

Chairman's Mihi

Tena tatau e te Wiwi i roto i nga nekeneke o te wa. Kei te whai whakaaro hoki ki o tatau mate kua haere atu nei ki te iwi kei te po. Heoi kua maro ta ratau haere, a, kua mahue mai ko tatau hei kawae i nga tumanako o te iwi kia puta ai nga hua hei painga mo nga uri whakatipu.

In taking this opportunity to introduce the 11th edition of Nga Kohinga a Ngati Porou, I wish to commend the effort and contributions of Ngati Porou organizations to the growth and well-being of Ngati Porou. The various Ngati Porou organisations have worked co-operatively together over the past year with excellent results emerging from each of these organisations. Nga Kohinga is an example of this collective effort as well as providing a "one stop" edition about their respective activities. This editorial touches briefly on some of the highlights and key priorities that we have been working on.

- 1 Te Runanga on behalf of Ngati Porou whanau and hapu continues to progress the negotiations with the Crown in respect of the Foreshore and Seabed. The joint approach by Te Whanau-a-Apanui and Ngati Porou has been a very positive and productive experience, reaffirming our kinship and the complementarity of our negotiation teams.

We anticipate further consultations with whanau and hapu on this matter as we have done previously. Plans are being prepared for this to occur. Earlier, Te Runanga conducted about 17 Consultation Hui with our people both at home and away from home. This will be repeated once the programme has been finalized.

- 2 Currently, we are focused on finalizing briefs of evidence for the WAI 262 Fauna & Flora Claim which has been extended to include Intellectual Property specifically;
 - i) Trade Marks
 - ii) Patents
 - iii) Te Reo ake o Ngati Porou etc

The WAI 262 Hearings is due this month namely 28 – 31 August 2006 at Pakirikiri Marae at Tokomaru Bay.

- 3 Te Runanga supports and applauds the establishment of the Ngati Porou Whanui Forest Science Board, comprising leading Scientists from NIWA, Lincoln and Canterbury Universities. Their work will benefit a range of projects besides forestry, such as identifying a range of land use options for Ngati Porou and the investigation of various power generation operations including wind turbines, gas and bio-mass.
- 4 The Runanga Board recently approved the constitution and transfer of our farming assets to Pakihiroa Farms Ltd. PFL will operate as a stand alone farm company, with the Runanga as the 100% Shareholder. It has become increasingly necessary to establish appropriate commercial entities to manage and grow our assets and achieve a greater separation between our political and commercial activities. We are again, fortunate to have the skills and expertise of Agricultural scientists such as Hilton Collier and Lance Rickard, as well as Ngati Porou people comprising the "Pakihiroa" Farm Committee.



- 5 On the 1 September 2006 Te Runanga will celebrate its 19th Anniversary at Iritekura Marae and acknowledge the many contributions made by Ngati Porou pakeke. During this festive occasion the book "Meeting Houses in Ngati Porou" by D Simmons will be launched along with the Ma Wai Ra (Marae toolkit) and E-Nati, Marae website and IT initiative. 2007 will mark our 20th Anniversary and we will be planning a number of events through out the year.
- 6 Over the past 6 weeks Ngati Porou marae have been holding hui to select their nominees for Advisory Trustee to the Porou Ariki Trust. It is anticipated that there will be a series of cluster hui, to make the final selection, and hopefully the 7 Advisory Trustees will all be on deck by the 30th September.
- 7 Te Runanga O Ngati Porou and NP Hauora are working well together and we look forward to future collaborative activities that will promote the opportunities and benefits for the well-being of our people. It is always a joy and pride to walk into the Clinic at Puhī Kaiti to see what Ngati Porou Hauora is providing for all ethnic groups in the Kaiti, Gisborne region. This is fantastic!
- 8 Radio Ngati Porou too deserves a mention for the ongoing community service in respect of Broadcasting local, national and international programmes to Ngati Porou. Besides these, it also promotes Te Reo. RNP likewise provides excellent feedback on whanau / hapu and Iwi events as well as provide information for future events. Kanui a mihi.
- 9 Ngati Porou East Coast Rugby is doing well and we should continue our Iwi support for our team, coaches and Rugby Officials. We are the smallest Union but we must retain our "big heart" and pride in who we are. Kia Kaha Ngati Porou East Coast!
- 10 The Vice Chancellor of Waikato University will be visiting our secondary schools in Ngati Porou on 12th September 2006 to discuss what the University can provide for the education and career options for our kids. The programme is currently being worked on.

Through out the year "Nga Kohinga" will continue to update you, on the many programmes and activities that Ngati Porou is involved in, and, it is through information sharing and improved communications that we will engage more of our people.

Kanui mo tenei wa.
Ma Te Atua tatau e manaaki

Kia Ora

A T Mahuika
Chairman