

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.

Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata, Haere Whakamua
Care for the land, Care for the people, Go forward

Te Arawa Takes Centre Stage for National Kapa Haka Festival



Richard Wharerahi leads out the wero in front of more than 300 Te Arawa warriors and more than 1000 in the haka powhiri

The Te Matatini 2013 Kapa Haka Festival held at the Rotorua International Stadium was impressive in so many ways. From the huge awe inspiring stage to the rousing powhiri when more than a thousand strong Te Arawa greeted officialdom and competing teams from all over the whole country. The memorable performances from the likes of Te Iti Kahurangi from the Waikato and Te Whanau Apanui are now committed to memory of the dedicated kapa haka fans. If there were crowd favourites, these two would surely be among them.

On a hot Sunday afternoon, when the dust and the cheers had settled, the crowd waited in eagerness for the final results. The only sure thing is there will always be tears, even when you're the winner. This was one of those festivals where there was no clear winner and the competition like the weather was hot and unrelenting and too close to call. All the teams that made the finals pulled out all the stops for a shot at the title of being the country's best Kapa Haka team.

More than 1600 performers and their followers filled the venue, an estimated 15,000 each day. Saturday was at bursting point with people there to see the 'pool of death.' This was the pool that had Tuhourangi, Te Mataarae I O Rehu, Nga Potiki

a Hinehopu, Te Pou O Mangatawhiri, and Tu Te Manawa Maurea.

Te Waka Huia from Auckland won the coveted Duncan McIntyre Trophy and was crowned the overall winners of Te Matatini 2013. This is the fifth time they have won the title equaling Gisborne group Waihirere as the most won by any group in this competition. Te Waka Huia last won in 2009 at the Tauranga festival. Second overall was former winner Te Whanau Apanui. Third place went to three teams: Tu Te Manawa Maurea and Whangara Mai Tawhiti from the Tairāwhiti and Te Iti Kahurangi from Waikato.

Six Te Arawa teams competed in the Matatini festival with Kataore and Nga Potiki a Hinehopu competing at the Nationals for the first time. Only Te Mataarae I O Rehu was to make the final nine that competed on Sunday Finals Day. The three top teams from each day's competition advance to the finals where they were each judged on Sunday's performance alone.

All the competing team had given it their all in their group performances and all were proud of that fact. Some collapsed with exhaustion after their performances from the heat and the competition.

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LAND RATING ON MARAE

One of the constant concerns of Marae committees and trusts is that of land rates. People wonder why some marae are exempt from rates and others are not.

Any Maori reservation set aside for the purpose of marae or urupa with an area less than two hectares that benefit the people of New Zealand qualifies for exemption from payment of rates. This exemption is granted by Local Government (Planning Act 2002).

Maori reservations may be subject to a targeted rate set by the local body for the provision of water supply, sewage disposal or refuse collection services.

Local Councils do have discretionary power to reduce rates. Since most if not all marae in Te Arawa are used at irregular intervals then it would be sufficient to say that the services provided (water, sewage and refuse collection) are not used regularly to warrant rating as per a residential household and certainly not a business.

Also in times of emergency there is the ability for marae to accommodate those in need as this should be taken into account by the local council when considering any applications.

If the trustees want to seek a reduction in rates or want to know what the targeted rate is, then they should talk with the local council to discuss this.

TE PUMAUTANGA O TE ARAWA AGM

The 2013 AGM in March (for the financial year 2011-2012) reports back to the beneficiaries on the previous years activities against the annual plan. A full report of the AGM will be included in the following Pumautanga Korero newsletter.



There are limited numbers of printed copies available but this document can be viewed online or downloaded from the Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa website.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Elections are coming up for some of the Affiliate Entities over the next couple of months. They will appoint the new Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Board which has to be notified by 1 June this year. The term of the board begins on 1 July 2013 and is for a period of three years.

It would be advisable that you ring in to the office and check that your registration is current. If you need to register you must do it now so that these can be signed off and entered into the system. This needs to be done before the cut off date as predetermined by each Affiliate Trust.

You should also contact the Affiliate Trust(s) that you are registered with to check when the Affiliate Entity Trust Elections is to be held.

Registrations

So don't forget to register, if you haven't already. You need to be registered to participate in your Affiliate Elections.



