

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



New Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa Board chairman addresses a full house at Hinemoa Point Marae, Owhata

More than 100 people descended upon Hinemoa Point Marae on Friday 2 August. The call went out to the Koeke of Te Arawa and esteemed koeke from all eleven Te Arawa Affiliates were represented!

The purpose of the hui was to introduce the new Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa (TPT) trustees to the Te Arawa Koeke and to listen to the Kaumatua speak about the original vision they had, and also to hear some of the recent history of TPT and what the koeke believe needs to be improved. The intention of the new board was to balance the work and decisions being made today with the korero and understanding of the kaupapa shared by our koeke. Nearly half the TPT Board elected at recent affiliate elections are new members.

The hui was also an opportunity for the Koeke to share with the new board members and to remind returning trustees of the original kaupapa of TPT from its origins in seeking settlement with the Crown. It was also a chance for some to reminisce on that journey.

The hui was lead by Te Pukenga Koeke chairman, Boydie Pirika and alternate Anaru Rangiheua. Boydie Pirika opened the korero after the mihimihi and karakia. There was acknowledgement for

those who have passed on, who were integral in the negotiations and settlement achieved. Some of those acknowledged were Rawiri Te Whare, Dennis Polamalu, Mita Pirika, Pinder Pirika and a number of others. Former General Manager Nero Panapa, who finished with TPT in July was also acknowledged for his work.

The hui was the first opportunity for new TPT Chairman, Alan Skipwith, to meet and speak to the people in his new role. Alan in turn introduced all the TPT board members and acknowledged those who had lead the organization and brought it to where we are today. Inside the wharenuui, at the start of the hui, there was standing room only, with ninety seated in the house and a couple of rows of people standing. "It's where we started, at this marae," Anaru said. "The signing for Te Pumautanga was achieved here with the kuia and kaumatua at this marae to witness and put their signature to support the formation of Te Pumautanga. That is why we've come back to this marae, this marae is very important to us," he said.

Koroua Anaru continued by detailing the other marae visited for the signing which were Wahiao and Te Pakira Marae. Despite the wharenuui going through repairs, Anaru said he was "comfortable  
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### Te Arawa Koeke Reaffirm Support to Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa

being here” - acknowledging the historical value and past events that happened at Hinemoa Point marae. One trustee was overheard to say “It had been a long time since all the koeke were together again on this kaupapa.”

Anaru said the claims process was aimed at seeking the return of the land – “First and foremost”. A sentiment supported by many koeke. “The money that came with the settlement was a bonus but the major achievement was getting the land back” said Anaru. “That is why we went and stood on the steps of Parliament in Wellington.”

Further recollections were provided of the negotiation teams traveling the country and abroad to secure support from Te Arawa iwi and hapu members for the claim. There was also talk of the many trips to Parliament to meet with the Crown. The counter claims that were sustained by the negotiation team, often from Te Arawa iwi and hapu and neighbouring iwi, that tested their perseverance and patience. Boydie remembered the settlement process. “It’s been a painful exercise, we started fighting each other.” There was a call for 'Kotahitanga' and the need to remain in the collective as some of the Affiliates contemplated leaving. The negotiation team at the time called for the collective to remain in place citing strength in numbers.

The koeke also told stories of the lighter side of their trips with chuckles coming from the crowd in acknowledgement. Though the journey from claims through negotiations to settlement had been at times fraught and testing, the strength of the trust with the support of the koeke had helped the collective achieve its goals. Boydie continued by saying that “there’s a whole lot of tikanga in putting structures together, for kaumatua to be acknowledged and rely on mokopuna to get the information to us.” The koeke reminded those present that they had an interest in the activities and progress of TPT and its subsidiaries and that they wished to be informed of the work and progress being achieved. This included, as shareholders of Te Arawa Group Holdings, being kept informed of the activities of the company.

There were a number of questions about TAGH and its performance. TAGH chair, Wallace Haumaha explained that the company was in good commercial health and that positive growth was forecast for the future. There were a number of others questions asked and issues raised at the hui, including a call for a review of the business. It was also a strong view of all in attendance that Te Pumautanga O Te

Arawa remains unified and committed to a collective approach at least for the next thirty one years. “Te Pumautanga needs to stay here for the collective” said one koroua. “They can’t go anywhere until all the lands have been returned” Another speaker supported this with the ‘need’ that the Collective remain intact so that issues affecting an individual Iwi or hapu can be supported by the collective. An example of the strength of the collective was in showing a unified opposition to the proposed Eastern Arterial Route and the effect this will have on some of the Affiliates. There was also a call for affiliates to support Te Pumautanga financially if required.

