

# Te Ha-a-Nuku

Ngati Rangī Claims Committee Panui



TE KŌRERO  
TUPUNA

PUTANGA 7  
HARATUA 2007

Whaia e au Manganui-o-te-ao kia tau au ki runga o Ruapehu ki Nga Turi-o-Murimotu, ko te Ahi-kā o Paerangi-i-te-Whare-Toka i puta mai ai a Rangituhia, Rangiteauria me Uenuku-Manawa-Wiri kia taea te ki: Tihei Mouri Ora!

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## Whanganui - Get Ready for Hearings!

Kia ora tatau i te aranga o Puanga. E tangi tonu ana mo te hunga kua riro ki te po. Moe mai i te puoro wairua.

Tatau kia tatau, tihei mouri ora! Tena hoki tatau me te ahuatanga o te rerenga tota i heke iho ai i Te Wai-a-moe i te Maehe, tae atu ki nga mahangatanga o te Hui Aranga i tutuki pai i Whanganui me te Hui-a-lwi o Ngati Rangī i oti pai i te 14 o Aperira. A, tenei tatau te whakariterite nei i nga mahi mo nga kereme o Whanganui te timata a te 6 o Akuhata me nga mihi o te tau hou.

Since the last edition of Te Ha-a-Nuku there's been a heap of things happen including the Lahar on 18 March, celebrating the annual Hui

Aranga in Whanganui and having a positive Hui-a-lwi at Maungarongo Marae.

The Lahar was definitely a significant national event and we developed a Media Release to ensure that our voice, the uri of Ruapehu, was heard. There was a good deal of interest from Maori media and we had a massive amount of hits on the website for that month (check out more inside this edition).

The 61st Hui Aranga was held over Easter weekend in Whanganui and was hosted by our Nga Paerangi whanau of Saint Peter Channel. Ngati Rangī are well represented every year with uri in at least eight teams from around the

North Island. More information will be highlighted inside and a range of Hui Aranga 07 photo's will be displayed throughout this edition.

Along with a positive Hui-a-lwi held on 14 April, we are also gearing up for the Closing Submissions for the Tongariro National Park Inquiry District to be held at Ruapehu College, Ohakune from **9-13 July** and getting ready for the beginning of the Whanganui Hearings. The Whanganui hearings will begin with the southern cluster who have three weeks of hearings that will start on **6 August**, followed by the central, northern and Ngati Rangī clusters. It is important that we are ready for these hearings.

## Tamariki & Rangatahi - Our Tomorrow

The key role for the Communications Manager is to get the key messages out to our people regarding claims and to ensure that as many people know our future. Therefore a Rangatahi Advisory Group has been set up to provide feedback and info on how best to

inform our younger people of claims and iwi issues.

The River Trust Board also has a Rangatahi Strategy where uri will be spending time in the maunga as well as Maungarongo doing rangatahi a programme supported by the JR McKenzie Trust.



Ruapehu Maori Catholic Club tamariki waiting in the Sports Parade, Hui Aranga 2007.

Source: Che Wilson

# Lahar - Te Rerenga Tota

With the lahar now been and gone, it's an opportune time to reflect and look into what we can learn from our tupuna maunga, Ruapehu.

Since the 95-96 eruptions, a build up of pressure has been slowly, but surely, getting ready to break, following the ancient pathway - the sweat gland of our maunga, the Whangaehu River. Like the maunga, our people have been through a

similar experience. From this release, it is now hoped that we can move forward to progress the claims, build a strong foundation for our uri, develop our tribal infrastructure and prosper as Ngati Rangī.

As uri of the maunga, we mirror our tupuna and now that this tension has been relieved its time for us to stand tall and be counted for. With this in mind, a

working party has been established to review the Ngati Rangī Trust (see page 5 for more).

The following is an exert from the Lahar Media Release posted on our website:

“Kua rere te tota, kua heke iho ki tai te whakaputa atu ki waho moana, ue ha!

Tihei Mouri Ora!... Nature has taken its course!”

