

University of the Third Age (U3A)

The U3A is for those people who are over 60 who still want to learn; the last course was at Parerārua on the subject of Pounamu. The team of **Ron Riwaka, Casey Beech and Amoroa (Molly) Luke** from Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua looked after them.

Before Lyn Smith spoke about Pounamu, the U3A group learnt about Parerārua – the carvings, Tukutuku panels, and the stained glass window. They learnt about Ngāti Rārua in the South Island from Arthur Phillips and Molly Luke. They learnt the importance of the memory maps and the genealogy of the Ngāti Rārua whakapapa connection to Parerārua.

Lyn then spoke on the length of time it took to row a waka, with a sea anchor of netted harakeke containing a greenstone boulder, from Arahura to the upper North of the South Island, where it was broken down and divided off into workable pieces for trade. It was highly prized and only people of high lineage were recipients of these

taonga which became another tangible memory map of whakapapa.

Lyn explained the chemical composition of greenstone and how it starts melting under heat and pressure deep inside folding mountains. The inner core of minerals form into the hardest stone driving other chemicals out into a slightly softer stone. These then also drive out the unwanted chemicals, sometimes whitish, sometimes an orange, as a disguise to what lies within. The high rainfall and steep mountain streams toss and tumble these boulders and stones down boiling, tumbling creeks and rivers into the Tasman sea. The harsh tides, sands and beating waves from westerly storms take off most of the outer layers before tossing the greenstone up on the beaches along the West Coast, like a fish out of water.

By the end of the day the U3A group had a clear understanding of why Pounamu was so important, not only to Ngāti Rārua, but all Maori.

Marlborough Underwater Hockey Champions



Deven Katu proudly holds his gold medal for being part of the team that won the National C grade competition at the National Underwater Hockey Tournament held in Wellington.

The Marlborough Underwater Hockey Club entered into the National Underwater Hockey Championships in Wellington over the weekend of 11-12 July and one of the players was a young Ngāti Rārua boy, **Deven Katu**. The two-day tournament in Wellington saw the team compete and win seven games against experienced teams from around the country.

With four novice players under the age of 14, including Deven who is 12 years old, and three ex-New Zealand players, the team of nine succeeded in winning the C Grade competition. This has been a huge boost, not only for the young players, but also for the Marlborough Underwater Hockey Club.

If there are any other young Ngāti Rārua people interested in learning the sport, they train on Tuesdays from 7pm and on Thursdays from 6pm at Stadium 2000.

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Farewell to some of our Kaimahi

In the month of June we said farewell to two of our valued kaimahi, **Hine Luke** and **Te Ra Morris**. The staff and Directors of THONR held a farewell dinner for Hine and Te Ra on 5 June at the Junction Hotel.

Hine has been employed by THONR since 2010, initially in the area of Physical Activity & Nutrition, and then as a Whānau Ora Kaimahi. More recently, Hine undertook a project for the Rūnanga around Iwi member registrations. Hine has been an important part of our team and will be missed. Te Ra Morris was employed by THONR in 2010 as the Hauora Tāne

Coordinator. He worked in this position for 4 years, before taking over the role of Te Ara Tautoko Coordinator. Te Ra has taken up a position as Social Worker at Te Piki Oranga. We wish him well in his new role.



The Makos and THONR

On Thursday 18 June 2015, **Molly Luke, Te Ra Morris** and **Ron Riwaka** attended the Sponsors promotional evening of the Makos Rugby Franchise. All sponsors (THONR included) were present.

The current Head Coach, Kieran Keane (KK), announced his departure from the Makos to take on the role with the Chiefs. His replacement is local man Leon MacDonald, who we can all agree is a local legend. The evening went very well, and it was enlightening to see our Makos players promoting that we do not need to drink alcohol at functions even though it is supplied.

This falls in line with the kaupapa of *Te Ara Tautoko*, minimisation of alcohol, promoted by THONR. The policy of alcohol minimisation, together with their training regime and their focus to be successful, has shown to be a key component of the Makos' endeavours to succeed. We at THONR are proud to be associated with the Makos and we wish them well for the coming season.

Another team we are proud to acknowledge is the Highlanders, who were very successful in winning the Super 15 rugby championship. The team beaten was a very staunch adversary who displayed their tenacity and flair to prove to all watching that they deserved to be in the finals.

