

Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou katoa,

This edition of the newsletter is decisively shorter than previous issues. We are nearing the finalising stages of the Research and Evidence gathering phase for the Foreshore and Seabed negotiations and we have every spare hand involved in consolidating our evidence to bring this phase to a close. We are dedicated to keep all members updated regarding negotiations etc, so expect a more extensive overview in the April newsletter.

Harataunga Ahi Kaa Representative Election

We are in the process of putting together a team to form the Harataunga Ahi Kaa Election Committee. Their first task will be to co ordinate the nomination process.

As disclosed in Nov/Dec newsletter, a hui was held on the 2nd of December 2006 to put together the Ahi Kaa criteria for the first Harataunga Runanga representatives. A second hui was held at Rakairoa Marae, the afternoon of the 27th January 2007. At this hui, members were able to formalise/finalise the Ahi Kaa criteria. After much discussion and modification, the final Ahi Kaa criteria was unanimously agreed upon.

Below is the Ahi Kaa criteria that Harataunga Nominees will be required to meet:

- *Commitment to Harataunga (some examples are):*
 - Know the history of Harataunga*
 - Has had or have involvement in local community activities*
 - Has had or have involvement in marae activities*

- *Must meet normal criteria – as per runanga constitution (some examples are):*
 - has not been a bankrupt*
 - has had no criminal convictions*
 - appropriate skills and knowledge*

- *Skills and knowledge of Harataunga – mihi. (some examples are):*
 - Know the stories of your old people*
 - Know your whakapapa*
 - Know the traditions of living in Harataunga that have evolved over time*
 - Know how, who, why and what has happened to make Harataunga what it is today*

- *Must be a registered member of Te Runanga O Ngati Porou ki Hauraki*

The following Ahi Kaa guideline was also revisited and after discussion it was agreed unanimously to leave as stated below.

- Have at least 3 consecutive generations of ancestors who have lived in Harataunga. If your family has been absent from the land for 3 or more generations, then fires are deemed to have gone cold

All Guidelines and Criteria will be reviewed every 3 years at election time

At the end of this newsletter is a nomination application form. Nominations to be in ***no later than 5pm Friday the 13th of April 2007.***

Details of where to send the nomination, are on the bottom of the application form.

Foreshore & Seabed Negotiations

We are pleased to report that the Foreshore and Seabed Research negotiation has reached a pivotal stage of their evidence gathering process. We are nearing the end of the evidence gathering phase at which time all our evidence will be presented to the crown in the way of a preliminary traditional narrative and at the same time the crown will be giving us their information.

This hui holds great relevance, as we will begin to move into a new chapter of the Foreshore and Seabed negotiation. The Crown and NPKH will begin preliminary assessments of all current collated evidence. Any evidential gaps will be identified and work will begin to fill these gaps. Our evidence will then be forwarded to our appointed Historian. Once the Historian has got underway, the next phase, the Redress, will begin.

Redress

Although this was an item in the January newsletter, it is important to again remind members, since the evidence collection and analysis is nearing completion, the new focus of NPKH's attention will be the redress model. It is imperative that we all begin iwi/whanau discussions regarding the future control, management and protection of NPKH resources and customary traditions. NPKH will facilitate a number of hui-a-iwi to assist in the development of a redress model for Harataunga and Mataora.

Monthly Newsletter by Email

We are keen to send issues of our monthly newsletter to you by email. The advantages of this are several. Firstly you will get it much quicker and secondly it will save NPKH Trust money on postage. Email us at lyndahale@clear.net.nz with your email address and you will be put onto our email list.

Membership & Register Details

If you are moving, please let us know so we can update your address details in the register. We are still keen to enrol new members, so keep your whanau informed and encourage those who haven't yet registered, to register. Registration forms are available on our website.

NPKH Trustees

Nomination Form For Harataunga Ahi Kaa
Representative for Te Runanga O Ngati Porou Ki Hauraki

Executive Committee

SECTION ONE - *Nominee's details*

First Names.....

Age.....

Male / Female

Last Name

Registration Number.....

Address

Occupation.....

Phone (*day*)

Phone (*a/h*)

Email (*if appl*)

SECTION TWO – *Give statement to support your application to be a Harataunga Ahi Kaa representative on Te Runanga O Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Executive Committee . Include details here to show how you meet the Ahi Kaa Guidelines and criteria. Include also any academic, work, and life skills , and tikanga knowledge.*

I nominate to stand as a candidate for
Harataunga Ahi Kaa Te Runanga O Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Executive
Representative.

Signed (*nominator*).....

Date.....

I accept the nomination and herewith make application as a candidate for Harataunga Ahi Kaa
representative on Te Runanga O Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Executive Committee.

Signed (*nominee*)

Date.....

Send completed forms to:

Harataunga Ahi Kaa Election Committee

C/- Mrs Marie Dobbs

1389 Kennedy Bay Road

R D 3

Coromandel 3585

*NPKH is requesting personal information to process your nomination. This information will not
be used for any other purpose than for the election process of the Harataunga Ahi Kaa Te
Runanga O Ngati Porou Ki Hauraki Executive Representative.*