



## Te Runanga o Ngati Porou ki Hauraki

### Panui

December 2011

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

By the time you receive this Panui all will be into the Xmas planning season.

The Runanga has had a very busy year with three road trips updating whanau on treaty progress and the consolidation of our governance body.

Our first road trip was held in March as previously advised, as were the seven Hui we held in June. This trip covered the Hauraki, Tauranga, Rotorua, Hamilton and South Auckland areas. Special thanks to Frank Tooman for the use of his home for our Tauranga Hui.

Our third trip was a repeat visit of the March mandating trip. We promised whanau we would return with an update and this we did; only this time we included Wanganui and Te Araroa in our itinerary.

The inclusion of Wanganui, was twofold, to meet with whanau and pay our respects to Harangi Harrison and family. For your chairperson it was also awesome meeting young Henry Ngapo, and his wife Helen. Henry is the eldest child of James and Minnie Ngapo (nee Faithful).



From Left: Cherry Harrison, Pine Harrison, John Rabarts, historian Bob McConnell, Fred Thwaites and John Hovell at Te Araroa.

The Te Araroa visit blew us away, with their hospitality. Pauline Hovell and family were absolutely unbelievable hosts. We wanted for nothing and our cousin John Hovell opened untold doors of history, whakapapa and the hospitality of our whanau. Bob McConnell is a fantastic historian and his tales of the East Cape, Te Araroa and the district were absolutely awesome.

The people were also awesome and Hui were held on Marae, on the roadside and Pauline and Grey Hovell's Home Stay was full on from morning till late evening with whanau coming and going. We learnt more from our visitors and whanau than they did from us, an unbelievable experience.

One of the Te Araroa hui at Te Ruru Kainga Home Stay.



### **Treaty Negotiations:**

We have now reached the point where we are all trying to establish a portioned model for sharing the Crown Offer, which at this stage has not reached a full and final offer. So there's a lot of hard negotiation about to hit the floor after the General Elections.

### **Te Kapa Fisheries:**

We congratulate Pete James, firstly for allowing his name to be put forward at the recent Trustee elections for Te Kapa Fisheries and secondly being voted onto the Board of Trustees. Pete brings excellent working knowledge and business savvy to the position. Our thanks also go to Marie Hale, John McLeod, John Rabarts, Pine Harrison and Quentin Potae for the support and encouragement given to Pete prior to and during the election process.

### **Register:**

We now hold a separate register for children under 18. All those in our existing register have been entered but if you prefer your children be removed, please contact Carol by phone: 07 8887509, email: ronpkh@gmail or through our website <http://ngatiporoukihauraki.maori.nz/> by using the Update Details link on the Registration page. An Application to Register form will be posted to these young members when they turn 18 providing we have current contact details.

**Website:**

In an effort to make life a little easier for those who are internet able, the Update Details link has recently been added to our website. If you relocate you can now easily update your contact details by filling a simple form which is submitted directly to our Registrar. This form can also be used for any other registration enquiries or comments.

**AGM:**

Our next AGM is to be held at Harataunga Marae on Saturday 28th January which is Anniversary weekend, starting at 10am. A fun day is planned especially for our tamariki, as some entertainment will be provided for them. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

We were unsuccessful in our attempt to gain Charitable Status. We need to alter some of the wording in our constitution to make it happen and this will be an Agenda item at the AGM.

**Kiwi Project:**

We were successful in getting funding for the 2010 . 11 year for the BNZ Kiwi stoat/rat trapping and were able to increase our funding for the current year.

There has been some reorganisation of lines, and some new ones are being opened up. Rat and stoat numbers caught have been steady giving some relief to the bird populations especially through the breeding season. Needing new stoat boxes for our added trap lines we have been able to get 97 new boxes built by students in the Coromandel Area School. Giving them a boost in funding for a trip away in early December, and adding to their skills along the way.

Thanks to Conrad Ngapo for his hard work co-ordinating the box building and overseeing two students into monthly checking of one of the trap lines for us. Thanks also to Kerry Whittle who helped us find the stainless steel, mesh for the box building project and other help along the way, and of course the great team at the BNZ who make the project possible. Without their funding we would have no Stoat programme.

**Hauraki Maori Trust Board:**

The Annual General Meetings of both the Hauraki Maori Trust Board and the Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust are being held on Saturday 10 December 2011 at Te Pai o Hauraki Marae, Paeroa commencing 10.00 am. It is important that we have a good attendance from Ngati Porou ki Hauraki beneficiaries who will receive an up-date on the new direction of the HMTB and hopefully where our assets in the Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust, are to be invested.

**Obituaries:**

**George Hovell** passed away on the 29th August. He was the oldest son of Richard (Dick) and Gladys Hovell from a family who have lived in the Bay for many generations. George was primary schooled in Kennedy Bay and then went away to boarding school. He gained youthful life experience away from the Bay but returned to fish, farm and become the sage of Kohutara. His knowledge of nature and our local history was legendary, and he was always one to share what he knew.

A passion for books flowed throughout his life. For those of us now of the older generation he will be fondly recalled for his challenges of crossing the estuary, by dinghy or on foot, to connect with whoever was about to take him away somewhere or had just brought him back.



The fit and able among George's family and freinds delivered his ashes to their final resting place, George chose the summit of Kohutara.

The road across the mudflats was no barrier. It was many years before the bulldozed road over the hill came to his home on the northern edge of the harbour. Rest easy George, you have a wonderful view.

**George Harrison** passed away on the 14th November. George was a Runanga member who often made his presence felt and firmly expressed his opinions and concerns and sometimes support at Hui a Iwi.

I recall George arriving at Kennedy's Bay Maori school back in the 50's as a very junior student (pupils we were in those days). He made a big impression from the very start. An image he projected throughout his life. Not all of that was positive, but bygones now. Rest in Peace George.

### **Harataunga Kura Kaupapa:**

On Sunday the 29th January the Kura Kaupapa is holding their awesome annual fund raiser Gala Day at the school. This event is not to be missed. There will be all manner of fun activities, delicious food and quick fire raffles etc.

A very busy Anniversary Weekend in Harataunga is coming up and we look forward to seeing you all there.

On behalf of the team, a safe and Merry Christmas to All.

Regards,  
Fred.