*“As uri of the maunga, we mirror our tupuna... its time for us to stand tall and be counted for.”*



**Whangaehu River during the Lahar, 18 March 2007.**

Source: Keith Wood



**Above: Some Ngati Rangī uri of Te Roopu o Waipatu, Hastings**

Source: C Wilson

**Below: Our pahake at the Te Ranga-a-Kauika (Pah Hill) Open Day with the new CEO,**



# Hui Aranga 2008 - Whanganui

Easter Weekend saw over 2,000 people flock the grounds of Cullinane College in Whanganui for the annual Hui Aranga. From Holy Thursday to Easter Monday 11 roopu performed, played sport and came together to celebrate the Easter Passion. This years Hui Aranga was hosted by St Peter Channel and what an awesome job they did to carry this kaupapa for the whanau of the Hui Aranga.

The Hui Aranga has been some

what struggling for the past 10 years but this year saw an increase of numbers and the venue for the next 7 Hui are confirmed as follows: Wellington in 2008; Ohakune in 2009; Hastings in 2010; Tauranga in 2011; Northland in 2012 and Taranaki in 2013.

Not only does the Hui Aranga celebrate Easter, it is also a time for whanau to have a Family Reunion. With this in mind, Ngati Rangī missed out on taking

registrations as half of the Hui Aranga would have a Ngati Rangī connection. However, we did get a chance to interview a number of Ngati Rangī pahake and distribute a few registrations.

It was also a good time to see so many of our pahake out and about and enjoying watching their mokopuna play sport and perform in their kapa haka groups. Finally, congratulations to Saint Peter Channel for winning the overall aggregate competition.

# New CEO & Maori Farm of the Year Competition

On 1 May, The Atihau-Whanganui Incorporation welcomed their first ever CEO, Chris Scanlon of Ngati Ruaka. Chris has come from Wellington and brings a range of skills and experience from the corporate sector both in Aotearoa and abroad. Chris was welcomed at Putiki Wharanui Marae. Two days later Chris and most of the Incorporation staff and committee of manage-

ment with uri were at Te Ranga-a-Kauika (Pah Hill Farm) for the judging of the Ahuwhenua Trophy - Maori Excellence in Farming Award 2007.

Being at Te Ranga-a-Kauika was indeed a special day. Not only was there pride in all uri present but for the first time, uri had the chance to traverse their tribal lands. This is an important point which links directly to the claims process. That being,

dislocation and losing connection to tribal lands and resources. For myself, I was able to reconnect with places that had only been described to me.

Also competing in the competition are Tuaropaki Farm from western Taupo and Matariki Farm from Ruatoria, East Coast. The results will be announced at a dinner in Rotorua on Fri 15 June with a number of our pahake attending.

# Iwi RMA Responsibility - A Mammoth Job!

When you hear RMA, what pops into your mind? Is it sewage? Or, is it groups battling it out in the Environment Court?

At the Ngati Rangī Hui-a-Iwi on 14 April, Keith Wood, the Ngati Rangī RMA Coordinator, gave the iwi an update of RMA issues that he has to consider while conducting his role as RMA Coordinator for our people. Keith has been doing this role since the early 1990s and has become an expert in Resource Management Law and

Processes. He has built up a reputation for his skill and professionalism and is respected regionally.

During his presentation, Keith gave an update on the following issues: Water take and use; Sewage and effluent; Gravel extraction and Quarry works; Roding, river crossing and construction, RAL applications; and finally Power generation. This thorough report gave people a better understanding and appreciation of what Keith does and

the amount of time it takes to do this work.

Keith sort and was given confirmation and support from the Hui-a-iwi for his work. He then gave an update on Conservation issues covering; Nomination for Tongariro-Taupo Conservancy Board; Karioi Rahui, Kiwi Forever; DoC Concessions and the MRI for Tourism.

Iwi members acknowledged Keith for his work and have asked the Working Party to look at ways to support him.



