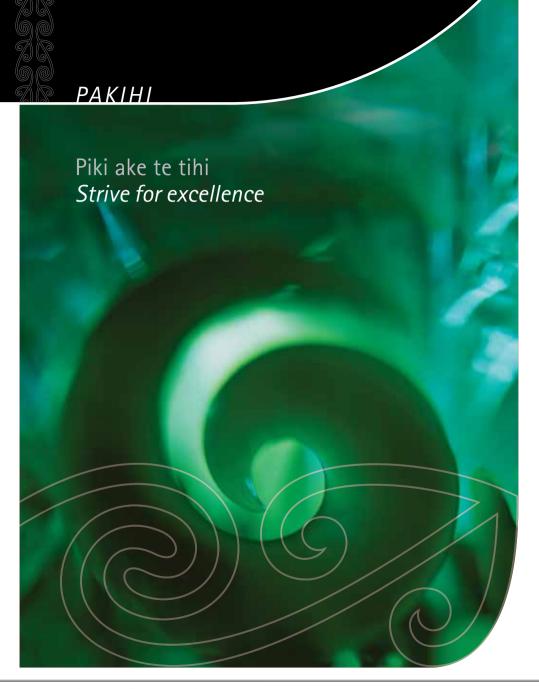
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We profile a diverse cross section of Māori entrepreneurs from Te Waipounamu and their creative and innovative businesses. These businesses include a drycleaners, a franchise to sell technology, freight and customs, building websites for sales and bi-lingual resources. Te Puni Kōkiri is committed to supporting Māori in business to succeed as Māori.



TŪ MĀIA

Sisters Raina Fowlds and Chris Murray (Mūaupoko, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa) are in the business of producing bi-lingual educational resources.

"We saw a need for good quality bi-lingual children's books not only for our grandchildren but for everyone, so we decided to make our own," says Raina.

"Chris and I have talked about writing books for years. In October 2007 we decided to lock ourselves away in a motel room in Rotorua and we weren't going to leave until we came up with a business plan, story lines and logos," she says.

In August 2008 the sisters launched their company Tū Māja Educational Resources Ltd. initially to provide bi-lingual teaching resources to schools.

Since then they have produced a set of four bi-lingual children's books called Ngā Taonga Tuku Iho Series, which are easy to read and have storvlines that all children and teachers will love.

"We have drawn upon our upbringing and the inspiration of our mother to drive our business to succeed," says Raina.

"My mum had 15 children and one hand but did everything for us and we are grateful to both our parents for making us who we are today," she says.

The four books titled Let's Count - Me Kaute Tāua, Koro Tom Goes Fishing Koro's Sunflowers and Nanny's Taonga, contain real characters from their whānau.

They have also produced a fifth book titled Ngā Karakia mō ngā wā Katoa.

"Te Puni Kōkiri has been really awesome and they have challenged us from day one and made sure we didn't do anything in half measures," says Chris.

"We are grateful to Te Puni Kōkiri and Jamie (Te Puni Kōkiri account manager) for their support in bringing our business to the point it is at today and we are very excited about the future," she says.

For more information visit: www.tu-maia.co.nz





SMARTALARM

Hear and see a burglar from your mobile phone, if you purchase a Cyetec Smart Alarm from Jimmie McNicholl (Ngãi Tahu) and his wife Nicki Doualas.

Jimmie and Nicki own the company Vespa Lime Ltd trading as Smartalarm. They are licensed to sell the innovative and cutting edge Cyetec security solutions, using wireless video and audio communication to 3G mobile phones.

"With crime rising dramatically we are both passionate about the Cyetec range of products, and their ability to give peace of mind security for families," says Jimmie.

"If you want business or home security, you can dial from your 3G mobile phone to the camera you have put in place to see what's going on in your shop or home. You can even talk through your phone and hear through the camera," he says.





No more monthly monitoring fees, no false alarms, no callout delays – you just dial your camera from anywhere there is 3G mobile coverage to see what's going on live.

By pressing the numbers on your phone you can control the camera; for example, 2 goes left, 4 goes right, 5 flips the picture, 1 zooms in and 3 zooms out.

"I have had excellent support and advice from Te Puni Kōkiri. They put me in touch with my mentor to complete a business plan and do a business analysis," says Jimmie.

"Business has been fantastic especially because we have really great products that utilise the latest technology to protect people's possessions and profits," he says.

The cameras retail for about \$1,500, or \$13 per week for three years. This is a small cost for peace of mind, says Jimmie.

For more information contact Jimmie: smartalarm@clear.net.nz or visit www.cyetec.com

90-DAY TRIAL PERIOD - THE BASICS

From 1 March this year, employers will be able to hire new staff on a 90-day trial period. Here are some of the basics that you'll need to know when hiring staff under the new law.

