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Mauri tu, Mauri ora, Be active and live longer.

This is the message we received from the Seventh International Congress of Behavioural Medicine. Our Tipuna knew this way back hence the whakatauki. A 20 year study of North Karelia, a Finnish community showed that over a 20 year period they extended their longevity up to 10 years from 64 years average for men to 74 and 68 to 78 for women. Previously they had a high incidence of heart disease, cancer and diabetes based on a diet of cream, cheese, fatty meats, high alcohol intake and excessive smoking. Over this period they reverted back to their traditional diet of fish and deer and increased their physical activities as a community. An example of this is Nordic (power) Walking.

Lessons for us: We need to examine our diets, for example if we are going to be a fishing iwi then we had better start eating lots more fish and we better get up and start exercising, drop the smoking and excessive alcohol intake. Research also shows that this is better for your sex life. Examples of this positive physical lifestyle are becoming more prominent with leading Kahungunu sportspeople providing excellent role models. Nga mihinui ki a Tori Reid who turned 90 years old in September - an example of an excellent lifestyle.

No reira tena koutou katoa.

Marae Hikoi Update

Over the past few months Ngahiwi Tomoana and Aramanu Ropitini have visited Marae throughout Kahungunu to present the Draft 25 Year vision to whanau / hapu within Kahungunu. The planning of the Marae Hikoi has been a good opportunity to update our Marae Contact Database. There are 86 Marae within Kahungunu with a breakdown of 17 in Heretaunga, 6 in Tamaki Nui A Rua, 36 in Wairoa, 9 in Tamatea, 10 in Wairarapa and 8 in Whanganui A Orotu.

A great big thank you to all Marae Contact People who helped with the organisation and planning of these visits.

The responses from the consultation will be collated and a final draft of the 25-year vision and strategic plan for iwi development will be presented to the Hui a Iwi on 30th November.

Lester White, Tatiana Greening and Sabrina White of Korongata Marae.

Waiohiki Marae – Te Whanganui A Orotu

Earlier this year the wharekai at the Waiohiki Marae was damaged by fire. Whanau have since demolished the building and cleared the sight and are now in the planning and consultation process with whanau/hapu to rebuild the Waiohiki Marae Complex. The insurance claim has been settled and support has been given from other Marae and organisations to help fund this re-development.



Living 'It Up

'Be Positive, Be Active, Be Involved'

...This was the theme portrayed to youth at the Hastings Youth Centre on Monday the 2nd of September, celebrating the first day of "Youth Week" organised by Wiki Malton (Hastings District Council Youth Co-ordinator) and Charles Ropitini (Youth Committee Chairperson). Henare O'Keefe gave a tremendous entree to a fabulous day of activities and events for the 100 plus youth who attended. Many of the youth who participated came with groups from courses including alternative learning groups, school representatives and youth organisations.

Kneecap Trust was one of these groups and they are based at Kimi Ora School in Flaxmere where they run rangatahi programs. Part of Kneecap's delivery is ensuring that 65% of their Rangatahi go into employment straight after attending their course. Their last record shows that 91% of the Rangatahi went into full-time employment after leaving the Kneecap course. Well done.

Renata Maraki (Manager of 502 Records) has been a mentor for the group of young men who meet at 502 Lowe Street, Camberley where a whole lot of positive talent is inspired. Renata encourages youth to go for their dreams. Although Renata has no formal training in music, his passion for music is great. All of their music and lyrics are original, and are written and composed by Renata and the boyz. It is tumeke to see the confidence in these Rangatahi to go hard on stage. Just Awesome.



Knowledge Wave Summit

"Believe in Yourself"

Dr Rose Pere

This was the opening statement given by Dr Rose Pere who chaired the first day of the Knowledge Wave Summit held in Heretaunga on the 3rd and 4th of September.

was identified at previous Economic Summits that were held in Napier, Wairoa and Wairarapa. A wealth of knowledge was shared by the selection of presenters starting with Kahungunu's own Ngahiwi Tomoana who opened the conference. "Matauranga is about making decisions and taking responsibility for them" said Mr Tomoana. If we are to take care of our future then we need to educate our tamariki.

