

A newsletter for Te Arawa descendants on the economic growth and development towards achieving the aspirations of 11 Affiliate iwi and hapu from its Treaty of Waitangi settlement.

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Prime Minister Rt. Hon. John Key in his letter to the bereaved family

Tributes were paid to prominent Te Arawa leader who recently died after a lengthy battle with illness. David Tewi (Rawiri) Te Whare lost his battle on Sunday 11th November at Waikato Hospital with his family at his bedside. A hugely respected kaumatua in both the Maori and Pakeha world in which he walked. He was the chief negotiator for Te Arawa during their historic Treaty settlement in 2006 and 2008. Flagging health over the last few years did not deter him from his role as he maintained his motivation to secure the settlement.

Waiariki Institute of Technology kaumatua Ken Kennedy said Mr Te Whare's death was a huge loss for Te Arawa. "Rawiri was a great man and is a huge loss for us." Mr Kennedy said. "...it was not only his work during the Treaty negotiations but his work with teaching te reo Maori.

" He was a key component at Waiariki with the teaching of our language. He always knew it was important in keeping our culture alive. He will be missed."

Mr Kennedy said that he was fortunate to be able to take him to Tangatarua Marae at Waiariki Institute of Technology to lie in state for a short while. Then he continued his journey to Ohaaki Marae in Reporoa on the shores of the Waikato River for the tangi.

Tributes flowed during the tangi as hundreds of people from all over the country came to pay their final respects over the three days that he lay at Ohaaki Marae. People from all walks of life from Members of Parliament to fellow Trustees to past students came to say their final words.

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Ohaaki Marae of Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa in Reporoa where Rawiri Te Whare devoted a lot of his time. He was also given the honour by the people of Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa of leading their Iwi and given chieftainship status. Mr Te Whare's lay in state at this marae for his final farewell



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TAGH Acquires Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland



Te Arawa Group Holdings Chief Executive Roger Pikia, excited about the purchase of Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland. Mr Pikia said that they hoped to increase its prominence in the industry in the future if opportunities arose as they have wanted to invest the tourism industry for some time

Te Arawa Group Holdings has bought one of Rotorua's biggest tourism businesses, with the aim of making an impact in Rotorua's tourism industry.

Te Arawa Group Holdings is the commercial arm of Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, and has just purchased the Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland. For the company which also has stakes in the forestry and agri-business industries throughout New Zealand, this is its first major acquisition. The purchase was completed on November 1st which incidentally marks the start of the tourism 'season' and the attraction's busiest period. At its peak more than 1000 people visit the tourist attraction daily.

It has some of the country's largest bubbling mud pools set in a natural bush setting. There are walking tracks, a visitor centre and retail and cafe facilities.

Te Arawa Group Holdings Chief Executive Officer, Roger Pikia said, "It's an iconic business and a top performing attraction. It matches other well known tourism ventures in Rotorua. It's always been our intention to buy local. This is our first tourism business," he said.

Mr Pikia says despite Maori being an important part of the Rotorua visitor experience, most tourism businesses in the region were not owned by Maori. Te Arawa Group Holdings have wanted to invest in the tourism industry for some time.

Mr Pikia said they were pleased to have entered into the tourism industry with Waiotapu. He said tourism had been a part of the Te Arawa psyche for more than a hundred years. It was fitting therefore that Te Arawa now owned a high performing business in the industry.

"It's pleasing for all Te Arawa to know that we've made a significant entry into the tourism sector by owning a business in our own right. A business that is a very high performer and one of the top attractions in Rotorua." he says.

Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland was bought from the Sewell/Leinhardt family. It is home to the famous attractions the Champagne Pool and the Lady Knox Geyser. The Sewell/Leinhardt family grew the business from small beginnings 30 years ago, to the major international tourist attraction it is today. Alex and Cheryl Leinhardt have solely managed the business for the past 10 years. The current management team will be retained and so it will be 'business as usual'. The family said they enjoyed operating the business and look forward to helping Te Arawa Group Holdings develop the iconic attraction still further.

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The Champagne Pool, one of the main attractions at the Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland

FROM THE CHAIR

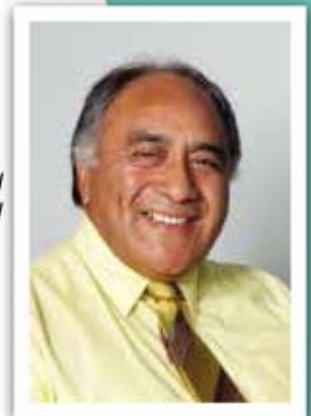
He Aitua - He Poroporoaki

Kua irihia te kapua pouri ki runga Paeroa, kua waipuketia te awa o Waikato ki Te Ohaaki i te hingatanga atu o tenei toka o Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the unexpected passing of our General Manager, Rawiri Te Whare. We offer our sincere condolences to all those who worked with him and of course his family and close friends.

