

Note from the Chairman



Harry Burkhardt



Tena koutou

E mihi ana kia koutou e nga whanau, hapu o Ngāti Kuri.

Ngāti Kuri Treaty Settlement Negotiations.

The Treaty Negotiators are still in discussion with the Crown around some of the final components of the package. The Negotiators are conscious that though the Crown is balancing its agenda with other Iwi, that is their issue and not ours. We will update everyone once we have got clarity around this.

Ngāti Kuri Education Subcommittee

The committee should be in a position to present the first stage of the Ngāti Kuri Education consultation round to the Board at its December meeting. The outputs of this report will be available for the next newsletter.

Waimarama Orchards

To date this season the Orchard has produced about 200 tonnes of Hass avocados with the Reeds being picked for the local market in December. We are also upgrading the irrigation system as the current infrastructure cannot meet the irrigation and fertigation needs of the maturing trees. We plan to complete this by the end of February 2013. The small trials of alternate crops we have planted in August are showing promise however there is more work to be done in this area.

In the newsletter you will receive a short note from Pineaha Murray regarding the work of the Kaumatua kaunihera and a report from one of our rangitahi, Shiloh Sutherland on her visit to our whanaunga in Australia. Also congratulations to Margaret Taurere around her work in Education being recognized.

Heoi ano ra

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Ngāti Kuri Trust Board wishes to extend our condolences to any of our whanau who have lost loved ones this year.

Kaunihera Chairman's Report

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Our ongoing duty as tangata-whenua and Kaitiaki of Te Rerenga Wairua, while welcoming the manuhiri/visitors to this special area, has been paramount for the Kaumatua and Kuia of Ngāti Kuri.

We welcome them when they arrive with a Whakamoemiti, then perform our mihi and waiata and poroporoaki before they leave on their journey south. This sacred place is of special significance to Ngāti Kuri and Maoridom and indeed to our brethren whanau throughout the world. The satisfying moments and the powers of our tupuna, and sometimes our own personal emotion continues to drive us and give our Kaumatua and Kuia the strength to perform these duties in sunshine, wind or even rain. Ngāti Kuri will continue to uphold our responsibilities as kaitiaki at Te Rerenga Wairua.

The koiwi bones of our tupuna which were found, and reburied was a moving experience for all involved. Tears come naturally; it is also satisfying for the Kaumatua to teach our rangatahi the traditional way that our tupuna did things.

Hei kona hei konei;

Na Pineaha Murray



Ngāti Kuri Trust Board Funding

We ask that all completed applications are submitted into the office **before** March 31st 2013. We are happy to send out all forms as well as the current funding policy – just contact the Office. This will allow the funding committee to make their recommendations to the Board and for the funds to then be available to successful candidates. We would like to help as many beneficiaries as we can, as well as our wider community with the limited funding that is available.

Recent Events

- On October 13th, a group of 10 Pacific Island and Maori men, with the support of Cancer Society New Zealand and various sponsors, started their journey at Te Rerenga Wairua and have just recently completed their mission with an emotional arrival at the Bluff. The day that they left was raining, windy and



wild at Te Rerenga Wairua. However, as is usual, when the people were asked to attend to perform their duties as tangata whenua with a powhiri, they were not about to allow bad conditions to interfere with that obligation. We have had a letter of thanks from the organizers of this bike ride expressing their appreciation. The group offered a koha which was accepted and then returned to them by the Kaumatua and Kuia that were present on the day. They returned it in recognition of the many Māori suffering from cancer.

- It has been a busy time at Te Rerenga Wairua with various groups arriving there. Thursday 1st November saw the Te Hauora O Te Hiku O Te Ika and other whanau working in Smoke free/quit smoking from Hokianga Health, Ngati Hine and Whangarei DHB as part of No Smoking Day made the trek up to Te Rerenga Wairua to celebrate No Smoking Day at the top of NZ with a flash mob dance for the tourist buses. They were met in the morning before their event got underway and a Whakamoemiti and a mihi were performed.



- On Friday 2nd of November the 'Ride out of the Blue' Group finally arrived. They had left from the Bluff on the same day we were saying farewell to the USO Bike Riders, so both groups passed one another on the way. The weather was more fortunate for them with the sun shining on their arrival. After the powhiri, they spent the night at Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae where they were very happy to receive the hospitality of our whanu there.



Upcoming Events



- Ngāti Kuri Trust Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our whanau and friends a safe, peaceful and fun filled Christmas. May 2013 be a prosperous year for us all and for the Iwi of Ngāti Kuri.

