



Ngati Porou Hauora Board Elections

The following Community Representative Elections are due September 06;

- Waiapu 2006 – 2010
- Uawa 2006 – 2010

Criteria for the positions are;

- To be of Ngati Porou descent
- Have resided in community for 12 months or more.
- Be 18 yrs old or over.
- Be a registered member with Ngati Porou Hauora.

Most importantly have a passion for the health and wellbeing of Ngati Porou whanau throughout the rohe.

Successful candidates will be announced at our scheduled AGM

**Thursday 26th October 2006
Te Araroa**

Venue to be confirmed
at a later date

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New Zealand Health Innovation Awards 2006 - Ngati Porou Hauora

Ngati and Healthy sat amongst the best in Wellington recently at the awards for the premier health and rehabilitation initiatives. These awards are a joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and the Accident Compensation Corporation. Sitting amongst finalists from District health Boards from Southland, Waitemata, Auckland, Hutt Valley, Canterbury, West Coast and Otago, Ngati Porou Hauora stood out in the 25 finalists. These initiatives included projects like a Computer software programme revolutionising the manufacture of chemotherapy, New Zealand's first dedicated programme for Heart failure rehabilitation, a Blood usage project – making a little red blood cells go a long way along with a programme for the safe and efficient disposal of unused medicines amongst others.

What stood out for us was the distinctive Ngati presence. Helen Pahau, Terry Ehau, Ben Tahata, Dr Rawiri Tipene-Leach and the team had set up an awesome display, undergone an intensive presentation to the international judging panel and arrived at the dinner awards looking every bit the professional cohesive team that they are.

Their display was simply stunning. There is something that warms the heart

when you can relate to the images in a world class display of a world class programme that is sitting on the cutting edge of a major turn-around in health for all the whanau on the East Coast; and indeed New Zealand.

What we got the most pleasure from was the fact that Ngati Porou Hauora Board Chair, staff and supporters were finalists with the best that New Zealand has in terms of Health Innovation. While they didn't win the grand titles, the judges noted the programmes' strength with its focus on the community as well as the individual. They noted that the programme covers a 6000 population base and has as its health indicators things like blood pressure, weight and waist measurements and saw the added nutrition and exercise programmes as being quite outstanding in their connection to the East Coast community.

Well done Ngati Porou Hauora and your partner University of Otago's Edgar National centre for Diabetes Research. It was a privilege to sit with you and know that you are amongst the best in New Zealand in terms of health innovation – and doing it quite naturally.

Mere Pohatu, Deanna Harrison, Victor walker and Selwyn Parata – Te Puni Kokiri

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Mobile Dental Unit

Owned by the Taranaki District Health Board the Mobile Dental Unit will be based at Te Waha o Rerekohu Area School from the 4th – 25th August. The aim is to provide dental treatment to adolescence (aged 13 – 17) in the Midland Central Region that live in rural areas where dental treatment is not easily accessed. The unit is used by many dentists within the Midland region.

The NPH Dental team consisting of Mary Waerehu, Fushia Harrison and Carole Nuku which will be traveling to Te Araroa daily. This is the third year Ngati Porou Hauora has had the use of the mobile unit and staff have seen an increase of dental examinations, treatments and competitions for the students in the Matakaoa area. Prior to this students and their parents struggled to make it to their dental appointments in Ruatoria.