Which employers can use trial periods?

To be eligible to use the option of a trial period you must employ fewer than 20 staff. This can include fixed term, casual, full- and part-time workers as long as the total number does not exceed 19.

Can I put existing staff on trial?

No. Trial periods are only applicable to new staff employed after 1 March 2009. Nor does it include staff you have employed previously.

Does a trial period have to be 90 days?

No. If a trial period is included in an employment agreement, it can be shorter than 90 days. The maximum length for a trial period is 90 calendar days (beginning on the day the employee starts work).

Does a trial period have to be in writing?

Yes. A trial period must be in writing as part of the employee's employment agreement. If it's not, it's not valid and can't be applied.

What happens when a trial period ends?

If an employee successfully completes a trial period, his/ her employment continues as agreed in their written employment agreement and the protections under the Employment Relations Act, including the ability to raise a personal grievance, apply.

If the employee is dismissed after the end of a trial period and raises a personal grievance, then the employer and employee have full recourse to the employment relationship problem resolution processes under the Employment Relations Act 2000, including access to the Employment Relations Authority and the Employment Court.

For further information go to www.dol.govt.nz







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TAYLORS MASTER VALET

Kiri (Ngāi Tahu) and Skot Penfold (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kuri) own and operate a Christchurch dry cleaning business – Taylors Master Valet – that began in 1848.

Three and a half years ago Kiri and Skot purchased the business from friends. "We were nervous at first about owning the business. But we just got stuck in. We believed we could do it, so we sold our house and our rental property and we got together with our whānau to make this business work," says Skot.

"Business has been going well but it's been hard work. We have great staff and fantastic customers. Servicing hotels and more than 30 agents throughout Canterbury keeps us busy," he says.

Taylors now employs 21 staff, including 15 full-time employees, and has provided young Māori with an opportunity to get started in the industry.

"I have great hopes for young Māori. I want to contribute to Māoridom and think the best way I can do it is by providing career pathway opportunities within our business and industry to train and employ Māori," says Skot.

"Last year a friend, Shane Hoani, who runs an IT company recommended we contact Te Puni Kōkiri," he says.

Since then Te Puni Kōkiri's Māori Business Facilitation Service has been working with Skot to move his business forward.

"Our goal for the future is to remain at the top of the industry and to adapt to the environmental requirements so we can continue to offer a highquality service well into the future," says Skot.

"We aim to be recognised as market leaders, not in size but in the standards we achieve and in meeting the highest standards of textile care for our customers," he says.

For more information visit: www.drycleaner.co.nz





BUILDING WEBSITE SALES

Patrick Porter (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou) and Jade Sievers have their own web business specialising in providing websites that generate sales.

The couple first met when they were working for Ticketek. In 2006 they started their business, Jade Creative, after identifying a gap in the website industry.

"We provide a total package website solution for anyone interested in selling their products or services online," says Patrick.

"Having a great website is only the start of being successful online. You need to promote your site, persuade your visitors and measure all that you can to stand out from your competitors," he says.

Patrick has nine years' experience in website development, web marketing and website hosting while Jade has more than 10 years' management experience including managing web design and development teams.

Jade Creative has created many e-commerce websites for customers including Māori businesses.

"We noticed an increase in sales and customer interest within the first 14 days of launching our new e-commerce website," says Managing Director Plush Puku Aroha Eynon. "Overall our web sales have increased by more than 90 percent. Our website has been a huge success," she says.

Patrick and Jade have been working with Te Puni Kōkiri's Māori Business Facilitation Service to move their business forward.

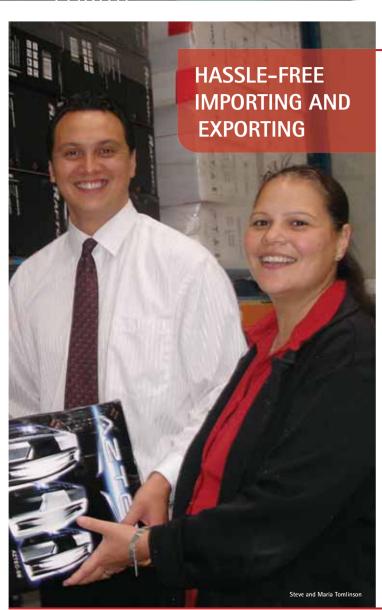
"We've joined the Māori Business Network. I remember doing a presentation on our business to other Māori businesses. It was a bit scary, but as a result I've become more confident in presenting at other forums," says Patrick.