We humbly acknowledge Rawiri in this newsletter along with other matters that concerns Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa and the Affiliates.

*Eru George
Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Chair*



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Mr Pikia said South Island Iwi, Ngai Tahu had shown an early interest in Waiotapu. But after he had discussions with their representatives, they decided to pull out of the bidding to allow Te Arawa to get into the industry. "We are thankful to them for that," Mr Pikia said. He said he was glad it hadn't become competitive between the two Iwi and said he would prefer to work with them, rather than against them. He said that the good relationship that they already had with Ngai Tahu was of great benefit to them both of them and so they were able to reach a mutual agreement.

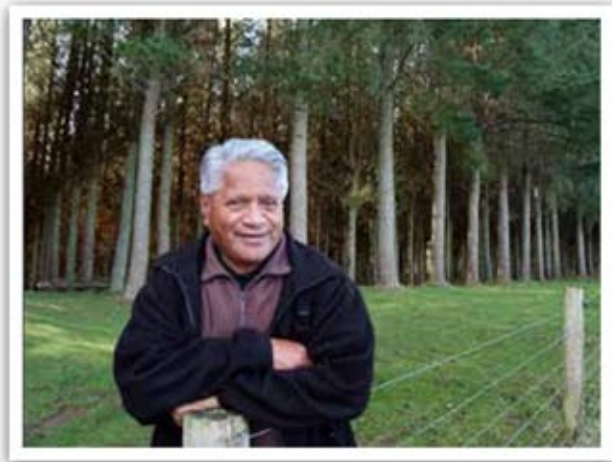
Ngai Tahu is already in the Rotorua tourism industry. It owns the Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park and has stakes in the Agrodome and the Lakeland Queen.

Mr Pikia said the deal to secure Waiotapu had taken eight months of negotiation. Mr Pikia said the group hoped to increase its prominence in the industry in the future if opportunities arose.



The Lady Knox Geyser is one of the many outstanding features of the Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland attractions

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Rawiri Te Whare

The Hon Tariana Turia, Associate Minister of Health and her Maori Party colleague Te Ururoa Flavell acknowledged Rawiri. Te Ururoa in a press release from the Maori Party said.

"I remember Rawiri in his career at Waiariki Institute of Technology when he was called upon to fill the shoes of pakeke, Hiko Hohepa in continuing the development of Mori Studies there."

"His calling after this was to assist Iwi in the completion of the historic Central North Island Forests Land Collective Settlement known as the CNI – an amazing achievement in forestry settlement involving over 100 claimant groups."

Te Ururoa also said "It is no mean feat to pull together Iwi and negotiate a deal of \$85 million whilst acknowledging the unique circumstances of each Iwi. For that he will be remembered."

Roger Pikia from Ngati Tahu–Ngati Whaoa said Rawiri was a man with a wealth of wisdom that he shared with everyone he met. Mr Pikia spoke of him as being one who was loyal and earned the respect of everyone he worked with, including the Crown. Mr Pikia said, "That loyalty was reciprocated. He had the ability to earn the respect of the Crown during the settlement process."

An example of this was in 2007 after Te Arawa had reached a settlement with the Crown. The then Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Dr Michael Cullen approached Rawiri to ask for his help. The Government needed Te Arawa to separate their forestry interests from their settlement package to provide central North Island Iwi the opportunity to settle all their forestry interests collectively.

Rawiri, saw an opportunity and knew that unless

Te Arawa compromised, many other Iwi including other Te Arawa Iwi could be held up for years trying to reach a settlement. He told Dr Cullen, "I am not going to deny an opportunity that I have always believed in - but it will be at a cost".

Roger Pikia in his eulogy read a letter from the Prime Minister, John Key to the bereaved family. He wrote;

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His legacy is the people he passed his knowledge on to, Mr Pikia said. He will be remembered by our future leaders.

Flags at the Rotorua District Council Civic Centre flew at half mast on the day of the funeral. This was to acknowledge the deaths of two prominent Rotorua men, Rawiri Te Whare and Rotorua District Council's former environmental services director Nigel Wharton.

Rotorua Mayor Kevin Winters - described Mr Te Whare as a wise and calm man whose death is a huge loss. Mr Winters said he had enormous heart and worked for his people rather than his own glory.

He was born David Tewi Te Whare and was one of 16 children to Rina and Pita Te Whare of Otorohanga in the King Country.