Tohu Matauranga Tohu Reo Ngati Kuri - Education and Reo Strategy

By the Project Managers Karena Neho and Hailey Tobin

We would like to extend a very big thank you to all those who attended and participated in the first phase of our consultation hui. These have been a very valuable part of this stage of the project as we move forward to the development of our strategies. We were very pleased with the support from both the Te Hapua and Ngataki communities which included a diverse range of ages from Kaumatua, Kuia through to our taitamariki and all our local Kura.

There will be more opportunities to take part and have your say as we move onto phase two of the project. Keep an eye out on the Ngati Kuri Education - Facebook page for updates and also our Ngati Kuri website. Below are the links for both.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/NgatiKuriEducation?fref=ts>

<http://www.ngatikuri.iwi.nz/category/panui/>



This Article has been submitted by Shiloh Sutherland

My trip to the Northern Territory with Manaaki Whenua

Ko Maunga Piko te Maunga
 Ko Parengarenga te wahaapu
 Ko Kurahaupo te waka
 Ko Waiora tōku Marae
 Ko Ngati Kurī tōku iwi
 Ko Charles Gentry rāua ko Mary Gentry ōku mātua tupuna
 Ko Luana Sutherland rāua ko Grant Sutherland ōku mātua
 Ko Isaac Sutherland tōku tungāne
 Ko Shiloh Sutherland tōku ingoa

While I was a student at Avonside Girls High School I was given the opportunity to travel to the Northern Territories of Australia with Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research. They are New Zealand’s foremost environmental research organisation who specialise in sustainable management for the environment and indigenous communities.

When Phil Lyver approached Avonside Girls he was looking for a capable Maori science student who would travel with Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research to the Northern



Territory of Australia.

Phil is an ecologist with Landcare Research, his focus is ecological science with respect of traditional knowledge, on this trip we focused on environmental sustainability along with indigenous co-management. Being tangata whenua himself Phil has a strong commitment to Maori and indigenous people’s management over land and natural resources.

This visit was to ask Aboriginal clans, about how joint management practice was working with the Northern Territory Government in managing National Parks. These indigenous groups have worked with the Government for twenty years; there are challengers with maintaining environmental and cultural sustainability along with commercial outcomes, but the vision and long term goals are positive for all groups when respectful relationships are strong.

The collective Iwi traveling along with me where Ngati-wai, Ngapuhi, Tuhoe and of course Ngati Kuri. We flew first to Sydney and then onto Uluru for meetings and discussion on Aboriginal tikanga practice. We met at Uluru/Ayres Rock with an Aboriginal Elder and learnt history and stories about this sacred rock. I found this overwhelming learning about these incredible artworks from this elder. I started to understand the depth of skill, knowledge and history that aboriginal communities have. Uluru is a taonga comparable to Aoraki in the South Island and its Te Tiriti o Waitangi significance to Ngai tahu. The trouble is Uluru should be tapu but is disrespected by the tourist and commercial industry, Aboriginal clans need stronger legislation to protect all taonga.



The next day we flew to Alice Springs where we had hui and presentations, this was where I spoke about “Peace is more than the absence of war” which was my Manu Korero speech. The next day we flew to Lajamanu and met with elders and land management staff. We camped by a water swamp with aboriginal people and went hunting and experienced traditional burning and the reasons for that. The burning is completed in a match work pattern that prevents wild fire along with seeds and tracking animals, we had kangaroo tail for tea that night which was oily but fine to eat.

The people in this territory are Gurindji and Waripiri, we met mostly Waripiri who call themselves Yapa, these people speak Waripiri and also many speak English. The system of kinship was incredible and mathematical, it ensure that blood lines remain pure along with kinship relationships with environmental and spiritual connections, like Maori, Aborigines believe that all life is connected. The Manaaki Whenua – Landcare research team had the privilege of being adopted into kinship clans, my skin name was Nungarrayi, it was obvious that Aboriginal communities have a wealth of knowledge that we could all learn from. We had the privilege of learning so much from a people who had lost so much but retained identity, so humble were these clans and their elders. The next day we visited the local art centre, and I was able to see many local artists the skill, time and concentration needed to produce this level of artistry was amazing. This work is similar though different to kowhaiwhai in it tells a history in its design.



We then left Lajamanu via car to travel to Nitmiluk Nation Park the journey provided many photo opportunities of remarkable views and landscapes along with Aboriginal rock art. On arrival we went to Katherine Gorge and took a boat trip with some locals who told us about the history of the area and we were able to see many more traditional rock paintings. Camping that night involved kangaroo's and swarms of Cane Toads.