Jade Creative employs five people, three full-timers and two parttimers, with fantastic networks in the industry to enable them to outsource work when there is a heavy demand.

For more information visit www.jadecreative.co.nz







Husband and wife team
Maria (Ngāti Porou) and Steve
(Rangitāne) Tomlinson run
a successful customs and
international freight business.

With more than 20 years' experience in the customs and freight industry they decided to set up their own company in February 2007, called Koru Customs and International Freight Limited.

"We initially started our business around the customs brokerage work as we saw a gap in the market to assist people with getting through the red tape so they can import or export their freight." says Steve.

"But our business has evolved to the point where we provide a tailor-made total package solution to ensure the delivery of freight from door to door," he says.

Their office is ideally located minutes away from New Zealand Customs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), the airlines and the international airport passenger and cargo terminals at Christchurch airport.

"People often think it is easy to move cargo from New Zealand to an overseas destination or

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vice versa but clearance really depends entirely on the product that is being moved – the more risky the freight the more clearance that is required," says Steve.

"We keep up to date with the latest New Zealand customs rules and regulations, we know MAF requirements and we make sure we know what clearance we need from an overseas destination depending on whether we are importing or exporting," he says.

Koru Customs and International Freight have relocated rugby players to Japan and this year they relocated the personal items of Wallabies coach Robbie Deans from Christchurch to Australia.

"To be the most successful we could we knew that we needed sound business advice, support and encouragement. Te Puni Kökiri provided that for us," says Maria.

"It was good for us because sometimes you just need some reassurance that you are heading in the right direction when you are in business," she says.

For more information visit: www.korucustoms.co.nz

BUSINESS TIPS

Te Puni Kōkiri's Māori Business Facilitation Service (MBFS) has compiled a list of 10 business tips from MBFS sources to support Māori husinesses in this current economic climate. "As we face a alobal economic recession it is timely for Māori businesses to take stock of their business position." says Te Puni Kōkiri's MBFS actina manager Jim Wilson. "We are committed to ensuring that Māori succeed as Māori in business that need assistance managing their business in this present climate: to that end I invite all Māori businesses to contact one of our regional account managers to seek their support and advice as we all face this economic recession together," he says.

TOP TEN TIPS

- Top priority is your business cash flow (converting goods and services to cash in your bank account as quickly as possible).
- 2. Prepare your business budget and monitor monthly.
- 3. Keep stock to a minimum (sell slow-moving stock through sales or specials).
- 4. Stay close to your customers.
- 5. Know and manage your costs.
- 6. Chase up slow and bad debtors diligently.
- 7. Look for product or service efficiency.
- 8. Make sure your business plan is up to date.
- 9. Maintain sound governance.
- 10. Get good advice.

To access advice and support for your business in the current economic climate, contact the Māori Business Facilitation Service account manager in your region or visit www.tpk.govt.nz

TE PUNI KŌKIRI'S Māori Business Facilitation Service

Your business is unique to you. The Business Facilitation Service and the Accredited Business Mentors will work with you to ensure you receive the specialist advice and guidance needed to help make your business succeed.

For Māori Business Facilitation Service assistance please contact your regional Account Manager (shown below).

Regional Account Managers
TE TAITOKERAU
April Erueti - Waea: 0800 420 114

TĀMAKI MAKAURAU Tāmaki Makaurau Ngaire Wilson – Waea: 09 571 2961

Counties Manukau Rosalie Williams - Waea: 09 571 2956

WAIKATO
Michelle Baker - Waea: 07 834 7116

TE ARAWA ME TE MOANA Ā TOI Shontelle Bishara - Waea: 07 349 7809

TE TAIRĀWHITI Deanna Harrison - Waea: 06 868 0213

TE TAI HAUĀURU Keria Ponga - Waea: 06 348 0412

TAKITIMU Henry Heke - Waea: 0800 020 003

TE WHANGANUI Ā TARA ME
TE WAIPOUNAMU
Jamie Te Hiwi - Waea: 0800 520 001

or call us on our TOLL FREE NUMBER 0800 94 99 97





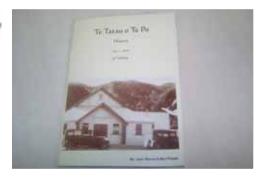


TE ARAWA: URUIKA

Te Puni Kōkiri supported the 100-year celebrations of Tapuaeharuru Marae's whare tupuna Uruika. Tapuaeharuru Marae is located on the eastern shores of Lake Rotoiti and has long been the turangawaewae of two Ngāti Pikiao hapū, Ngāti Tamateatutahi and Ngāti Kawiti. Celebrations included the launch of a booklet containing contributions of oral, written, pictorial and archival documentation sourced from whānau and friends, local and national libraries and museums, the Historic Places Trust and Archives New Zealand, all capturing the rich history of the marae.