The koeke made the path clear again as they realigned the values of the organisation to the original plan. The clear view of those present was that the settlement was first and foremost about the return of lost lands, and that the monies provided in lieu of land and as compensation for the suffering and loss of the people was to be used to assist the social and cultural needs of the people. It was also to help fund the return of outstanding lands and negotiations and to be used to invest and to grow for this and future generations. The hui was very well received by the koeke and there was full support for TPT going forward.

New chairman Alan Skipwith said he and his fellow new board members were overwhelmed by the support. “It was humbling to be with our koeke and to hear their korero, some of the history and to be allowed to take in their aspirations and desires for TPT moving forward.”

Alan said the trust had set up a sub-committee to pull together the key themes and ideas from the hui to help guide key decision making and strategy for the trust in the coming weeks months and years. “We have a wealth of experience and wisdom to guide and support this crucial waka that we have been tasked with steering. On behalf of all trustees I would like to thank our koeke for coming together to share their vision and expectations moving forward.”



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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

*Tena Tatou Katoa*

*Ko tenei taku mihi tuatahi ki a koutou e noho mai ra i runga o tatou marae maha o Te Arawa Me te tangi aruaru ano hoki ki te kahui whakangaro, nga kaka wahanui o te wao nui a Tane, nga kaihautu o nga marae maha o Te Arawa, ratou kua huri kaweka nei, moe mai, moe mai, okioki mai ra. Tihei Mauri Ora ki te whai ao ki te ao marama. E taku iti, e taku rahi, tena koutou e noho mai ra i o tatou marae maha, huri noa i te rohe o Te Arawa.*



*Rau rangatira ma, ka nui te mihi atu ki a koutou e tautoko ake nga mahi o Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa. E whai ake nei ko nga kupu hei whakamaharahia te huarahi e pa ana ki a matou mahi katoa*

Greetings from the board of Te Pumautanga O Te Arawa and welcome to the latest edition of Te Pumautanga Korero. It is a privilege for me to introduce the latest edition of our newsletter, and to have the opportunity to more fully introduce myself to our many affiliate members through its pages.

I am honoured to have been elected by my fellow trustees as chairman of TPT, and I am humbled by the opportunity to play a part in lifting the opportunity of our hapu and iwi members.

I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication of former chairman Eru George who has chaired TPT since its formation in 2006. As we enter the next phase of our collective development, it is important to acknowledge the immense achievements of those who have brought us to where we are today. I would also like to pay tribute to the support and commitment of outgoing trustees who have not returned to TPT following recent trustee elections. I thank Te Rangipuawhe Maika, Warwick Morehu, Victoria Werohia, Taria Tahana, Davey Garner, and Willie Emery.

I also welcome new board members Raina Meha, Karen Vercoe, Piki Thomas, Lana Ngawhika, Watu Mihinui onto to TPT. We have important mahi before us, and a range of talented and experienced members to provide the strategy and direction to our business units to ensure we are achieving our potential as a post settlement entity.

My first day as chairman was sadly marked by the final day of our former General Manager Nero Panapa, who had resigned a month earlier for personal reasons. Nero has been a key member of the TPT team since 2002 and he has worked in a range of roles in that time. Nero played a major part in the achievements the trust has enjoyed including settlement of our comprehensive treaty claim in 2008. I wish Nero and his whanau well in their future endeavours, and I thank Henry Colbert and Carolyn Reid for accepting the interim leadership while we develop and implement a robust recruitment process to seek out the best applicants for the replacement of Nero.

My priority since becoming chair has been to come up to speed with the key issues and priorities, to identify and to utilise the skills of my fellow trustees to support our collective good, and to work towards the review and refinement of our operations to ensure we are providing maximum benefit and value for the people of Te Arawa.

I have many years of experience in business and in helping those organisations to strive for optimum performance. I am passionate about working for our people and empowering others to do the same. It is humbling for me to be able to return home to assist our people.

I have had a range of hui with our kaumatua and affiliate members and other stakeholders, and I will continue to meet with those who are crucial to ensuring our collective progress and success in the coming weeks and months.

We are a significant post settlement entity that has worked through the complexity and difficulties of settlement. We are charting the next phase of our development, supported by the assets that are protected and managed by Te Arawa Group Holdings.

In the coming weeks and months I hope to meet with more of our whanau and to seek your views and priorities. Thank you for taking the time to read our panui – let us take in the stories and successes of our affiliate iwi and hapu members.

Kia ora  
Alan Skipwith  
Board Chair



## Te Arawa Iwi Dissapprove Of Proposed Eastern Arterial Route

story continued

Te Arawa hapu protesting the proposed Rotorua Eastern Arterial set up three ceremonial pouwhenua on their land along the route on Sunday. Te Arawa hapu protesting the proposed Rotorua Eastern Arterial have drawn their own line in the sand, marking their territory with three carved pouwhenua along the proposed route.