Above: **Keith Wood at RAL Hui, Maungarongo Marae.**

Source: G Imhoff

## Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Consent

On Sun 29 April, Keith Wood convened a Hui-a-Iwi to discuss Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) issues. Ngati Uenuku members were also present at the hui to discuss a way forward for the management of our maunga.

After an hour of discussions, RAL arrived to give a presentation. Due to the tangihanga at Mangamingi for Teddy Kumeroa our Ngati Uenuku whanau left the hui. RAL presented their korero,

followed by some Q&A and then after lunch we boarded a bus and went up to the maunga.

After our karakia and mihi we were taken up the First Chairlift to view the new construction work, specifically: the High Noon Chairlift; new Water Reservoir; and the Upgrade to the Alpine Café. RAL are due to finish soon and currently are applying for consents on the Whakapapa side of the maunga.



Above: **Whanau at Turoa.**

Below: **RAL Hui, Maungarongo Marae.**

Source: G Imhoff



Below: **Te Ranga-a-Kauika, taken during the Pah Hill Open Day**

Source: N Walker



## Winstones Pulp International Consent

The maunga, whenua and awa are important to our way of life and therefore the second RMA hui in under a month was held at Tirorangi on Thurs 10 May. The kaupapa for this hui was regarding the WPI resource consent application to take water from the Tokiahuru and to discharge effluent into the Whangaehu.

People present fleshed out some of the key issues and environmental affects on our awa and for us the uri that use our awa. After the korero, the hui went on a site visit to see what happens and where.

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Rangī senior pupils were also present to learn about mahi they will one day pick up.



# Ngati Rangi Hui-a-Iwi & NRT Working Party

“... the hui was called by our pahake and therefore they lead the hui and covered the importance of Ngati Rangi tikanga...”

On Sat 14 April, a hui-a-iwi was held at Maungarongo Marae, Ohakune. The hui was held in two sessions: the morning session was an update on the Claims and Preparation for the upcoming Whanganui Hearing. The afternoon session was for the Ngati Rangi Trust.

The afternoon session was the first Ngati Rangi Trust Hui-a-iwi for some time and was to focus in on identifying a way forward for the iwi. This hui was extremely positive and people left feeling like something had been achieved.

Though a Ngati Rangi Trust meeting, the hui was called by our pahake and therefore they lead the hui and covered the importance of Ngati Rangi ti-

kanga being the basis of any structure we develop to progress Settlement in the future. After a good hour of pahake lead discussion the remainder of the hui was facilitated to tidy up the Ngati Rangi Trust and progress things for the future. The two Trustees that attended stood down and due to a technicality four previous Trustees were reconfirmed, being: Lou Brider, Wendy Epiha-Arahanga, Thomas Mareikura and Linda Robinson. The four trustees then delegated all powers over to a Working Party that will review the Trust, this is due by August this year. The new Working Party are: Kemp Dryden, Geoff Hipango, Debbie Teriaki and Che Wilson.

Once the role of the Working Party was agreed on, the hui was given an update by Keith Wood regarding Resource Management issues. The next hui-a-iwi was agreed to by the iwi and will be held on **Sat 7 July** at Raketapauma marae.

One of the key points noted at the Hui-a-iwi was the acknowledgement given to past Trustees for their efforts in upholding the Trust and though Trustees had been stood down, as uri they were asked to still help out with tribal matters. Special recognition was given to Richard Pirere for his long service. Keith Wood was also given support by the Hui-a-iwi to continue as the RMA co-ordinator for Ngati Rangi.



**Hinepaururangi Reo** (moko of Original Claimant, Pita Reo) at this year's Hui Aranga

Source: C Wilson

## Preparation for Whanganui Hearings

At the beginning of August this year, we as Whanganui nui tonu embark on the third form of Tribunal Hearings as a people. The first time we went before the Tribunal as Whanganui it was for the fight for our awa in 1994, te awa o Whanganui, which continues to this day. Our second hearings were the Tongariro National Park hearings focusing in on land issues related to Ruapehu and the affects of the Tongariro Power Development. This time round it's about the fight for our land throughout the majority of our tribal area other than on Mt Ruapehu and a small portion near Taihape.



