

NGĀTI RĀRUA HAKIHEA 2015



Board of Trustees pre AGM, Te Āwhina Marae, Motueka, Saturday 10 October 2015

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## Chair's Foreword

*E kui mā, e koro mā, ngā whānau whānui o Ngāti Rārua, tēnā koutou katoa.*

The festive season is truly upon us now and no doubt everyone is very busy preparing for Christmas and New Year for a couple of days of relaxation. So this will be the last Pānui for 2015.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 10 October at Te Āwhina Marae in Motueka with the Board of Trustees meeting the day before, also at the marae. The AGM was well attended, and discussion was robust, so the hui went longer than scheduled. The Board will be reviewing the draft minutes of the AGM at its December Trustees hui, and will eventually make the draft minutes available on our website for perusal.

Nominations for Trustees were also called for this year's AGM as te Rēhia Tapata-Stafford and Lee Luke were retiring from the Board.



## He mihi hari 2015

Noho mai rā i te poho o whānau He ngākau pono, he tīnana ora, he wairua hari.

Ngā taonga ēnei kia tu tonu te Iwi Mauri Ora.

In total there were three Trustee positions available and only two nominations were received so an election was not required. Arthur Phillips (returning Trustee) and Olivia Hall were confirmed as Trustees. As stated at the AGM, the Board of Trustees considered co-opting a Trustee on to the Board. Accordingly, I am pleased to announce that Ropata Stephens has accepted the invitation to be co-opted to the Board of Trustees for TRONR. He will join the Board in December for the Trustees hui.

## Chair's Foreword (cont.)

Over Labour Weekend this year, Turangapeke (our Whare at Te Āwhina Marae) celebrated 25 years since it was opened. By all accounts Saturday 24 October was a great day for all who attended the celebrations, with presentations, photograph displays and sharing of stories within Turangapeke that gave historical accounts of the journey of Ngāti Rārua, of the marae and rohe.

In early November, the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall had a short visit to New Zealand and during their time here they visited Nelson for half a day. Security for the Royal couple dictated proceedings for the day, and they were formally welcomed at the Church Steps in Nelson by the Mayor and Iwi. Aunty Molly attended this event on behalf of Ngāti Rārua and she also attended a private function after the public welcome that showcased the culinary highlights of the region.

This is also a good opportunity to acknowledge the birthday celebration of Wera Stafford (80th) and Josie Maxwell (70th) that was held in November at the Moutere Rugby Clubrooms in Spring Creek, Marlborough. This couple have always supported Ngāti Rārua at events hosting and manaaki and always wanting to support where ever they can - kei te mihi aroha ki a kōrua mō ou manaaki ki te iwi i ngā wā katoa.

I also would like to acknowledge and congratulate Jeremy Banks in recently being elected to the Wakatū Incorporation Board in early December.

Finally, I wish each and every one of you a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year, enjoy the time, either with family or friends, wherever you may be and all the best for 2016.

*Nō reira, kei te mihi nunui ki a koutou mō te wā Kirihimete me te tau hou!*

Mauri ora,

**Andrew (Anaru) Luke**

## Supreme Court Hearing - Crown vs Wakatū



On 12 to 15 October Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua remained Intervenor in the Wakatū v Crown Court case in the Supreme Court in Wellington. QC and lawyers, on behalf of Wakatū, put forward their reasons for taking the position that they had in relation to the Nelson and Motueka tenths. The Crown's QC and lawyers then responded over the following two days.

Tim Castle, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua as Intervenor, was given a half hour on the fourth day to put forward the Rūnanga's position. Tim was clear and precise as the Iwi had never changed its position from the High Court, the Court of Appeal

or the Supreme Court. He also made it clear that if any declaration was to be made by the Supreme Court, then Ngāti Rārua would wish to consider being engaged or involved in that issue and the processes for enquiry into that issue.

Chief Justice, Dame Sian Elias, expressed her thanks to the Iwi for its attendance at the hearing and its interest in the proceedings. In reply, Counsel for Wakatū conceded unconditionally that if the Case gets to the Remedy stage, then "Mr Castle's clients will need to be heard; we have no quarrel with that at all". All submissions will now be considered.

The Judges are entitled to write individual or combined judgements, however, at the end of the day, the majority will decide. The five Supreme Court Judges were very clear on the final day, specifically stating that any findings had to go back to the original tupuna.