Alan Duff focused on challenging leadership. "Unless all of us here are going to challenge ourselves and our leadership first, we are getting no where". Alan Duff's "Books in Homes" has penetrated almost every home in New Zealand with great affect.

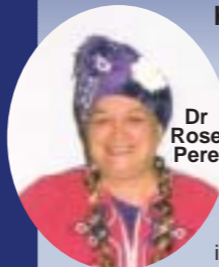
Dr John Langley, CEO of the Auckland College of Education spoke on 'The Art of Teacher Training' said that "Leadership is about lifting the standard of new teachers. Education is the key to enabling us to have economic prosperity and social justice, a way to better lives, to build healthier families and communities."

Donna Awatere Huata's passion for education drives her to continue to push the needs of our children's education in front of the Education Minister in Parliament. Donna encourages parents and leaders to get on board with this kaupapa by being involved with the Board of Trustees and Parent Teacher Associations within our own networks.

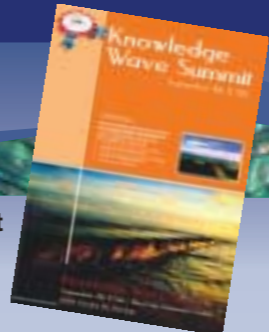
If we start the 'Knowledge Wave' at home with our own whanau, by reading to our tamariki, by listening to our tamariki read, by encouraging education, then that is a great start. The Knowledge Wave starts with you making a choice or a decision and taking responsibility for that decision.

Congratulations to the organisers and committee of the Ngāti Kahungunu Knowledge Wave Summit for providing this opportunity for our Kahungunu People to move forward.

Tama Huata's presentation included images of Paraire Tomoana and the three Canons, Sam Rangiiha, Wi Huata, Kahutia Te Hau



Members from Kirikiriroa Taura Here Group



Basketball... my life... my passion...my job

Alicia Renee Poto recently returned home after playing for France in the Women's World Basketball Championships.

of Ngāti Poporo, born and bred in Sydney, Australia, daughter of Matthew and Susan recalled her desire to play basketball since the age of 13. Now 24 years old, Alicia plays basketball professionally. She has recently signed a 2-year contract averaging an income of \$500,000. Alicia enjoys her games and says that there are good and bad points about her chosen lifestyle but for the most part she is very happy. Between October and May, Alicia lives in France playing basketball full-time and between June and September she's back in Australia playing nationally. This year Alicia and the family came home to Bridge Pa, Hastings where her grandparents Hinga and Lydia Poto reside. The proud grandparents were pleased to have their family home.

While Alicia was here in New Zealand she applied for Citizenship to qualify as a New Zealander through her Dads lineage to Ngāti Kahungunu. The whole family were registered as Kahungunu members and purchased 8 of our Ngāti Kahungunu Shirts to promote Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi over in Australia where a great number of our whanau reside.

It was a pleasure interviewing Alicia and this story should encourage other rangatahi who enjoy playing sport, to reach for the stars.



Inter Iwi Sports Challenge

Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora, Mauri Tangata – The theme that seems to be lingering throughout Kahungunu...

On the 23rd of November Te Arawa will be hosting the first year of a tri annual Inter-Iwi Sports Challenge involving Kahungunu and Tainui. Other iwi will be included as the founding iwi build capacity to host the event and as news of the event gets around. There will be seven sporting codes: Basketball; Touch; Tennis; Softball; Swimming; Golf and a fun run. Grades will include open men, open women, social men, social women and for the individual sports, tennis, swimming and golf, masters men and masters women. Key people in each code will be called to hui to organize participation of players in each code. Please contact Danielle Keil-Lambert on 0800 Kahungunu (524 864) for more information.

KAHUNGUNU MAORI SPORTS AWARDS – He Oranga Putama

Rakautatahi Marae ki Takapau, Central Hawkes Bay will be hosting the 2002 Kahungunu Maori Sports Awards this year. The event will take place on the 29th November 2002. Nomination Packs are now available for the seven categories which include Junior Male, Junior Female, Senior Male, Senior Female, Maori Coach, Maori Administrator, Ngāti Kahungunu Sportsperson of the Year. For more information and a Nomination Form please contact Sam Christie PO Box 984 NAPIER Ph 06 835 5470 Mobile: 021 265 0769 Email: samc@sporthb.net.nz

Kaumatua Tuahine Northover was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal last month.