Rawiri had earlier retold a story of when he first moved to Rotorua to take up a ministry position at a church. Over time he met with local kaumatua and he was once invited by the late Hiko Hohepa to sit on the paepae at Ruamata. Unsure of the request but not wanting to upset the kaumatua he did as he was asked. He noticed that the kaumatua Hiko Hohepa had a smile on his face and sensed that something was awry.

Sometime later when he returned to Otorohanga to visit his mother he asked her "Do we have connections to Te Arawa? She said "yes."

He then said "How come you never told us?" She simply replied "You never asked until now. I was only waiting until one of you would ask about your Te Arawa connection."

Rawiri was eventually given his whakapapa to Te Arawa and traced his line to Ngati Uenukukopako and Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa.

His passion for his Iwi and the land came from his aunty Ruhia Oketopa who lived at Hinemoa Point. As a young man he stayed with her and listened to her concerns about how land was lost and how the remaining was being taken out of Maori control.

Later on in life, Rawiri became more involved in the affairs of his Iwi, joining the Kaingaroa claims process and eventually Nga Kaihautu as the chief negotiator. He was instrumental in securing a deal worth more than \$85 million as well as an apology from the Crown.

His nephew Reuben Collier said in his eulogy to Rawiri. "He was a spiritual leader first. It was his spiritual walk that prepared him to be a great leader for his people and a great negotiator. He was a spiritual man with a lot of knowledge that he shared with many young people he mentored.... it was a privilege and honour to have known him. He has lived a very full life. He did so much for his people ... the great thing about a good leader is he will leave a legacy."

Mr Te Whare was honoured in 2010 with the Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. The Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit is awarded to a person who has played a conspicuous leading role in regional affairs, through achievement or service to the community or making a highly distinguished, innovative contribution in his or her area of activity, over an extended period of time.

Mr Te Whare said he was honoured to be considered for the award. And even felt that he needed to consult the people in accepting the award. "I actually went to our Iwi ... I said 'look, I've been recommended for this honour for services to my people and only you can tell me if it's correct and deserving'." He said he needed to make sure that he had the support of the Iwi before he decided to accept the award.

The award was the result of a lot of people's involvement, Mr Te Whare said. "Even though you may play a role, you can't help but think that there



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are just so many others who have contributed." Even in receiving this honour he was humble "I feel very fulfilled at this point ... I hope the honour (of the award) will find its way of bringing an immense benefit to the people.

This culminated in the same year with recognition by his Iwi Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa in 2010, with the chieftainship of the Iwi for his work during the settlement process. A highly prestigious and very rare honour to be bestowed.

Tuhourangi Kaumatua Anaru Rangihueua, described him as a man with a brilliant mind, and says Te Arawa will be at a loss to replace him.

Rawiri Te Whare was buried at Kauae Cemetery in Ngongotaha, Rotorua with many people in attendance. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, their three children and many mokopuna.

E Rawiri!

*Haere ra te Maioro, te Karia, te
Whakaruruhau
Marua ana te whenua i a koe
Kua riro I te tari a Hinenuitepo
Kua kore he tangata hai arai i te kino
I te aha! I te aha! I te aha!*

Kaati E Te Rangatira!

*Haere ra i to tira mokemoke
Ki to taua tini
Ki to taua mano
E kopunipuni mai ra
I te hamumutanga o te tangata
Haere atu ra!*

The Centennial Celebration of Rauru Wharenui



Members from Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao and Tarawhai recently attended celebrations in Hamburg, Germany celebrating 100 years from when Rauru Wharenui was first put on display in the Museum of Ethnology.

The sixty member strong contingent from Te Arawa were joined in Germany by members of Ngati Ranana, the London based Maori group. The celebrations were marked by a highly emotional service and blessing by Te Arawa Iwi.

The house, which used to greet visitors at the main entrance to Whakarewarewa in the early 1900's, was reopened to the public in October. This followed extensive conservation and rebuilding work being done on the house. Expert restorers and craftspeople from Te Arawa refurbished the house using traditional tools, methods, and materials harvested in New Zealand and imported especially for the restoration.

During its time at the museum the Wharenui received little conservation treatment until more recent times. This was most likely due to two main factors. The first is that it had not been exposed to weathering effects of the outside elements. Secondly it had not been moved or dismantled since it first arrived at the museum.

The restoration work done on the Wharenui was a long and expensive project. Costing \$1.2 million dollars the money was raised from Maori trusts and the German government.

Rauru has been restored true to its original design except for one modern addition. The carvings have each been fitted with a sensory alarm which sounds a warning when they are touched. Only the people of Te Arawa were allowed to touch the carvings.

This was especially poignant for Tuhipo Kereopa, the great-granddaughter of one of the original carvers. "It's very overwhelming, very emotional," she says. "We're touching something that he touched."

