



Te Runanga o Ngati Porou ki Hauraki

Panui

May 2011

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

Mandating Process:

In our December 2010 Panui, we advised our members that we would be carrying out a Mandating process. It should be noted that this process was a Crown requirement, for the Treaty Negotiations to continue.

On Monday 7th March 2011, this process started with a Hui in Porirua. On Tuesday 8th March we were in Napier, then on to Gisborne for the next Hui on Wednesday 9th March. Thursday 10th March saw us in Rotorua and on Friday 11th March we were in Auckland.

Our final Hui was held on Sunday 13th March 2011 at Harataunga. The folk that attended these Hui made us welcome and some lively and interesting questions were encountered during the presentations. A real buzz was meeting whanau who, in some cases we were meeting for the first time and these meetings were very special.

We have just completed our Mandating Strategy report as required by the Crown. Te Puni Kokiri has received the report and they will advertise the report in the daily press seeking submissions from the whanau.

Pine Harrison our Runanga Kaumatua, and our representative on the Hauraki Maori Trust Board has been appointed by our Runanga to attend the Hauraki Collective Hui. This move allows Pine to keep in touch with what is happening within these two Hauraki Iwi bodies.

Voting Summary:

Location	Date	Resolution 1		Resolution 2	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Wellington	7.3.11	19	-	19	-
Napier	8.3.11	10	-	10	-
Gisborne	9.3.11	18	-	16	2
Rotorua	10.3.11	12	-	12	-
Auckland	11.3.11	18	-	18	-
Harataunga	13.3.11	41	10	42	9
Totals		118	10	117	11

Hui Outcomes:

The result of the six Hui saw the Runanga being mandated as the Governance Body for our Treaty Negotiations. John Tamihere and Fred Thwaites were mandated as negotiators.

Website:

Our new website has been launched. It includes a calendar for special events and a dedicated page for our iwi in business. If you have an event coming up that you would like listed on the Calendar or you would like to give your business more exposure, contact Carol by phone 07 8887509 or email ronpkh@gmail.com to discuss what is required. It's very easy and there will be no charge for your listings.

Check out our new site at this link:

<http://ngatiporoukihauraki.maori.nz/>

Registrations:

Our Register has grown to 545 members but there are many eligible that have not signed up. A new registration form has been designed making it easier for all to fill. It is available for download from our new website at this direct link:

<http://ngatiporoukihauraki.maori.nz/wp-content/uploads/Reg-Form.pdf>

~ Carol Geraghty.

Financials:

Our financial year runs from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Our accounting firm of Peters, Verry and Associates will complete an Audit of our books in July 2011 and produce a report for our Annual General Meeting. A date for the AGM has not been set but will be done once the Audit of our books has been completed, and we have the report.

Bereavements:

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following three elder members of our Runanga.



Molly Paitai, nee Potae
on the 15th November 2010.

Piriha Potae, on the 23rd February 2011.

In her able days Piriha was a great supporter in many ways to both whanau and hapu. By nursing and care giving and she was a great cook. She spent many hours cooking for others, not only in her own kitchen but also at the Harataunga Marae and at her work place Phoenix House. She loved being a mother and grandmother it was her greatest pleasure.

She was a very staunch supporter of the NPKH Trust and of the Runanga and made valuable contributions to both, especially for Foreshore and Seabed and Rohe Moana applications, through her knowledge of family history. She was very strong and at times quite forceful. A trait that was certainly welcomed by those trying to achieve the progress they were working towards for our whanau.

This support was returned at her Tangi, by the awesome day, the feeling of aroha and the great serenity that was everywhere during her service on the marae and at the urupa. A brilliant farewell to one who deserved nothing but the best, which Maku and Jackie confirmed with a final farewell.



Joy Rabarts, nee Bell
on the 4th May 2011.

Joy was raised on the family farm at Tuataewa, Kennedy's Bay. She was the youngest of four children. In her 20's Joy married Bill Johns and took over running the farm. They had two children, before Bill decided farming was not for him and moved along.

She later married Jim Rabarts, Jim was a widower with three children, and they then had two of their own. Jim was a local councillor for many years, dedicated and efficient. Joy was Jim's anchor and support and was often involved in events in the Bay.

They retired into Coromandel, but never lost their keen interest in events and activities in Kennedy's Bay. Feeling the need to fill a gap in her heritage she made a valiant attempt to learn Te Reo once in Coromandel.

Joy spent her last two years at Phoenix house and her high spirits and ready laughter will always be remembered. All who knew her will sadly miss her. She was buried with Jim at the Christ Church Anglican cemetery, in Coromandel after an entertaining and enlightening funeral which in itself was an event to remember and one with which she would have been immensely chuffed. R.I.P Joy, home again with Jim.

Harataunga BNZ Kiwi Protection:

The Runanga Environmental efforts for Kennedy Bay move along steadily, seemingly “behind the scenes” at times. The Harataunga Kiwi Protection Project, ably supported with funding from BNZ Save the Kiwi, continues to maintain some of the Stoat trap lines from the north end of the Bay to the Tokatea.

Returns for four lines for May show 11 rats and 10 stoats killed, with a further 2 stoats and another 10 rats on a Tuataewa line outside our area. We are also busy with some track restoration work after storms, and replacing rusted trip pads in some of the Stoat traps, with stainless steel. We are looking to reactivate some other lines in Kennedy Bay not being done at present. Our funding application for the next year (July 2011 to June 2012) is in and we expect a favourable response soon.

On Easter Saturday we ran Kiwi aversion training for dogs in Kennedy Bay. By going to almost every house in the Bay with a notice on Easter Friday we managed to get 35 dogs through the training. Thanks must go to all of those dog owners who made the effort to bring their dogs and to add another step to protect the slowly regenerating kiwi populations in our bush.

On Saturday 7th May Quentin Potae and John Rabarts joined a group of Moehau Environment Group supporters to release 31 Toutouwai, North Island Robins, at Stony Bay, north of Port Charles. To the background of Tui, Bell Bird, Kereru and Kaka, the Toutouwai were released with a supporting karakia into regenerating Manuka and Kanuka bushland. It is hoped they will establish territories and be ready to breed by September this year. It is said that they were common in the area well over a hundred years ago but their call, now heard again, has been silent for those many years since.

~ John Rabarts.

Moehau maunga tu mai
Harataunga awa rere noa
Ko tatou nga taniwha o roto

*Moehau mountain stand steadfast
Harataunga stream flow eternally
We are the caretakers within.*

~ Pine Harrison.

Nga Mihi,

Fred Thwaites.