There were more hui and discussions on management and the environment the following day, next we travelled to Cooina, Kakadu National park which is the largest of Northern Territories parks, and along the way we stopped at some swimming spots and walked the Leliyn track to Edith falls. The following morning we went on a sunrise boat ride over the extensive wetland at Yellow water, Cooina , this was a great opportunity to appreciate the vast wildlife of the northern territories, birds and crocs as well as the plant life.



On our travels I was able to hold a snake around my neck, which made me quite uneasy. It was interesting to listen to

Tuhoe discuss their claim for The Urewera National Park and the difficulties with government, the Aboriginal settlement wouldn't work for them or many Iwi in New Zealand but it was a starting point. Our final stop was Darwin where we visited CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) for a closing lunch and seminar; we had some time to explore Darwin before our group of eleven had our last dinner together before all flying out at 1:45am the next morning for home.



It was a privilege to be given this opportunity to have this experience, I feel Phil and Manaaki Whenua – Landcare research are an amazing group of people who actively care for Papatuanuku and her people, they are a great support for iwi. I thank all who I travelled with for their friendship and knowledge.



TEU Awards of Excellence winner – Student Learning and Participation Category



DR MARGARET TAURERE – Ngāti Kuri

Margaret has made significant contributions to Māori student learning and participation in the transition from secondary to tertiary levels of education. She has had a prominent Auckland-Northland region and national role in the creation, development, and sustained work in the area of alternative approaches to and initiatives for Māori and Pacific student outreach, engagement, and recruitment.

Both the initiatives below were established by Margaret to improve the student rates of access, learning, and participation in tertiary, particularly university education, and Māori and Pacific university students are employed as programme facilitators:

1. STEAM (recently renamed BEAMS) – introduces and promotes the pathway for Year 10 Māori and Pacific students into mathematics and science-based degrees (i.e. science, technology, engineering, architecture, and medicine thus the acronym STEAM) and was created in 1998.
2. STEAM Ahead – was established in 2002 as an extension of STEAM and focuses on providing Year 12 and 13 Māori and Pacific students with information on STEAM and other degree programmes at Auckland University.

The student and school participant numbers for both programmes have constantly improved each year and now 700-800 Māori and Pacific students from 80-90 schools across the North Island attend.

Although institutions are now being encouraged to work collaboratively, Margaret has initiated and participated in collaborative projects and events involving Māori Liaison Advisors across tertiary institutions for many years, here are three examples:

1. Māori Liaison team school visits – this initiative caters for Māori students from distant and rural areas. The visits provide Māori students with quality careers information and gives Māori Liaison Advisers access to greater numbers of students. In 1995 Margaret established and coordinated the first Māori Liaison team school visits in Northland and then in 2004 went on to establish another circuit in the Whangarei region. Other Māori Liaison Advisers have taken the team visit model to

Hawkes Bay schools and more recently to schools in the Bay of Plenty. Each circuit covers 10-12 schools and involves 300-700 Māori students.

2. KATTI – Margaret is one of the founders of KATTI, a collaborative initiative established in 2001 to provide Māori school students with quality careers information to enable them to make informed decisions about education and careers opportunities beyond secondary school. KATTI has grown and now includes 12 institutions/organisations (six universities, two institutes of technology, one wānanga, one PTE, StudyLink, and Career Services NZ). Each year KATTI provides for up to 700 students from Year 10 to 13 in the Auckland region. Margaret is a former chairperson of KATTI and is still a member of the KATTI team.
3. National Association – Margaret is the present chairperson of Te Rōpū Takawaenga Māori o Ngā Kura Mātauranga o Aotearoa, the National Association for Māori Liaison Advisers. This network acts as a self-help group and provides support, mentoring, and informal training for new and experienced Māori Liaison Advisers. She has been one of a small number of core members of the association for almost 20 years.

The Ngāti Kuri Trust Board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Margaret on her award – as well as her appearance on Te Karere. Margaret is a member of the Ngāti Kuri Education Governance Committee. She graciously gave her time to come in to Te Manawa o Ngāti Kuri to deliver a presentation on her research findings. Her experience is invaluable to us.

We would like to invite any comments or suggestions that would create improvement in our Newsletters. We would also invite all Ngāti Kuri whanau to submit any notices, news or articles that they would like to have included in any upcoming editions. Thanks!!

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