The Highlanders held out against the might of the Hurricanes of Wellington which gave the locals of Marlborough a sense of pride in

that another legend, by the name of Jamie Joseph, was the Coach of the Highlanders.

Notwithstanding the effort of all players hitting the field that day on both sides, it must be said that several players of the Highlanders came from the Makos – namely Alex Ainley, Joe Wheeler, Marty Banks, Ross Goldenhuys and Shane Christie. Well done to all.



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Pānui



Vern Ean Stafford 1935 – 2015



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→ *Sat 1 August:* Next Board hui

→ *Sat 10 October:* 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka

→ *Sat-Sun 24-25 October (Labour weekend):* 25th Anniversary of Turangaapeke at Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka

Hei whakāra ake i te tāhū o te whare kōrero o Ngāti Rārua, me mihi ki tō tātou rangatira kua wehe atu a Uncle Vern Stafford. Tangi hotuhotu te maunga Tokomaru, rere kau atu nga roimata i te awa o Wairau ki nga tai e pari ana i te Koko o Kupe.

Uncle Vern was the youngest son of WeraWera and Makareta Stafford and was born and raised at Wairau Pā. He went to Wairau Pā School, Grovetown School, he was for a short time at Marshlands School and Blenheim Borough School before moving on to Marlborough College. He often shared stories of his childhood down at the Pā, and all the fun and games he had with his cousins. He remembered all of the old people, the meetings that were held down the Pā, and he was naturally inquisitive to find out what was going on and why.

Vern met and married Aunty Hannah, who was a teacher at Spring Creek School, and they had one son, WeraWera Stafford. Both Hannah and Vern became two of the first Maori Wardens in the Wairau and what a force to be reckoned with. They stood no nonsense and had no qualms about taking our rangatahi home to their parents in the middle of the night and laying down the law.

Vern spent his working life at Picton Freezing Works, Narcella Tussock Board, and Molesworth Station (as a shearer), then on to Barnes Timber Mill where he spent many years. Vern was very good at splicing ropes, and a natural artist.

Uncle Vern was well known throughout New Zealand due to competing in wood-chopping events. He kept in good physical shape and continued to chop and maintain interest in the sport. His axes were always well conditioned and were the sharpest of sharp!

He later met Aunty Bev, and together they became Rongoā practitioners and helped a lot of people in our local

community.

Vern was an approved Kaitiaki for our Ngāti Rārua Fisheries Permits; sadly to say he didn't issue many permits as people were always too scared to go to him due to his questioning of them.

Throughout the Ngāti Rārua Waitangi Tribunal Claim preparation, hearings, negotiations and signing, Uncle Vern was there being an essential lynchpin, sharing his historical knowledge for the purposes of the claim. We loved hearing his stories about the swan egg expeditions into the Wairau Lagoons, the large catches of whitebait, the shooting of putangitangi, and the abundance of cultural harvest from the Wairau Bar and Port Underwood. He often talked about the Ngangara at the Ngāti Rārua reserve section, which was bigger than a tuatara and belonged to Pukekohatu; it changed colour depending on the message it was giving. He also talked about the two taniwha, a husband and wife, who took on the appearance of logs on the Wairau River. They lived apart but would travel up and down the river to meet each other. They had the ability to travel against the current which was often how you spotted them.

"He was simply awesome. It was a learning curve for all of us, and he always made himself available to support Ngāti Rārua." He had a no-nonsense attitude, he told you straight up what he thought, whether you liked it or not. He was an avid supporter of the colour of our Ngāti Rārua flag, the Wairau colours are always green and white and he was happy that our flag reflected this.

Uncle Vern is survived by his son WeraWera (Boyboy), his two grandsons (WeraWera Jnr & Gareth) and one granddaughter (Rebecca).

No reira e te Puna Mātauranga haere atu rā. Noho mai hei whetu ki te rangi. Noho mai i te poho o Ranginui e tu iho nei. Moe mai, moe mai, oki oki atu rā.