Resistance to the proposed Rotorua Eastern Arterial (REA) has been growing steadily since the New Zealand Transport Agency announced its preferred option for the route last April, which has been scheduled for construction start date between 2020 and 2025.

The proposed road would run from Sala St to the airport, cutting through a Maori reservation, would require the purchase and demolition of 12 properties and costs are estimated to be between \$90 to \$140million. Local politicians say the road is essential for the city's future economy.

Not long after this announcement a special dawn ceremony was held by representatives of Te Arawa hapu Ngati Hurunga Te Rangi, Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangi and Ngati Uenukukopako to place three pouwhenua on tribal lands belonging to each of the affected hapu.

Ruamano, belonging to Ngati Hurunga Te Rangi, was placed at the end of Hona Rd; Whakairangi, belonging to Ngati Te Roro o Te Rangi was placed near Owhata Rd; and Kakahoroa, belonging to Ngati Uenukukopako was placed near the airport. The dawn ceremony was organised by the Positive Rotorua Environmental Society who are calling on local residents, land owners, businesses and tribal organisations to join together to help stop the proposed roading project.

Organiser Nireaha Pirika said more than 200 people endured the cold and attended the ceremony, which brought the community closer. "We are all united against this and it really showed on Sunday. The wairua there was incredible.

"The three hapu along this road are not going to give up the fight. We believe they should plan on upgrading Te Ngae Rd without having to take more of our land. "The pouwhenua there are a sign showing our resolve. Plans for further protest action were in the pipeline. "There's also an election coming up and we will be trying to promote those councillors or candidates who are on our side," Mr Pirika said.



Map showing the proposed Rotorua Eastern Arterial Route as chosen by the Rotorua District Council and NZTA as the preferred route (image supplied).

The proposed road is estimated to cost between \$90 and \$140 to construct with a construction time frame of 2020 to 2025

The New Zealand Transport Authority are currently talking to affected landowners and said that people still had an opportunity to put their case forward as they were not yet at the property purchase stage of the project. They were talking with individual owners to discuss their particular situation.

Mr Pirika said that they were planning further action in response to the council's proposed roadway to make people aware of the issue.

More than 300 people marched on the Rotorua District Council in a peaceful protest earlier this year. This was to show their disapproval to the proposed Eastern Arterial Route.

Hundreds of people, young and old, Maori and Pakeha, joined the hiko organised by members of the newly formed Positive Rotorua Environmental Society, which coincided with a meeting of the Rotorua District Council's Te Arawa Standing

Committee. In July 2011, a majority of Rotorua District councillors voted to recommend the proposed route to the NZTA as the council's preferred option. Three councillors voted against it. The proposed road is in effect a bypass which is said to reduce travel times and improve safety. The Te Arawa Standing Committee has never supported the preferred route.

Opposition to the proposed Rotorua Eastern Arterial (REA) has grown since the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) announced its preferred route in April 2013.

The procession marched from Ngati Hurunga Te Rangi Marae, past Hinemihi Marae and down Te Ngae Rd towards central city, finishing at the council building where they were welcomed by the council's kaupapa Maori director Mauriora Kingi.

The people gathered were invited into the chambers for further discussion and filled every bit of floor space. Many were left outside as there was no more room. The representatives of the affected hapu stood to reinforce their opposition to the proposed route citing the loss and hurt that they have already suffered and that the plans were going to increase the hurt. The hapu felt that NZTA were not listening to them and they had already made up their mind and that this was a plea to the (Rotorua District) Council for their support on this matter.

"There's an election coming up and we will be trying to promote these candidates who are on our side" said Mr Nireaha Pirika.





## Te Arawa and Ngati Pikiao Host Poukai



The arrival of the Kingitanga and Tainui Waka to Punawahakareia Marae, on the shores of Lake Rotoiti recently for the annual pilgrimage to Te Arawa is a site to behold. The purpose of these visits is to consolidate the ties with between Te Arawa and Tainui Iwi. Those ties had been in place since the late 19th century when the King and his followers first met with Ngati Pikiao Iwi at Maketu. It was also the time when Kingi Taawhiao pledged that they would not go to war again with Te Arawa.

Subsequently these were abandoned for a time. These have only recently been revisited since the investiture of the new king Tuheitia Paki and now Ngati Pikiao and Te Arawa have the privilege of hosting the Kiingitanga annually.

The Poukai is an annual series of visits by the Maori king and the Kingitanga Movement around and beyond the Waikato region, a tradition that dates back to the 19th century.

The purposes of Poukai were originally to ensure the health and welfare of the people. Today this is still the main kaupapa for the Poukai as well as it being an arena where issues involving Maori can be aired. The Poukai visits no less than 29 marae a year. Frequent requests have been made to the Kingitanga to extend their Poukai to other marae and other Iwi.