The induction began with a powhiri on Tuesday the 10th of September in Wellington. Tuahine was overwhelmed with the host of people who came to Wellington to tautoko him on the day.

The Treaty of Waitangi has remained at the centre of battles for Maori Rights, and under the Treaty of Waitangi Act (1975), a tribunal was set up by the Government to investigate Maori grievances and to recommend appropriate compensation. Through the Waitangi Tribunal, claims are investigated by teams of historians and lawyers, and in some cases considerable sums of money have been paid to tribal authorities and large areas of public land have been returned to Maori ownership. Several hundred large and small claims of past injustice are still being investigated by the tribunal today.

'Health Effects of Unemployment Study' shown to be very worthwhile

In August this year both Ngahiwi Tomoana and Vera Keefe-Ormsby attended the Seventh International Congress of Behavioural Medicine in Helsinki, Finland to present a paper on the "Health effects of unemployment-closure of the Whakatu and Tomoana Freezing Works" This research project is a joint venture between the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and Te Ropu Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pomare. The study examines the association between unemployment (involuntary job loss) death and serious illness. It is an eight year follow up of ex-workers who worked at Whakatu until the closure on 10 October 1986 and a control group of workers who were employed at Tomoana during the same period when Tomoana closed.

Last year there was a community launch of the results and an exhibition that received an excellent attendance by former freezing workers as well as media attention. A peer reviewed journal article of the study will be published in the International Journal of Epidemiology in December. Also a chapter of the study will be included in a social science reference book.

Both the Health Research Council and Te Kete Hauora, Ministry of Health provided some funds to attend.

Dr Ferrie of the Department of Public Health, United Kingdom said the study was the most well-designed study of the largest plant closure in the world and that she was honoured that both Ngahiwi and Vera had travelled around the world to attend the conference.

Ngahiwi Tomoana & Vera Keefe-Ormsby



Kaumātua

Sophie Keefe

On 16 August Sophie Keefe (nee Paku) received the Queens Service Medal (QSM) for services to the community at Government House from the Governor General-Dame Sylvia Cartwright.

Sophie grew up in Omaha with her adopted parents Te Rau Aramata Peka and Te Mana Tutewake Rameka. Her natural parents were Rora Hokowaka Panapa of Ruahapia Marae and Joe Hekiera Paku.

Her services to the community have focussed around the Raupunga-Mohaka district and she was always supported by her late husband Did Moana Keefe of Ngāti Kurahikakawa and Pahauwera. During World War II she helped to raise funds for the men that had joined the forces. Both her and Did contributed towards the building of the marae, Te Mara a Ngata at Kahungunu and Te Huki and Hine-Ringa at Raupunga. Both were key players along with the late Kuini and Jim Adsett and Wi and Ena King to build the Kotahitanga Hall at Raupunga. She has been a member on various committees including the Raupunga school and is a life member of Te Huki Marae. She was a keen hockey player and supported a number of sporting activities within the district. Sophie was instrumental in establishing the Maori Womens Welfare League in Raupunga during the 1950s. During the early days of the kohanga reo movement she accompanied Dave Stone of Te Puni Kokiri to many hui to seek information regarding this kaupapa. She eventually established a kohanga reo in Raupunga. In the 1980s kaumatua supported the establishment of Te Runanganui o Ngāti Kahungunu under the leadership of Pita Sharples. Sophie represented the Wairoa Taiwhenua on the Hauora Runanga and is currently a Board Member of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

She continues to support a number of community/ Maori organisations. She supports the Eru Pomare Maori Health Research Centre based in the Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and in 1997 both her and Paki Keefe accompanied Dr Fiona Cram and Vera Ormsby to Cairns to an indigenous health hui. In December she will be 86 years of age, Sophie is still very active and often flits between Raupunga, Napier, Haumoana, Wellington and Melbourne. The

government investiture process only allowed four people to attend the investiture. Her daughters Koea and Olga, nieces Koha Tareha and Nellie Adsett attended. The day was enjoyed by all.