**Ngati Rangi uri of Te Roopu o Te Whitu, Whangarei ki Hokianga**

Source: C Wilson

Therefore, in preparation for this historical event - 'how do we get ready?' The claims will focus specifically on how the Crown treated our people and how they used the law to take away rights that were guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi.

You may be asking, what does that entail? It's simple, claimant research will cover land takings through confiscation, public works, railways and other ways the Crown legally took our land from under our feet. This may be emotional for many and therefore we need to be prepared for this. We also need to prepare ourselves for the appropriate waiata to support the korero being given by claimants and other witnesses.

There will also be times where professional researchers will give evidence during what we might think is our hapu or whanau week to present before the Tribunal. This has been organised this way to support the key themes that will

be running throughout the hearings. The key themes for Ngati Rangi are:

- Pre 1865 Land Dealings
- NZ Company Transaction Reserve
- Military Engagement
- Protection of Land Base
- Native Land Court Policy and Practice
- Maori Self Governance
- Main Trunk Railway
- Crown Purchasing post 1865
- Public Works
- Native Townships
- Vested Lands
- Maori Land Development and Administration
- Rating Issues
- Scenic Reserves
- Local Government
- Environmental Policy and Practice
- Rivers, Streams and Fresh Water Resources
- Foreshore and Seabed
- Forestry Issues; and
- Socio-economic Issues.



## Te Ha-a-Nuku Panui

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## PANUI - Key Dates

Here's a reminder of key dates for hui and other kaupapa that are happening:

Pakaitore Trust Hui      June      Maungarongo

Tira Hoe Waka Mtg      24 June      Maungarongo

**Ngati Rangī Hui-a-Iwi** 7 July      Raketapauma

TNP Closing Hearings      9-13 July      Ruapehu College

### WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website is frequently updated with panui from key events held. We also have huge numbers of visitors coming in to view the site, the hits are as follows: March 07 - 9,471 hits; April 07 - 9,065 hits. Check out our Claims website

### REGISTRATIONS

For you to be informed of the varying take and to ensure we are prepared for negotiations with the Crown, we encourage as many of our Ngati Rangī uri to register now - [www.kahuimaunga.com](http://www.kahuimaunga.com)

**“we encourage as many of our Ngati Rangī uri to register now.”**

*“Kākā te Whare Toka o Paerangi,*

*Kākā hoki ko au.*

*I am the Eternal Flame of Ruapehu, the House of Stone of Paerangi.”*

*Thanks to K Wood, G Imhoff, N Walker & C Wilson for the photo's for this issue of Te Hā-a-Nuku.*

# Whanganui River Claim - WAI 167

Te Runanga o Te Awa Tupua o Whanganui called a hui-a-iwi on Sun 27 May at Ngapuwaiwaha Marae to update our people on the progress of our River Claim. The Hui was attended by at least 100 people and we also met the new DoC Conservator for Te Taihauauru.

The key kaupapa of the hui was for the people to discuss the following:

1. Who or what should be leading and championing the cause of the Whanganui collective and the River?
2. Is a collective Whanganui stance in respect of our River still relevant?

The people agreed that the current Negotiations Committee

continue to represent our interests and that it was essential for our people to stay together.

With our people agreeing to this, the next stage was to agree in principle about what direction is require for the Trust Board and the Negotiation Committee. The following three recommendations were agreed by the hui:

- A. Iwi build its capability and capacity around awa mgmt
- B. Open to engagement with the Crown
- C. Open to engagement with Genesis.

It was also noted that any agreement between iwi and the Crown or Genesis would require further iwi support.

With the Tainui draft Agreement In Principle being released the evening before the hui-a-iwi, it has set a precedent for all iwi and given Whanganui something to chew over - watch this space...



**Tuatea Akapita** (of Rangituhia, Rangiteauria, Uenukumanawawiri and Patutokotoko), **centre stage at this years Hui Aranga in Whanganui.**

Source: C Wilson