This visit was led by King Tuheitia and his son Whatumoana with a large contingent from Ngati Awa, Tauranga Moana and Maataatua also in attendance. The tangata whenua from Te Arawa included students from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Rotoiti and Whangamarino Primary School as well as representatives from the major Iwi of Te Arawa.

This is the fifth visit for the Kingitanga to Ngati Pikiao and Te Arawa. The first visit was in 2009 to Taheke Marae and then in subsequent years Punawahakareia Marae and Houmaitawhiti Marae. The Poukai provides a platform provides for the Iwi to dine together, celebrate allegiances and support,

grieve for those who have recently passed on. It is also a time to share information, and bring topics of regional importance to the attention of the Kiingitanga.

*"Kua whakatuuria e ahau teenei kaupapa hei whaangai i te pouaru, te pani me te rawakore, he kuaha whaanui kua puare ki te puna tangata me te puna kai"*

*"I have instituted this gathering to feed the widowed, the bereaved and the destitute. It is a doorway that has been opened to the multitudes of people and the bounty of food."*  
**Kiingi Taawhiao**

This legacy has been upheld over the time with the Kiingitanga traveling all over the Waikato to marae aligned with the movement.

In the early 1870s, the Kingitanga was struggling. Living conditions within the Rohe Potae (the Kingitanga Region) were poor. Allies such as Ngati Haua had begun selling land again and other tribes outside the Rohe Potae allowed the Native Land Court to sit and recommence selling land, despite having their lands under the Maori King's mana at that time.

In the 1880s, partly to relieve supply problems and partly to increase support in other regions, Tawhiao visited Kingitanga marae throughout the North Island. He was always accompanied by hundreds of supporters, and these visits were later institutionalised as Poukai: annual formal visits to allow the king to meet Iwi, discuss contemporary issues and gather revenue.

"The male lineage of the Kiingitanga comes from the union of the tupuna Pikiao, and Waikato tupuna Rereiao. Pikiao and Rereiao had a son named Hekemaru giving a direct male line from Pikiao to Te Wherowhero through to Kiingi Koroki. That is the connection," said Rahui Papa reminding the gathering. "That is why we are here to acknowledge that."



## Rangatahi Hononga Youth Summit at Kearoa Marae

The Te Arawa Rangatahi Hononga held on the 15th and 16th of July 2013 at Kearoa Marae, Horohoro was well attended with about 30 Rangatahi aged between 14 – 22 from all over Te Arawa participating. The Rangatahi Hononga or the 'Summit' is the second to be hosted by Te Arawa Tangata in two years and looks to cater for the younger Maori generation and seeks to provide a forum for discussion on Te Arawa Rangatahi issues. There was a wide variety of people involved representing the whole of Te Arawa.

Some of the highlights of the two days included a Marae Kitchen Rules Challenge, a Marae Crossfit Competition and a Rangatahi All Stars Video event. The fun events were also balanced with a visit by special guests and motivational speakers including Waiariki Maori MP Te Ururoa Flavell and Titanium Boy Group performer Jordi Webber.

Many of the participants said that they have aspirations for their own marae, hapu and for that of Te Arawa. They acknowledged that they need wananga to enhance their learning and get to know their place on the marae. There was also a genuine desire by Rangatahi to be involved at Marae Committee level which may lead to marae succession planning.

Overall the Rangatahi were well catered for, felt inspired, have showed a willingness to be involved with their Marae. Key issues noted for the Rangatahi was that they needed more of these forum to debate the issues and that the involvement of more Rangatahi was required.

Their networking and friendships created over the two day wananga can provide for a brighter future for Maoridom.



## Te Pakira Win Te Arawa Marae Master Chef 2013

Te Pakira Marae came away with this years title as Marae Master Chef Winners for 2013 and deservedly so. Te Pakira had taken out most of the baking and preserve sections and had placed well in all of the major 'cook offs.'

The hosts were Taheke marae and came as a result of their Marae Master Chef win the previous year. Although the weather was threatening all day this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the cooks.

The events throughout the day kept the crowd entertained, from fish filleting to pig singeing to deer skinning. All the wild game was as a result of the hunting competition. These were eventually all

cut up and distributed amongst the koeke.

Young and old were all catered for. With various baking wares on offer after judging people were able to sample all the entries.

The main event was the 'cook off' and required the teams to display a range of cooking skills and prepare a range of dishes in a set time. The hardest job of course belonged to the judges who had the arduous task of tasting these gourmet dishes. The spoils were shared with the koeke and onlookers. Congatulations to all the section winners and to Te Pakira Marae Marae Master Chefs 2013!





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