A well deserved Gold Award for Te Haroto's Senior Achiever

Mrs Constance (Connie) Te Hinewai Gilbert of Te Haroto was among the three nominees who were endorsed by the Napier Age Concern (He Manaakitanga Kaumatua) as a Senior Achiever.

Constance, better known as Auntie Connie, was declared the 'Overall Winner' for the Central Lower North Island Region, making her the Gold Award recipient for 2002. The purpose of this award is to recognise people who have been of great support in the community.

Auntie Connie is from Waikaremoana and of Tuhoë descent on her mother's side and is of Ngāti Kurahikakawa descent on her father's side. She has lived in Te Haroto for over 40 years and has become an adopted Auntie and Nanny to many of the whanau in the district both Maori and Pakeha, but more so to the whanau of Ngāti Hineuru. Connie was a member of Te Haroto Marae Committee, Ladies Hall Committee, Te Haroto Sports Committee and Te Haroto School Committee. In 1979 the Hawke's Bay Education Board awarded her a Certificate of Service in recognition and appreciation of her distinguished service rendered to Education in Hawke's Bay. As a member and Secretary of Te Haroto School Committee Connie taught Maori Culture at Te Haroto School and through request from a prominent elder of Te Haroto she began to teach Maori Culture to the women of Te Haroto, some of her pupils being 10 to 20 years older than her. Her love for Maori Culture was portrayed through her composition of Maori Songs and Chants, some of which are still being sung by many of her past pupils and whanau of Ngāti Hineuru.

Receiving recognition and awards for her achievements is not new to Connie and her passion for Maori Culture and Maori Language is still very strong today. She has touched the lives of many people and it was evident when she was nominated by whanau and friends as a 'Senior Achiever'.

The winners from each region will meet at the Government House in Wellington on the 7th October 2002 where the overall Aotearoa Winner will be awarded. The six regions include Northland and North Auckland, West Central South Auckland, Middle North Island, Central Lower North Island, Upper South Island and the Lower South Island.

In recognition of Mrs Gilbert's achievement the Napier Age Concern have also awarded her with an honorary membership for two years 2002 and 2003.

E te Kuia, Koia kei a koe, Kei whea mai



Glass Eel Research Continues

Stella August, student researcher at Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is back again continuing her research on the recruitment of glass eels into the Tukituki River. She is completing her Master of Science (MSc) through the University of Waikato in Hamilton. Research began last year in September and continued to November. Over the summer she undertook a dive course in Napier but returned to Hamilton in March to university. Here she fulfilled the course requirements of her degree and has now moved back to Hawkes Bay to do her second research season. Once Stella's field research is finished she will have to submit a thesis for final assessment. 'The aim of my research is to relate times of upstream migration of glass eels to the environmental conditions that have caused this behaviour such as water temperature and rainfall', Stella explains. Stella has also been successful in obtaining a Tuapapa Putaiao Maori Fellowship for her research funded by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology (FRST). She would like to acknowledge all the support she received from her whanau, hapu, friends and iwi and believe they helped her tremendously in gaining this fellowship.



Te Ohu Kai Moana Training and Scholarships

Te Ohu Kai Moana are offering a number of scholarships for pre-employment training through the Westport Deep Sea Fishing School. The school, which has been operating for twelve years, offers six 20-week courses in commercial fishing and processing a year. A high number of the trainees (up to 64%) are of Maori descent. Almost all who complete the training gain well-paid employment within the fishing industry, most on the large, modern, factory trawlers, operated by Sealord, Amaltal and Sanford.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Rakuraku, Human Resource Development, Te Ohu Kai Moana, ph. 04499 5199 or phone 0800 kahungunu (524 864).

<http://www.deepsea.co.nz>

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Scholarships

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Scholarships 2002 have already been allocated. Information about the 2003 Scholarships will be posted on our website and notified in the new year.

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