TE WHANGANUI Ā TARA: TE TATAU TE PŌ

Recently more than 300 people attended Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae's 75th jubilee celebrations, where a booklet was launched called *Te Tatau o Te Pō History 1933-2008 - 75th Jubilee*. The original meeting house stood on what is now the corner of Te Puni Street and The Esplanade in Petone. In the 1920s it was moved to where the former Petone West School stood. Then in 1933 it was moved to the present site at 437 Hutt Road, Lower Hutt. Te Tatau o Te Pō Marae has a long, proud history that has now been documented for future generations.





TE WAIPOUNAMU: PROTECTING MAHINGA KAI

Te Puni Kōkiri is supporting Ngāi Tahu's Wairewa Rūnanga to complete a successful trial investigating the feasibility of creating a permanent outlet canal from Wairewa/ Lake Forsyth to the Pacific Ocean, to restore the health of the lake. The purpose of this trial is to reverse the current state of the environment within the lake by using tidal energy to flush toxic algal blooms from the lake. "The project will ensure the health of the tuna fishery and the return of other mahinga kai," says Wairewa Rūnanga Chairman Robin Wybrow.



TE MOANA Ā TOI-**WAKA AMA TOOI KIT**

Te Puni Kökiri supported the Mataatua Sports Trust to develop a resource for proactive planning of future waka ama events. The Mataatua Waka Ama Regatta planning toolkit offers support to individuals, waka ama clubs, whānau, hapū and iwi to organise and manage a successful waka ama event. Waka ama is fast becoming a popular sport within the Te Moana ā Toi rohe, says Te Puni Kōkiri regional director Rachel Jones. "I congratulate the Mataatua Sports Trust for their proactive approach to ensure their people are safe while building a better quality of life through waka ama."





TF TAI HAUĀURU: **TIRA HOE WAKA 2009**

Whanganui iwi were joined by King Tuheitia and his whānau, along with kaumātua and Tainui kapa haka group Ngā Pou o Roto on the annual Tira Hoe Waka this year. King Tuheitia's daughter Ngawai Hono i te Po celebrated her 12th birthday at Pipiriki on 13 January 2009. Ngawai was gifted to Whanganui at the time of her birth when Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikahu was travelling the Tira Hoe Waka in 1997. The name Ngawai Hono i te Po on represents the coming together of the two mighty rivers Waikato and Whanganui. Te Puni Kōkiri also supported the Tira Hoe Waka.

TF TAIRĀWHITI: INTER-MARAE SPORTS

Te Aitanga ā Hauiti and the Ūawa community hosted the 2009 Ngāti Porou Inter-Marae Sports at the Tolaga Bay Area School earlier this year. More than 4,000 "Natis", representing 20 marae, participated in more than 20 sports and events including athletics, swimming, tug of war, chess, basketball, touch and more. "It was a brilliant day, and a wonderful opportunity for whānau to participate and compete for their marae in the spirit of whānaungatanga," says coordinator Te Kāhui Jones. Te Puni Kōkiri supported the sports day to encourage Māori participation in sports and cultural activities.







TĀMAKI MAKAURAU: PAPAKURA CHRISTMAS IN THE PĀ

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Te Puni Kōkiri supported last year's Papakura Christmas in the Pā. The event first took place in 2006 and has now become an annual celebration of the Papakura community with audience numbers increasing over the past two years. Last year's event was a planned collaboration between Papakura Marae, Awhi Wraparound Project and Edmund Hillary School. Entertainment for the evening included local hip hop dancers, kapa haka, local primary school performances and a local vocal crew.





WAIKATO: WHĀNAU SPORTS DAY

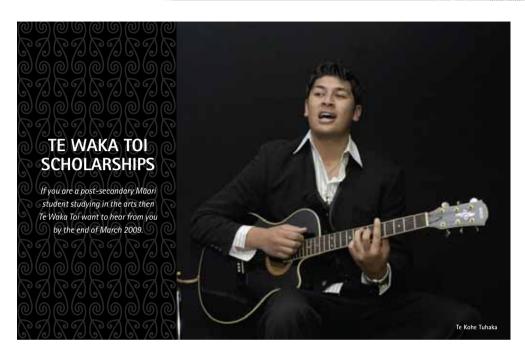
Te Puni Kökiri supported Waka Tangata Trust to host its annual whānau sports day at the end of January this year with the kaupapa of whakawhanaungatanga. Perfect weather conditions provided a backdrop for the more than 400 people who gathered to participate. The whānau sports day was held at Maketu Marae, Kāwhia, with a variety of entertainment and family activities including hoe waka, tours, touch rugby, volleyball, knuckle bones and a waiata competition along with goods and kai stalls.