Registration forms are available from the office and online from the Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa website.

MARAE MASTER CHEF 2013

Te Arawa Tangata Marae Master Chef for 2013 is just around the corner...

Hunting
Fishing
Mahi Kai
Marae Kai
Gourmet Kai - Cook Off

Start organising your teams NOW whanau

Taheke Marae – The 2012 winners are the hosts of this years challenge to be held 4 & 5 of May 2013

FROM THE CHAIR

Ka tanuku ka tanuku e.

Ka tanuku nga tihio nga maunga whakahirahira ahaha. E kapo ki nga whetu e kapo ki te marama, e kapo ki te ata, ko aku Raukura ka riro ra e.

Haere ra koutou katoa nga mate huhua o te tau kua pahomotae noa ra ki te tau hou nei. Haere ra, tiraha ra, moe mai ra kotou.

Tihei Mauri Ora

The recent Strategic Planning Hui in Tauranga gave Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa trustees valuable time to carefully plan out the upcoming year. Valuable too was the experience gained with the expert advice obtained in those sessions. This has set our long term goals. With the upcoming elections for most of the Affiliate Iwi / Hapu Trusts over the next couple of months as well as the recent Trust AGM, this has become a busy time for Te Pumautanga.

The recent Te Matatini festival showcased Te Arawa and their many talents both on and off the stage. Te Arawa Pride was certainly on display as performers and volunteers did us proud. At a local level we look towards the upcoming Marae Master Chef coming off a successful first year competition.

We look forward to the rest of the year and the challenges ahead.

Eru George

Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Chair



TE PUMAUTANGA O TE ARAWA STRATEGIC PLANNING HUI

The 2013 Strategic Planning Hui held in January in Tauranga provided Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Trustees with the opportunity to plan and progress for the year 2013 as the Trust Establishment advances towards a new phase in its' growth.

The main facilitator for the workshop was Linda Te Aho whose background is as a barrister and law lecturer at Waikato University. Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa legal counsel Willie Te Aho was also on hand to provide continuity in terms of direction and purpose for the Trust.

Some work was done on the organisations' Trust Deed. This document needed updating to reflect the current makeup of the trustees and the direction taken by the Trust.

Attention has also been paid to the Mission, Vision and Purpose Statement to also better reflect the current nature of Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa and its core business roles.

The Trust sought to integrate reo Maori within the document as this was of major importance and represents that of a Maori organisation such as Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa.

At the end of March the Annual General Meeting for the 2011-2012 financial year was held. This was the opportunity for the board to share these important views with the beneficiaries and to gain valuable feedback.

Four major Strategic Pou or platforms that were discussed are briefly:

1. The Core Functions around the distribution of settlement redress and benefits

- *Completion of settlement redress*
- *Maintain beneficiary register*
- *Manage relationships with Affiliates, Te Arawa Iwi, Other Iwi, Local and Central Government and others.*

2. Active Participation in the CNI process and adherence to collective Te Pumautanga kaupapa

- *Complete the CNI Manawhenua process*

3. Exercise Strategic Governance in respect of Te Arawa Group Holdings

- *Confirm and monitor TAGH business and strategic plan and report back to shareholders and beneficiaries.*

4. Exercise Strategic Governance in respect of Te Arawa Tangata

- *Provide short term financial support for this financial year and to use networks to support Te Arawa Tangata to self sustainability*

More detail will be provided in the next issue of Te Pumautanga Korero. Other highlights from this years Annual General Meeting held in March at Waiteti Marae, Ngongotaha will also be provided in more detail.

Te Arawa Takes Centre Stage for National Kapa Haka Festival



More than an estimated 15,000 people turned up for each days performances. With a fantastic stage and weather. (photo supplied)

This was common as seen backstage after the performances. Some were just so overwhelmed at performing at the 'Nationals.'

Even though no Te Arawa team placed on the final day, there were some individual successes. Te Mataarae I O Rehu won the Haka in the Aggregate Section and also won the Poi Composition and the coveted Male Leader trophies in the Non Aggregate Section of the Competition. They also had placings in other disciplines.