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Chair's Foreword

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This is the third edition of our Pānui for 2015 and in writing this there is a touch of sadness for the lwi in the passing of one of our Kaumatua **Uncle Vern Stafford** who we acknowledge in the obituary in this pānui. I also acknowledge the passing of one of our whanaunga **Mark Mains** (through his grandmother on the Phillips whānau is a descendant of Tana Pukekohatu) who had been ill for sometime in the Wairau, a talented sportsperson and a great guy to be with – *moe mai e te whanaunga, e haere atu ra.*

The TRONR Trustees have had further planning and budgeting sessions to ensure we are on track for the next three to five years in working to achieving our 2040 vision. Our last Board of Trustees meeting at the end of June in Motueka saw the Board confirm the direction we need to take and now it's a matter of implementing the necessary steps to be successful.

Earlier in July some Trustees and the CEO met with the Attorney-General as part of the Attorney-General's commitment to meeting with post settlement entities. It was a positive hui and a good networking opportunity with the Crown and also with the other lwi of the South Island that were present.

In October 2015 in Motueka there will be the TRONR Annual General Meeting, an opportunity for the Board to present to the lwi its Annual Report on the mahi of the Rūnanga for the previous year. Also at this AGM there will be an election of three Trustees to the Board; the date and venue of the AGM is included in this pānui (page 4) and appropriate notice will be publicly notified, as well as voting packs sent to registered members, in due course.

And finally congratulations to our Ngāti Rārua whanaunga **Jamie Joseph** and the Highlanders team for the Super 15 rugby final win! This also recognises those Highlander players that are members of the Tasman Makos team as Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua have been supporting the Makos for the past few years (and continue to do so). It seems that the win was well supported and received in Te Tau Ihu and the enthusiasm that it has created for support for the Tasman Makos for the ITM Cup rugby competition that starts in August.

Noho ora mai rā,

Andrew (Anaru) Luke, Chair

Hui with Hon. Chris Finlayson, Attorney-General and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations



From left: Ngāti Rārua Chair Andrew (Anaru) Luke, Deputy Chair Arthur Phillips, Hon. Minister Christopher Finlayson, Attorney-General, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua CEO Hemi Toia and Ngāti Rārua Trustee Renee Thomas.

On Thursday 9 July, Te Waipounamu lwi Chairs and CEOs, including Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua Chair Andrew (Anaru) Luke and CEO Hemi Toia, met with Hon. Minister Finlayson in Whakatu.

The Minister spoke on several issues: including the Wakatu Incorporation case progressing to the Supreme Court; the establishment of a Settlement Commitments Unit, which will absorb the Office Treaty Settlements Unit as work on settlements decrease; addressing Crown actions contrary to Deeds of Settlement; and the South Island Landless Native Act (SILNA) lands on Stewart Island that he wanted to speed up.

The next day Ngāti Rārua Deputy Chair Arthur Phillips and Trustee Renee Thomas joined the ope. Ngāti Rārua then had over half an hour talking to the Minister. Finlayson discussed Te Tai Tapu with us and then said that he wanted to listen to Ngāti Rārua concerns since the

signing of the Settlement Deeds.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua raised a number of Ngāti Rārua Settlement Deed issues. The Minister agreed to follow up on all of our concerns and invited the Rūnanga to communicate directly with him at any time over serious issues affecting the rights of the Ngāti Rārua people.

This meeting also provided the Rūnanga with an opportunity to table issues raised by Māori landowners. Trustees had previously attended consultation hui on Te Ture Whenua Māori reform at Whakatū Marae on Tuesday 2 June, along with discussions at Pārērārua, which informed of their discussions with the Minister. The owners were critical of the narrow time available for feedback on the proposed revisions to the Act, mindful of previous attempts to "help" develop land that had led to further land loss, and aware that resources were required for development, not merely legal reviews.

News from Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua, Wairau



On 15 June 2015 the *Like Minds Like Mine Te Ara Māhana* programme was launched at the Clubs of Marlborough. We were fortunate to acquire Lee Luke to be the Master of Ceremonies.



Our speakers consisted of Amoroa (Molly) Luke MNZM, General Manager, Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Ltd (THONR), Katrina Martin, Support Manager of C.A.R.E. Marlborough, His Worship the Mayor Alistair Sowman, Dr Rod Bird, Chair of THONR, Wayne Penn, Chair of C.A.R.E. Marlborough, with the Guest Speaker being Mr Keith Turner who has lived with Bipolar and has held very high positions within the community.

The launch was very successful and well attended by many organisations across the Community, including NZ Police, Corrections Department, other Health Providers and Tangata Whaiora. C.A.R.E Marlborough and Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua have the privilege of promoting *Like Minds like Mine* Mental Health within Marlborough.