## Wera Stafford & Josie Maxwell's birthday celebration



On 21 November, celebrations were held at the Moutere Club Rooms to acknowledge Wera's 80th, and Josie's 70th birthdays. It was a wonderful occasion, attended by many whānau and friends from both near and far. The event was organised over many months by

their three boys, Matthew, Raymond and Tukere, and other whānau members.

Wera and Josie are well known for their dedication and hard work over many, many years and it was an honour to have been part of a well-deserved celebration for this wonderful couple. The memories and accolades shared by those who attended on the day were often humorous and honouring of their friendship, loyalty and long history within the community.

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# Marlborough Children's Team

"It takes a village to raise a child" is a well-known African proverb and it is that supportive approach that is proving a successful recipe for Marlborough.

To date the team, with the help of local agencies and lead professionals, has supported 72 children. It is expected to be supporting 130 children by November 2016. In celebrating its first birthday on Tuesday 17 November, the Marlborough Children's Team joined with community agencies, professionals and the Child Action Network at St Mary's Parish hall, to mark their achievements over the past 12 months.

Children's Team Director Dr Lorraine Eade said that "today is about celebrating our partner agencies who have provided the staff to work as part of our team. It is also a great time to thank our community agencies who have generously donated their labour, household goods, meeting rooms, sponsorship or equipment to support families and all of our lead professionals and Child Action Network members working directly with the children we support.

The efforts of everyone involved in helping children in our community over the last year shows how committed and determined we are as a community to support our most vulnerable children," she said.

Marlborough Mayor and Chair of the Local Governance Group, Alistair

## 25th Anniversary of Turangapeke

On a beautiful, clear, warm spring day on 24 October in Motueka, the people of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa came together to celebrate at Te Āwhina Marae, the 25th anniversary of the whare tupuna, Turangapeke. The day began with a pōwhiri to welcome manuhiri on to the marae and the tamariki o Motueka provided our kinaki.

Once everyone entered the wharenuī, Barney Thomas and Robert Stephens shared the history of how the marae came to be. They acknowledged those of Ngāti Rārua and Te Ātiawa who had taken the lead in making our marae a reality and, also, the important contribution of Maata Waka and Pakeha, who helped turn a dream of twenty five years ago into a reality.

Others spoke of their connection to Te Āwhina Marae and to the whare, Turangapeke. Paul Morgan, Molly Luke and Arthur Phillips talked about the importance of, and connections between, Ngāti Rārua in Motueka and the Wairau. Since the 1820's the history passed down still is, and remains, very strong for Ngāti Rārua. Motueka and the Wairau have always been the "homelands or

Sowman, also acknowledged the team and the community. "In an environment where there are minimal resources available, this community once again has stepped up. The collaborative and co-ordinated approach is making a difference to the wellbeing of our children."

**Dr Lorraine Eade** (Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Toarangatira)  
**Director**  
**Marlborough Children's Team –**  
**Nga Pukenga Tamariki**

hou kainga" of Ngāti Rārua.

A tree was planted to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Turangapeke and those that have passed on were remembered and acknowledged on the day. The day ended with a wonderful hākari.



# Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Maara Oranga Programme

Twelve whānau are participating in the Maara Oranga project aimed at improving whānau well-being. This program was launched at Parerārua on 30 September 2015 and is managed by Dr. Richard Hunter, a horticultural scientist.

Taking Maara kai back into the back yards of our Kaumatua is always going to be a challenge. Our close relationship between whānau and the whenua provides us with a good foundation. The programme is to empower and educate our people to invest in health and well-being of themselves. Providing raised garden beds means gardeners “don’t have to bend on the job”, mentoring and support to the whānau is our challenge. After identifying whānau and suitable sites, the challenge is thrown back to them to nurture and foster all to see resulting blossom and fruit.

Each garden is born with its own whānau identity, none are the same. Each are now planted in an array of vegetables – carrots, beans, pumpkins, cucumber, cabbages, silver-beet, peas, celery, tomatoes, onions, potato, sweet corn, rhubarb and strawberries; a variety of herbs – such as mint, parsley, thyme; and in some cases flowers. A real sense of pride is developing, not only that which goes with planting and cultivating, but also the harvest. Early lettuce and silver-beet are now being eaten.

Our whānau whānui were also presented with an opportunity to be part of Wānanga Rongoā Maori through the Marlborough Garden workshop series, to connect between the whenua and the ngahere. We were informed that “our health

depends upon our relationship to the world around us. If we are in harmony, and in balance, we are whole...i.e. well. Ill health results when that balance is lost. We become in conflict with our world”. Profound words of wisdom expressed by Pa Ropata (Rob McGowan) over a day and a half of one on one korero.