Te Matatini Board chair, Mr Selwyn Parata said of the competition. "The performers come to Matatini to compete, and it shows in their language, in the execution of each item, and in the quality of their performances, including those who have come to compete for the first time," he said. Mr Parata also commended the number of new teams competing. "There is a real desire from groups in all the rohe to get involved in kapa haka in their regional competition because that's the path to this national event. And I can see there's a strong desire by the performers to improve their knowledge and understanding of te reo me nga tikanga."

This was certainly true for Te Arawa as they had the maximum 6 teams competing at the Nationals. This came from the strong showing at the previous years Te Arawa Kapa Haka Regionals when even perennial favourites Rangiwewehi missed the cut. This implied that the level of Kapa Haka at the Te Arawa Regionals had also risen to a new level.

Over the course of the four days and longer for some, more than 300 people volunteered their services for the duration of the kapa haka festival. Some were even known to be doing double duty like the young lady who was a liaison for one of the visiting kapa haka teams. She was found escorting kuia and koroua to their seats for the remainder of festival and assisting the van drivers with their

passengers. "I just wanted to do my bit and be part of it", she said.

Te Wananga O Aotearoa CEO, Bentham Ohia and Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa trustee, Ruka Hughes were also seen moonlighting as van drivers for VIP members and koeke, taking them to and from the festival.

Prior to the competition, all volunteers were expected to do a short course in Hosting if they had not already had that experience or qualification. "It was one way to train and bring people to a level of professionalism expected", said one of the organisers in a briefing. Throughout the festival and during the presentations the volunteers were always acknowledged, highly motivated and hugely visible.

The Judges had the most unenviable job of the whole competition and it is no easy task on many levels. The judges assemble before the competitions starts and spend the next five days away from their families judging kapa haka. That alone is a discipline.

Maori Television was the main broadcaster for the event and while there may have been issues between



Winners of the Duncan McIntyre Trophy for 2013 and Te Matatini Champions Wakahaia led by Kimiara Webster. photo supplied by Te Matatini Incorporated Society

Te Matatini and other broadcasters, one thing was for sure there were a number of ways to see and hear the performances. With advancing media, it was possible to see delayed coverage on TV and online. Radio coverage was live to the nation with an interpretation service available for those within the venue.

The Maori Television website recorded more than 80,000 unique hits as internet users accessed daily performances and the live streaming on the finals day. More than 20,500 views were recorded on Sunday. 56% of the internet views were generated within New Zealand with the remainder being overseas, most of those from Australia. This means the festival had a wider live audience than in previous competitions making it a truly global event on the Maori calendar.

An estimated 233,000 viewers watched Maori Television broadcast the live performances on the finals day. Te Matatini executive director, Darrin Apanui said the total viewing figures were very encouraging.

There had been some talk through different media and certainly with local representative saying that Rotorua should become the permanent home for the Te Matatini Festival. Certainly this event showed that Te Arawa can put on quite a show and that it is able to cater for the huge numbers of visitors.

The benefits to the local economy were certainly noticeable with one of the petrol station owners saying that their forecourt was busy during the whole time of the Matatini festival. He said he had not seen it like that before even with other events that Rotorua had hosted.

Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa like other Maori Organisations in Rotorua made a contribution to



Some of the more than 300 volunteers who gave their time to Te Matatini 2013 to make it a success. Here Te Ururoa's team take a well earned break (photo supplied)



Te Mataarae I O Rehu performance (photo supplied by Te Matatini Incorporated Society)

the Matatini Event that saw the Koeke being well catered for. Even in the sometimes dangerous and sweltering heat.

It would also be poignant to note that Te Arawa also had Tuwharetoa sitting alongside them at the Powhiri. This was highly appropriate for Te Arawa Waka. While Te Arawa may not have come away with the top prize at this festival, this writer thinks that Te Arawa did come away with full marks. Te Arawa showed that it can be good hosts, that we have class venues and accommodation. The organising committee are old hands at this through their previous experience running the Te Arawa regional competitions and the national competition when it was last here. They maintained good communication with the rest of the Iwi.

Kids are now watching reruns of the kapa haka and their favourite teams. Some kids are recording their teams when they appear on TV, learning the waiata, the brackets and emulating their favourite teams and performers. This has inspired the next generation of Kapa Haka kings and queens.

Announcing the winners, Mr Parata added that the crowd had been treated to quality performances over the four days of competition and this had raised the bar for future competitions.