TE TAI TOKERAU: TE AURERE RETURNS HOME

Waka Hourua Te Aurere returned to its Northland home after spending more than two months on a spiritual voyage sailing around Te Ika ā Maui (North Island). Te Aurere set sail last November with renowned waka builder Hector Busby at the helm, and returned to Mangonui earlier this year. Te Puni Kōkiri supported this voyage. The first leg of the voyage saw Te Aurere travel down the western seaboard stopping at Hokianga, Manukau, Waitara, Whanganui and Porirua then travelling on to the eastern seaboard and stopping in Napier, Gisborne, Waihau Bay and Tauranga before returning home to Mangonui.







Every year Te Waka Toi, the Māori Arts Board of Creative New Zealand offers two scholarships to post-secondary Māori students of Māori arts across artforms including visual arts, music, theatre and dance and in arts-related areas like curation, arts writing and conservation.

Applications are sought from students who are involved in a course of learning at a formal or informal place of learning (such as a marae). The scholarships of \$4,000 per recipient are awarded based on artistic and cultural merit, academic merit and leadership qualities.

Past recipients have come from diverse fields like fashion design, theatre and visual arts. A previous recipient in 2004 was Te Kohe Tuhaka (Ngāti Porou, Tuhoe), best known to television audiences as Kingi Te Wake on TV2's Shortland Street.

Since graduating from Toi Whakaari New Zealand Drama School in 2004 with a Bachelor of Performing Arts degree, majoring in Acting, Te Kohe has appeared in other productions including Māui – One Man Against the Gods, and a healthy eating/cooking television series for children.

"It was a humbling experience to receive the Te Waka Toi Scholarship, particularly as I was the first actor to receive it. To have all my friends and whānau with me when I was presented with the scholarship was a pretty special feeling," says Te Kohe.

"It was a humbling experience to receive the Te Waka Toi Scholarship..."

Application forms for Te Waka Toi Scholarships can be downloaded from the Creative New Zealand website www.creativenz.govt.nz

The scholarships will be awarded at the Creative New Zealand Te Waka Toi Awards in Wellington on 29 August 2009.

Applications close at 5pm 31 March 2009.







RĀRANGA WHĀRIKI

A series of whāriki wānanga throughout 2008 were held to regenerate the skill base of rāranga whāriki in the Ūawa area.



"The idea for this project came from memories of my kuia."

Creative New Zealand's Māori Arts Board Te Waka Toi and Christina Wirihana assisted the whāriki wānanga, where beautiful whāriki for Ūawa Marae were woven and existing whāriki were preserved.

"The idea for this project came from memories of my kuia. My kuia Matarina would lav weathered whāriki and carpet off-cuts on the veranda of the wharenui. before the tupapaku arrived. Lasked her about the whāriki and she told me the people of Te Horo Marae above Waiōmatatini made them in 1943." savs Michelle Collis. "She also said they were part of an initiative started by Sir Apirana Ngata to upgrade our deteriorating marae."

The primary purpose of the whāriki wānanga was to develop the knowledge base of the whānau, hapū and iwi in the area of rāranga whāriki. Invitations were extended to each of the five marae in the Ūawa rohe.

Central to this project was Michelle's kuia Matarina (Madeline) Tangohau, who was able to fill the wānanga with a living history and ensured the correct tikanga associated with Hauiti Marae and rāranga was practised.

Weaver Christina Wirihana (Ngāti Maniapoto-Raukawa; Ngāti Whawhakia, Tainui; Ngāti Pikiao, Te Arawa) was also on hand to support the wānanga. "They were keen to provide wānanga specifically focusing on whāriki with strong support from local iwi, hapū and whānau. I knew that when I left them alone to return to my home in Rotoiti, they were getting on with the mahi," says Christina.

The results from the wānanga speak for themselves. An exhibition of the whāriki at Hauiti Marae in November last year demonstrated how successful the project has been.

For Michelle Collis the wānanga has exceeded expectations – the rohe's rāranga whariki skills have been increased and the marae has new whāriki to replace the carpet off-cuts.

Above: Aunty Horowai Stewart on her whāriki Left: Michelle Collis





THE HEALTH OF MĀORI HERITAGE ARTS

This year Te Waka Toi, the Māori Arts Board of Creative New Zealand has initiated a national research project that will look at the health of Māori heritage arts.

The project seeks to highlight the existing strengths, gaps and opportunities within Māori heritage arts practice across the country in order to inform future funding decisions and initiatives and achieve targeted arts development outcomes.