We no longer see those wonderful Maara kai our tūpuna tendered with aroha and manaakitanga. Can you remember those occasions as a child Maara kai, full of such delights as sweet corn, kumara, water melon, peas, and tomatoes? What has happened? Where is it?



## Marlborough Women's Triathlon

Carla from CARE Marlborough, Larna from Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua and Mary from Te Piki Oranga competed in the Women's Triathlon held on Sunday 29 November.

Carla, Larna and Mary were taking part in the Step Forward campaign to raise awareness to increase social inclusion and reduce the stigma and discrimination for people who experience mental illness/distress in the Marlborough community – Te Ara Mahana. It was a fun day and beautiful weather to match.

*Be Kind, Be Open, Be Fair.*

*See photo on page 5.*

## Christmas Tree Initiative



A Christmas at The Hub celebration was held on Friday 4 December 2015. Staff from Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua (THONR) donated Christmas decorations.

THONR staff members Casey Beech and Larna MacDonald decorated two Christmas trees with the trees and decorations being donated to families in Marlborough.

About 30 agencies were involved which made for a wonderful Christmas party for families. There was nail painting, face painting, a photo with Santa, and lots of other activities to be enjoyed.

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# Financial Literacy

Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Limited entered into a partnership with Ngai Tahu to run a Pilot Programme with whānau for ten weeks.

The Whānau Financial Literacy Pilot is targeted at whānau who wish to build their financial capability. It is made available to whānau who have identified an aspiration in their whānau ora plan, to become more financially literate and to grow their whānau wealth.

To achieve these objectives, four kaupapa māori organisations in Te Waipounamu that currently align with whānau ora outcomes, and are delivering services to vulnerable at risk whānau, were selected to participate in the pilot programme. Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Limited is one of the pilots.

The program with Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua is being evaluated to show the relative effectiveness of the approach, i.e. what worked and what didn't, and what could be recommended for a wider roll out.

*If you have any similar stories, please send them to the office by mailing to the address below, or by emailing [admin@ngatirarua.co.nz](mailto:admin@ngatirarua.co.nz). We would love to hear from you!*

# Methodist Church Celebration



A National Methodist Church Conference was held at the Clubs of Marlborough on 14 to 18 November 2015. Anaru Wilkie and Lee Luke of Ngāti Rārua opened the conference, supported by Te Rerenga O Te Ra.

Since 1840, when Rev. Ironside settled with our people in Port Underwood, Ngāti Rārua has forged a relationship with the Methodist Church and converted the people of Ngāti Rārua to Christianity.

*(From page 4 article.)*

*Below: Carla (CARE Marlborough), Larna (THONR), and Mary (Te Piki Oranga) competing in the Women's Triathlon held in Marlborough on 29 November 2015.*



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# Update

During the Board of Trustees hui held on Saturday 12 December 2015, **Olivia Hall** was elected Chair and **Anaru Luke** elected Deputy Chair.

They, alongside the other Trustees, are looking forward to serving the whānau whānui of Ngāti Rārua in 2016.

## Te Pūtahitanga Update

Te Pūtahitanga O Te Waipounamu have released information regarding the upcoming second round of Te Pūtahitanga funding applications, which are now open. More information is available on their website:

[www.teputahitanga.org/](http://www.teputahitanga.org/)

Progress by Te Pūtahitanga commissioned projects towards Whānau Ora outcomes has been positive. A number of projects have launched, and been positively received by their communities. One of those was the Project Launch of Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua - Maara Oranga Programme.

In November 2015, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu invited Requests

for Proposals from marae, hapū and Māori organisations to provide a full proposal to be a host organisation for a Whānau Ora Navigator/s, located within their rohe/region.

Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Ltd (THONR) was one of the successful applicants in the RFP process, and have decided to work together with Maataa Waka who also secured a Navigator to be hosted at their site. THONR and Maataa Waka were the only two successful applicants in the Wairau rohe. Other successful applicants in Te Tau Ihu were Whakatū Marae with two navigators and Te Āwhina Marae who secured one.

In other Te Pūtahitanga news, we wish to acknowledge Molly Luke who has accepted the role of Te Taumata Chair, Te Pūtahitanga O Te Waipounamu. Congratulations on your appointment Molly.



### Christmas Closure Dates:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rārua (TRONR) and Te Hauora o Ngāti Rārua Ltd (THONR) offices close for the year at noon, Wednesday 23 December 2015.

THONR will reopen on 5 January, and TRONR will reopen on 11 January 2016.

We wish you and your whānau a safe and happy holiday period.

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