"We can never get a re-creation of community and heal our society without giving all of our citizens a sense of belonging."
– Patch Adams

There needs to be an increased impetus more than ever in reducing stigma and discrimination, and changing public attitudes towards those who have lived with the experience of mental distress problems.

Encouraging people to access community support is recognised as an effective way to promote and enhance people's experiences of social inclusion and participation. Support by the community has a number of advantages.

- it enhances service users' connections and relationships with others;
- it strengthens and builds those same communities;
- it challenges stigma and discrimination;
- it helps normalise the experience of mental distress or addiction issues; and
- it increases social inclusion.



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Matariki Hui Whakatū 2015



Kia ora koutou e pānui ana i tēnei kōrero e pa ana ki tā māua hui ki Whakatū i tērā wiki. Ngā mihi matakuiki ki a koutou.

On 25/26 June, Tricia Hook and I travelled to Whakatū and presented a workshop on Rongoā/Mirimiri at the Elma Turner Library for the Matariki celebration. There were a number of resources throughout the library around Matariki that supported our kaupapa.

The first day we had 16 adult students and two small children. They were a very diverse group from all different cultures. We mainly covered rongoā for eczema using koromiko and Pātētē and showed them the different methods of using Rongoā Māori and its medicinal benefits.

Attendees were able to have one on one treatments and were shown how to do a mirimiri ringaringa. They were able to ask questions about the differences between massage and mirimiri.

Nō reira, ngā mihi urupounamu kia koutou. Na Lovey Walsh rāua ko Tricia Hook.

Above left: Tricia Hook. Above right: Lovey Walsh. Far left: Ngāti Rārua Trustee Lee Luke was MC of the Like Minds Like Mine Te Ara Māhana programme launch on 15 June. Top left: Programme Co-ordinator Ron Riwaka, and Assistant Co-ordinator Larna Macdonald. Bottom left: Ngāti Rārua guests at the launch, enjoying some kai.

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Ngāti Rārua Trustees set Priorities

At two recent Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua Trustee meetings, **Mike Taitoko** has been facilitating the Trustees for this year's current Business Plan.

Mike is an Executive Director of Tuia Group and Tuia International and specialises in economic and commercial development. His focus has been particularly in the Māori sector and throughout the Pacific. As well as working with private organisations, Mike advises various government departments on programme design and performance, public private partnerships and has advised Pacific governments on their foreign investment and trade programmes.

Having an independent facilitator questioning every step has encouraged the Trustees to have a long hard look at our Trustee activities, entities and administration costings.

Have you or any of your whānau moved recently? We are receiving a significant number of pānui back marked "return to sender". Let us know if you have any changes for our lwi database. We can't send you your voting papers for the upcoming Trustee elections if we don't know where you are! Call us on (03) 577 8468 or email us on admin@ngatirarua.co.nz. We would love to hear from you!

An important step that came out of this was how to move our *Social, Cultural and Economic* arms towards complimenting each other. Strategies have been formulated and priorities focused to allow our entities to carry out projects for the Trust while the business side becomes more active towards creating wealth for the future of the Ngāti Rārua membership.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua Trustees believe that with the priority areas identified they are now able to focus on a more robust planning programme for the next three years.

From left: Ngāti Rārua Deputy Chair Arthur Phillips, Trustee Rima Piggott, Facilitator Mike Taitoko, Trustees Des Willison, Renee Thomas, Dr Lorraine Eade, Chair Andrew (Anaru) Luke and Trustee Lee Luke, pictured at the Board Planning hui held at Te Awhina Marae, Motueka, recently.



Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou

Arthur Phillips and **Barney Thomas** organised a delivery of apples from Motueka to the Wairau for Ngāti Rārua and Te Ati Awa people.

Jamin, Arthur's nephew, collected the apples from Motueka and delivered them to Spring Creek on one of his truck runs to Christchurch. A forklift lifted the apples onto **Ron Riwaka's** trailer and then Ron and Arthur delivered apples from Picton through to Blenheim, to kaumatua and whānau.

It is simple acts of promoting our connections like this that can remind us that whakapapa matters.



Ron Riwaka with Joy MacDonald filling up a bag for Uncle Cappie, Auntie Bub and the whānau.

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Hui TIME

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Saturday 10 October 2015 – Te Awhina Marae, Motueka.