Dr Ngahuia Te Awekotuku, chair of Te Waka Toi, says the research sets a precedent as the first national research to be carried out looking at the levels of participation in Māori heritage arts.

"The resurgence of our heritage artforms since the time of Sir Apirana Ngata has been phenomenal. This research will give us an indication of how prolific certain artforms are, in which regions and where there are gaps that need more support," she says.

The Creative New Zealand research findings will be published later in the year and will be of interest to other funding, teaching and support institutions and networks across the country that engage with the development and revitalisation of Māori heritage arts.

Award-winning research consultants Kōwhai Consultancy Ltd have been contracted to conduct the research, which will cover Māori heritage artforms across the country.



Māori heritage art in this project refers to these traditional art forms: toi whakairo, kōwhaiwhai, tukutuku, ngā mahi a te whare pora, whaikōrero, karanga, whakapapa recitation, waiata mōteatea, pao, taonga pūoro, tā moko, tārai waka, haka, whare maire, traditional games including whakaropiropi, mū tōrere, mahi whai, and more.

In 2007, Creative New Zealand adopted a three-year strategic plan with four strategic

priorities, the first being the engagement of New Zealanders in the arts.

This priority acknowledges the value of investing in Māori communities to strengthen and build cultural identity through the arts.

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MĀTAURANGA



ONLINE REO SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

A new online Māori language programme aimed at supporting parents teaching their children te reo Māori will be launched on 30 March.

The programme was created by Haemata Ltd, with funding from Mā Te Reo. It has been a longtime goal of Hineihaea Murphy, Director of Haemata Ltd, who recognised that most Māori language learning opportunities did not teach the type of language needed for raising children.

"This online programme features language modules created with children's development needs in mind," says Hineihaea.

"It includes language to help you bond with your newborn, caution your toddler, and praise your child. Each lesson takes only about 15 minutes and is completed and marked online, free of charge," she says.

In addition to the language programme, other features include vocabulary lists, a moderated monthly discussion post, ideas for games, and information and strategies about how to maintain te reo Māori in the home.

"We need more initiatives like this," says Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori Chief Executive Huhana Rokx. "It really is important that we continue to expand the available material to support the use of te reo Māori in the home – this is the cornerstone to the health of the Māori lanquaqe," she says.

For more information visit: www.haemata.co.nz

MĀTAURANGA



MĀORI INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

Two cadets from Downer EDi Works each recently received a \$10,000 training scholarship in a ground-breaking scheme to increase the number of Māori entering the civil infrastructure industry.

The scheme, run in the Waikato region, was part of a pilot to replace some aspects of Māori Trade Training and was developed in a partnership between Te Puni Kōkiri and InfraTrain New Zealand.

Cedric Crow of Hamilton and Matthew Smith of Paeroa received their scholarships at a presentation in December last year at the Asure Southern Cross Hotel in Hamilton.

The presentation was attended by key figures including Te Puni Kökiri Regional Director Gail Campbell, InfraTrain Chief Executive John Wills and InfraTrain Regional Manager Tere Vickridge.

"This project has demonstrated, for Māori, some of the tangible outcomes such as recognised industry qualifications, actual workplace experience and the identification of long-term career aspirations within the industry," says Te Puni Kōkiri Regional Director Gail Campbell.

"The partnership between Te Puni Kōkiri and InfraTrain ensures that we support Māori to succeed as Māori, in this case in the civil infrastructure industry," she says.

The aim of the scheme is to get Māori into the civil infrastructure industry, and help them progress by attaining National Certificates and Diplomas through industry training and career planning.

The target is to get 75 Māori from a variety of backgrounds to take part. These range from people who are new to the industry, with no qualifications (including school leavers), to people with industry experience who are ready for higher-level study.

"Our congratulations go to Cedric and Matthew on their achievement. Both have shown a commitment to the civil infrastructure industry, and have already attained a number of National Certificates. Their employer, Downer EDi Works, is making a significant investment in training, which is essential to build workforce productivity and skills," says InfraTrain Regional Manager Tere Vickridge.

"InfraTrain and Te Puni Kökiri have developed an excellent working relationship. The initiatives we have started will continue to gather momentum, and we will continue to work together to build on the success of this project," he says.

Interest in the scheme far exceeded the initial target, with 90 participants in total. As a result of this success InfraTrain and Te Puni Kōkiri will be in discussions about how this model will roll out across New Zealand in 2009.







WHAKANGAHAU





PARIHAKA PEACE FESTIVAL 2009

More than 12,000 people gathered to celebrate the fourth Parihaka Peace Festival, held in Taranaki

The festival is more than just music – it celebrates the actions of Parihaka spiritual leaders, Te Whiti O Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi, who employed non-violent resistance to defend their land in 1881.