The next festival will be held in Otautahi, Christchurch in 2015.

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NGATI PIKIAO TAMARIKI AHUREI - 2012

Just weeks before last Christmas, a Kapa Haka event was held at Kahumatamomoe marae, Mourea for the children of Ngati Pikiao. More than four hundred people were in attendance to watch three teams from around Lake Rotoiti performing at the marae.

The three teams represented were Nga Marae O Mourea, Ngati Hinekura – Ngati Tamateatutahi and Ngati Rongomai - Ngati Rangiuuora.

The day's competition was won by Ngati Hinekura - Ngati Tamateatutahi Kawiti, one of the smaller teams who also had the youngest performer at the Ahurei. At just two years old Manahi Ihakara had attended all the practices to take his place along side his sisters and cousins. It also helps that his papa coaches the team as well.

One of the organisers responsible for the Tamariki Ahurei was also instrumental in the inaugural Pakeke Ahurei for the Ngati Pikiao Seniors the previous year. "My goal was to have as many of our marae put a team together to compete. From there we would be able to put teams forward to the Te Arawa Regionals to do two things. Raise the level of competitive kapa haka and assist in getting more teams through to the nationals (Te Matatini). We do this to inspire other Iwi within Te Arawa to do the same. This can only raise the level of competency."

The organising committee of the Ngati Pikiao Ahurei plan to hold the event annually but with the Tamariki and Pakeke competitions being held on alternate years. This year the Pakeke Ahurei is expected to be held in September so as not to clash with other events. The time and venue are yet to be confirmed. Pare Merito at Te Runanga O Ngati Pikiao can be contacted for more information. The upcoming competition for the Pakeke is



The inaugural winners of the Ngati Pikiao Tamariki Ahurei, the combined Ngati Tamateatutahi - Kawiti Ngati Hinekura kapa haka team expected to have an extra compulsory item which will add to the diversity. This comes from a need identified at the recent Te Matatini Nationals held in Rotorua.

Congratulations to all the competitors who performed on the day as it was enjoyable to watch and see free flowing kapa haka. Also to the judges and organisers who staged this event. They also acknowledged the ongoing support from the Ngati Pikiao Iwi Affiliate Trust.



Combined Ngati Rongomai - Ngati Rangiuuora team



Nga Marae O Mourea entered the largest team into the competition. Participation was the major key to the success of the day

Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival - Full Results

DISCIPLINE:	1st	2nd	3rd
Aggregate Section:			
Whakaeke	Te Iti Kahurangi	Ruatāhuna Kākahu Mauku	Te Waka Huia
Moteatea	Te Iti Kahurangi	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Ruatāhuna Kākahu Mauku
Waiata A Ringa	Te Iti Kahurangi	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Te Waka Huia
Poi	Ōpōtiki Mai Tawhiti	Te Waka Huia	Te Pou o Mangataawhiri
Haka	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Ngā Tūmanako	Whāngārā Mai Tawhiti
Whakawatea	Te Whānau a Apanui	Te Pou o Mangataawhiri	Ōpōtiki Mai Tawhiti
Non Aggregate Section:			
Manukura Wahine	Te Iti Kahurangi	Tuhourangi Ngāti Wahiao	Ruatāhuna Kākahu Mauku
Manukura Tane	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Ngā Tūmanako	Te Iti Kahurangi
Kakahu	Tū Te Manawa Maurea	Ōpōtiki Mai Tawhiti	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu
Waiata Tira	Hātea	Te Iti Kahurangi	Te Waka Huia
Titonga Waiata A Ringa	Ngā Uri o Te Whanoa	Te Whānau a Apanui	Whāngārā Mai Tawhiti
Titonga Poi	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Whāngārā Mai Tawhiti	Te Pou o Mangataawhiri
Titonga Haka	Te Pou o Mangataawhiri	Hātea	Tūranga Ake
Titonga Waiata Hou	Te Pou o Mangataawhiri	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Ngā Uri o Te Whanoa
Te Kairangi O Te Reo	Te Iti Kahurangi	Te Mātārae i Ōrehu	Ruatāhuna Kākahu Mauku



Action from the Te Matatini Kapa Haka festival hosted by Te Arawa recently at the Rotorua International Stadium

All performance photos courtesy of Te Matatini Society Incorporated.



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