The whare marks a decisive phase in traditional Maori carving, having been in the accomplished hands of the renowned Maori carvers Anaha te Rahui, Neke Kapua and Tene Waitere. Through their skilled workmanship and depictions of tribal myths and Mori legends, Rauru has been awarded a deserved distinction.

Te Waru of Ngati Whaoa commissioned the carvings in honour of his wife. However, it took several attempts to finish the house. Charles Nelson, the then proprietor of the Geyser Hotel, succeeded in erecting the building at Whakarewarewa as a tourist attraction. The house opened in August 1900 with full ceremonial rites being performed.

In June 1904, only four years after its opening, Rauru was sold by Nelson to the firm JFG Umlauff based in Hamburg, Germany. They were purchasers and suppliers of cultural and exotic items to museums. Rauru was dismantled and transported to Germany where it was reassembled and put on display in October 1912.

The Wharenui is one of the most significant artefacts in the permanent Oceanic exhibition in the Hamburg Museum. It is one of the finest examples of meeting houses outside of New Zealand. Mauriora Kingi says that the whare "is in good condition. It has been well looked after."

The opening celebrations were organised by the Museum of Ethnology, together with the New Zealand Consulate in Hamburg and the New Zealand Embassy in Berlin. The celebrations on Sunday 7th October focused on traditional and contemporary Mori culture and New Zealand.

The museum has in recent years returned heads, or moko mokai, to New Zealand. The German caretakers of Rauru say being allowed to keep the Wharenui has touched them in return.

Museum director Wulf Kopke speaking about Rauru said "This is the ambassador of New Zealand. This is the ambassador of Maori culture here and I think it will be very beneficial."

NGA PANUI POTO

Ngati Uenukukopako Purchase Airport Hotel

An extract from the Uenukukopako Newsletter Da-Wot-Up-Informer

In mid December 2012, the Ngati Uenukukopako Iwi Trust purchased the Rotokawa Flats opposite the Rotorua International Airport on Te Ngae Road. This move, the Trustees believe have covered some aspects of their strategic plan, such as making affordable accommodation available for the hapu, will provide a good economic return and the opportunity to buy back of their whenua which was part of land that was confiscated by the Crown.

There are 11 units that are to be used as rental properties. The Trust will keep the front house as office space and boardroom. As one of the Trustee said "it's a tired old girl that's been abused, and neglected but with a bit of TLC it will see a lot more years to come."

The trust had approved a budget that has seen a major upgrade of the existing units and house. Most of the rental units have been renovated. The main house and office has been re-roofed and rewired and all buildings have now been connected to the main sewer line.

"The response from the whanau looking for a flat has been over whelming and it justifies one of the reasons why this property was bought and was to provide affordable accommodation."

The Trust are on target to have all flats finished by the end of this year and hope to be fully tenanted as well. The Trust have been overwhelmed by families looking for accommodation since the complex has received a makeover and has gained a lot of interest.

In 2014 the Rotokawa Primary School property is to be returned to Ngati Uenukukopako and so that was a primary reason to purchase the Airport Hotel building. The school is one of many Crown properties that are expected to be returned to Iwi as part of the Cultural Redress in Te Arawa's Settlement agreement with the Crown.



Renovations To Ngati Rongomai Marae - Nga Pumanawa

Te Atatu Epapara, Nga Pumanawa Marae and Ngati Rongomai Iwi Trustee has one burning desire. To see his marae Nga Pumanawa at Ruato Bay, Rotoiti, open to the Iwi again. Ngapumanawa marae has been in hiatus for about four years. Since parts of the marae complex needed remedial work to be done before opening to the Iwi.

Te Atatu or uncle George as he more commonly known as is the project manager for the marae and can see that the end of the project is near. Te Atatu says that "the funding will go a long way to providing the putea we need to get our marae fully operational"

At the recent Ngati Rongomai Iwi Affiliate Trust AGM held at Rakeiao Marae, Rotoiti, in October, the Trust chair, Gloria Hughes, announced 'koha' were made to three marae that have an affiliation to Ngati Rongomai. Its timely as all three marae are currently undertaking building works at their respective marae.

As with some Affilliate Trusts that received a \$1.1m upfront payment some distributions or purchases have been made. And like the majority of Affilliate Iwi Trusts, the balance of their monies sit in fixed term deposits and investments.

The last major works to be completed is the installation of the new toilet block which is expected to happen in the new year.

Te Pumautanga Korero will keep you updated with these and other projects that the Affilliates are undertaking.

Registrations

Don't forget to register, if you aren't already. This is so you can participate in your Affilliate Elections.



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Trustee has been appointed and profiled in the upcoming newsletter

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