Headline acts that entertained the crowds included the House of Shem, Katchafire, Unity Pacific, Hope Road, Kora, Little Bushmen and many more.

There were workshops, kai stalls and plenty of fun for the entire whānau.

A highlight of this year's festival was the formation of a Parihaka Choir assembled from festival-goers. The choir sang freedom songs from South Africa, Latin America, Afro-America and Aotearoa.

"Singing has been a powerful agent for change in many of these places, and we aim to celebrate that power and find liberation in the joining of many voices to a greater cause," says choir leader Stephen Taberner.



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The 12-hour not-for-profit concert featured a range of local and national Kiwi acts including performances by Whirimako Black, Nesian Mystik, House of Shem, Katchafire, Scribe and Kora

"It was a great success and we were very pleased with the entire day," says Waikato-Tainui chief executive officer Hemi Rau. "The crowd was well behaved, the bands were fantastic and the day truly belonged to all those who came to celebrate 150 years of Kingitanga."

It was a drug, alcohol and gang free concert, with children cooling off on a waterslide supplied by the local Fire Service, and the crowd enjoying a range of kai and beverages.

A special appearance by New Zealand's Got Talent winner Chaz Cummings also got the crowd pumping.

Concert-goer Henare Rangitawa of Ngāti Maniapoto hoped Waikato-Tainui would make Tribal Pride an annual event. "I enjoyed the concert. It brings a lot of different cultures and different ethnicities together under the one aspect of unity. 'Kōtahi te kōhao o te ngira, e kuhuna ai te miro mā, te miro whero me te miro pango.' Kingi Tawhiao said that and I believe it holds true especially for things like this," says Henare Rangitawa.

Proceeds from the concert included a koha of \$20,000 to support the great work of the Hamilton organisation Te Whakaruruhau Māori Women's Refuge. Te Puni Kōkiri supported the concert.







HAUORA MĀORI SCHOLARSHIPS 2009

Associate Health Minister Hon Tariana Turia announced that more than 500 scholarships are available to support and encourage Māori students takina up careers within the health sector.

"There has never been a greater need to improve health outcomes for Māori than now," said Hon Tariana Turia. "Having a competent Māori health workforce is essential if we are to make a genuine difference in achieving better health outcomes for Māori.

"I hope that everyone will spread the word, to encourage Māori students who fit the criteria to go online, and submit their applications by 5pm Friday 10 April 2009 on www.moh.govt.nz"

Hauora Māori Scholarships are available to anyone who:

- is enrolled and attending a wānanga, college of education, polytechnic or university
- is studying a health-related, NZOA-accredited course of at least 12 weeks long
- can demonstrate a commitment to and/or competence in Māori health and well-being studies
- has whakapapa and/or cultural links with te ao Māori or Māori communities.

The scholarships are administered by the Ministry of Health and awarded to students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies across the health portfolio, including nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, medicine, physiotherapy, health management and dentistry.

"There are also special grants included in the Hauora Māori Scholarships which recognise students who have achieved outstanding success in areas of Māori health," said Hon Mrs Turia.

The Te Apa Mareikura Scholarships are awarded to people who are competent in community health, have strong connections with the community, proven leadership ability, effective community networks and academic performance contributing to future Māori health gains.

The John McLeod Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership qualities and commitment to Māori health.

"In addition to the uptake of Hauora Māori Scholarships, we hope students in their last year of study will also consider looking at the voluntary bonding scheme," said Hon Mrs Turia.



RANGATAHI



SIR APIRANA NGATA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sir Apirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship aims to promote higher education among Māori. It was created by the Māori Soldiers Trust Act in 1957 and is administered by the Māori Trust Office.

Funding for the scholarship comes from Hereheretau Station, Wairoa – it is the major asset of the Māori Soldiers Trust.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Up to 10 scholarships (of up to \$5,000 each) are available every year for full-time study at any New Zealand polytechnic, wānanga or university.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

This scholarship is open to all Māori but preference is given to descendants of Māori World War 1 veterans. Māori World War 1 veterans are Māori who served overseas during the First World War as part of the armed forces of the Crown.

Students may study any field, with preference given to students in their final year of tertiary study.

Selection considers the following:

- academic record
- · demonstrated strong interest in Māori culture
- · evidence of involvement in cultural and/or community activities.

Application forms are available now at www.tpk.govt.nz/en/about/mto/apirana/

Applications close 30 April 2009.





HĀKINAKINA

PASSIONATE ABOUT NETBALL

Former Silver Fern (1992– 1997) Margaret Foster (Ngāi Tahu, Te Ātiawa) is passionate about netball and intends to share her love of the game to build confident young netballers.



