

# Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou katoa,

The NPKH foreshore & seabed negotiating team currently consists of Dick Hauraki, Lynda Hale, John McLeod, John Hovell, Rex Hale, Marie Dobbs & Kevin Kerr. Paki Harrison has had important input through written contributions to the team. Everyone in this group has contributed to the large amount of work which has been carried out over the last few months. Our traditional evidence collection is largely complete, the task of writing the History Report is just beginning, meetings with the Crown continue, as does responses to Crown reports and dealing with localized NPKH issues.

## Foreshore & Seabed Update

To date a substantial amount of traditional and historical evidence has been collected, twenty individual interviews have been completed and a large body of support information has been accumulated.

NPKH lawyer John Kahukiwa has begun the task of converting the interview transcripts into evidence briefs for use in court. In order to complete this phase he has had to follow up on issues that were raised by some interviewees in their original interviews. This work is currently being carried out and we are aiming to largely have the briefs complete by the beginning of September, at which time they will be shared with the Crown.

Two substantial draft reports have been produced by the Crown for these negotiations; NPKH Trust has received copies of these documents, which have been discussed over the last few months. In March 2007 the Crown produced a 228 page report titled; Research Report Regarding Activity in the Foreshore & Seabed of Harataunga & Mataora – Ngati Porou ki Hauraki – 1840 to 2004 dated 7th March 2007 prepared by Anthony Patete. After studying this report the NPKH negotiating team identified a number of issues of concern in the draft and sought to meet with Mr Patete for discussions. As part of the discussion process the Crown, along with Mr Patete agreed to site visits to both Harataunga & Mataora on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of May. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June a meeting was held in Thames with the Crown and Anthony Patete to further address issues which were identified in his draft report. As yet we have not received a firm date for his final report.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June the Crown produced their Contiguous Land Report [Provisional] in five volumes. At meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and 18<sup>th</sup> of June the Crown briefed NPKH on the make-up of the report. NPKH negotiating team is currently going through the vast amount of material checking to see whether we agree with their findings. Other work associated with this particular report will see the production of whakapapa which links current owners in land blocks contiguous with the foreshore, to the original Ngati Porou owners named at the time of first partitioning. There are several contiguous blocks in Harataunga, which have not had continuous NPKH ownership; some of these blocks will also have whakapapa work done to demonstrate that current owners can whakapapa back to Ngati Porou ki Hauraki.

## NPKH Foreshore & Seabed History Report

As noted in a previous Newsletter Dr Ranginui Walker is assisting NPKH, by over viewing our History Report as it is drafted together by John Hovell. Dr Walker has already made a written contribution to the History Report in the form of a draft introduction. John Hovell has received this material and is continuing to put together a draft version for Dr Walker's critique. Marlene Ngapo (see later article) will assist John Hovell in producing the History Report.

## NPKH Meet with the Attorney General

A progress meeting was held between NPKH and the Attorney General, Dr Michael Cullen in Wellington on the Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July. NPKH representatives who attended were Dick Hauraki, John McLeod, Rex Hale, Fred Thwaites, Kevin Kerr & Marlene Ngapo. Paki Harrison usually attends these meetings but was out of the country when this one was scheduled. A meeting was held with Justice, Crown Law and TPK officials earlier in the day prior to meeting with Dr Cullen. The discussions, at the Attorney General's meeting later in the day, centered mainly on the negotiations progress so far; and of key importance, the completion of our evidence briefs by the end of August. Our next meeting with the Crown is set down for early September.

## Harataunga NPKH Runanga Representatives

Voting forms for the three Harataunga ahi kaa Runanga representatives were posted out on 15<sup>th</sup> June and had to be returned by 6<sup>th</sup> of July to Mary Hovell who was acting as the Returning Officer. Our last newsletter showed you who the nominees were; John McLeod, Quentin Potae, Sally Kerr & Fred Thwaites.

We now take this opportunity to congratulate the three successful candidates, **Fred Thwaites** who received 61 votes; **John McLeod** who received 58 votes and **Sally Kerr** who received 43 votes.

The Harataunga ahi kaa representatives will now join Dick Hauraki, Reginald Tamihere and Michael Ainsley who are the ahi kaa representatives from Mataora.

An inaugural meeting date hasn't yet been set for the 6 initial members to come together, however, watch this space for further news.

*Our thanks go to Marie Dobbs and Mary Hovell who scrutinized and counted the returned voting forms.*

## NPKH Meet with Ngati Hei in Whangapoua

A meeting was held with Ngati Hei on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August in Whangapoua to discuss their Tangata Kaitiaki claim over an area off the eastern Coromandel Peninsular. Their notifications appeared in the Hauraki Herald on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2007. The area concerned is from Ruawhiwhi Point (just past Slipper Island) to Anarake Point (southern tip of the mouth of Kennedy Bay), out to the 200 mile E.E.Z and including Mercury Island. A large contingent of elders and fishermen from Harataunga and Mataora traveled to Whangapoua to meet with Ngati Hei. Representatives from Ngati Huarere were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was positive and all sides were keen to discuss any issues which may become sticking points in the future. Ngati Hei has agreed to include Ngati Porou ki Hauraki in any further discussion, in particular around their northern boundary line as shown in their

notification in the newspaper. We indicated that we are particularly keen to see a cooperative approach to any customary rights which sit in the area around Anarake Point; since it is our view that Ngati Porou ki Harataunga has long established customary rights in this area. Another meeting will be called in the near future to further explore this issue. NPKH has indicated in writing to the Ministry of Fisheries that it wishes to make a submission when Ngati Hei's proposal is heard.

### Another Award for our Rangatira Dr Paki Harrison

Congratulations to Ngati Porou ki Hauraki Rangatira Dr Paki Harrison, who has recently received another important award to add to his 2003 Arts Foundation Icon Award. His most recent award is the Inaugural Tatai Hikohiko Award presented to him by the Maori Women's Development Inc., (M.W.D.I.). The citation reads "...in recognition of the significant contribution and ongoing development of Maori creative excellence in Tamaki Makaurau." The award was presented to our Rangatira by Dame Georgina Kirby at a special ceremony in Auckland on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### Marlene Ngapo joins NPKH team

The NPKH team has recently welcomed Marlene Ngapo into its ranks to help with extra research work. Marlene has recently completed a post graduate Diploma in History and has just finished a research project on the 1852 Harataunga tuku. She will be very helpful to us as we develop the story of Ngati Porou ki Hauraki as it relates to our foreshore and seabed claim.

### Monthly Newsletter by Email

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### Membership & Register Details

If you have recently changed address, 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 or contact Lynda to have forms posted to you.

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