Margaret is currently working with Te Puni Kökiri to run workshops for Māori coaches and for coaches coaching Māori players.

"I have been coaching for about 25 years. I always thought that I would be a better coach than a player," says Margaret.

"I have begun to appreciate the value of being Māori, knowing who I am and where I come from. Having this certainty made me realise that I can contribute to helping others realise their potential in sport whether coaching or playing," she says.

Margaret was the coach of the Canterbury Flames in 2000 and 2002–2007 and is currently the assistant coach of the Southern Steel ANZ Trans Tasman Championship team.

"I want to give back to rangatahi by sharing my experience and knowledge of a sport that I love," says Margaret.

Margaret also runs Motivationz Netball Academy in Christchurch, running netball clinics and workshops for young netballers from seven to 18 years old.

"I have begun to appreciate the value of being Māori, knowing who I am and where I come from."

It hasn't always been an easy road for Margaret. Recently she battled with breast cancer.

This mother of two and devoted wife will be launching her book, Silver Linings, about her breast cancer experience, on Mother's Day this year. "It's a good read if you are a netballer, a mum, or a wife and have experienced cancer," says Margaret.

For more information or to contact Margaret Foster email fostm@tpk.govt.nz

HĀKINAKINA





MĀORI SPORTS AWARDS

New Zealand's world champion axeman Jason Wynyard (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Maniapoto) was the supreme winner of the 2008 National Māori Sports Awards. Te Tohu Tākaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust hosted the prestigious black tie ceremony in Rotorua in December 2008.

Wynyard beat a world-class field of finalists to take the top prize – the Albie Pryor Memorial Māori Sports Person of the Year award. At 1.95m tall and weighing 130kg, he is one of the most powerful and prolific woodchoppers and cutters in the world and has won eight world titles in the past year – taking his overall tally to more than 110 world titles.

THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2008 WERE:

Māori Sports Hall of Fame Inductee: John Hoani MacDonald (Rangitāne) – rowing, rugby, rugby league.

Māori World Champions Awards: Leanne Haronga (Te Aitanga-a-Māhaki, Ngāti Pukeko) - individual waka ama; Te Whaeoranga Smallman (Te Arawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) individual waka ama; George Thomas (Te Arawa) - individual waka ama: Antearna TPOTI Tahi – waka ama team: Antearna Rakeian – waka ama team: Joanne Kumeora (Te Ati Haunui-ā-Pāpārangi) - team wool handler; Sheree Alabaster (Ngāpuhi) - individual and team wool handler; Mose Harvey (Ngāti Porou) - tennis; Jason Wynyard (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Maniapoto) - wood chopping, single and double saw: Karmyn Wynyard (Tainui) - single saw; Dion Lane (Ngāpuhi) - double saw: Rauaroha Heta (Ngāpuhi) - power lifting; Aroha Heta (Ngāpuhi) - power lifting; Tohora Harawira (Ngāpuhi) power lifting; John Kirkpatrick (Ngāti Porou, Ngati Kāhungunu) - world machine shearing team champion; Mihi Wells (Ngāpuhi) - world body board champion.

Skills Active Scholarship: Kane Radford (Ngāti Tūwharetoa) – swimming.

Community Initiative: Ki-ō-Rahi Akotanga Iho, Kerikeri High School. Māori Sports Administrator of the Year: Paul Te Punga (Te Ātiawa) – motor sport.

Māori Sports Umpire/Referee of the Year: Wiremu Tamaki (Ngāti Raukawa) – softball.

Disabled Māori Sports Person of the Year: Cameron Leslie (Ngāpuhi) – swimming.

Māori Sports Coach of the Year: Noeline Taurua-Barnett (Ngāpuhi) – netball.

Māori Sports Team of the Year: NZ Māori Rugby team – winners of the Pacific Cup rugby tournament.

Māori Sports Media Award: Te Kauhoe Wano, Toa TV (Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Awa) – *Hyundai CODE* for Māori Television.

Junior Māori Sportswoman of the Year: Paparangi Hipango (Whanganui, Te Ati Haunui-ā-Pāpārangi) – rowing.

Junior Māori Sportsman of the Year: Kevin Locke (Tainui) – rugby league.

Senior Māori Sportswoman of the Year: Lisa Tamati (Te Ātiawa) – ultra-marathon.

Senior Māori Sportsman of the Year: Ruben Wiki (Ngāpuhi) – rugby league.

Albie Pryor Memorial Māori Sports Person of the Year – Rongomaraeroa: Jason Wynyard (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Maniapoto) – wood chopping, single and double saw.



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