

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou 19th Anniversary and Pakeke Day

Iritekura Marae and Waipiro Bay provided a stunning backdrop for the 19th Runanga Anniversary and the Ngati Porou Pakeke Celebration. Over 300 people converged in an convoy of buses and min-vans, arriving from the four corners of the Ngati Porou rohe. The combined celebration provides an opportunity for the Runanga to acknowledge and pay tribute to Ngati Porou pakeke who have made significant contributions to Ngati Porou development through out the years and in a range of. mediums. Runanga Trustees and staff are able to host an event for Pakeke that provides them with an update of key Runanga projects, highlights Ngati Porou achievements and an entertaining afternoon of food, song and wine, that is our small way of saying, 'nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa'



Meeting Houses of Ngati Porou o te Tairawhiti book being signed by the author, David Simmons.

The theme for the anniversary and Pakeke day was **"Celebrating Ngati Porou Marae Development"**. and the programme included:

- The formal launch of the Ngati Porou Marae Book **"Meeting Houses of Ngati Porou o te Tai Rawhiti"**
- The launch of the Ma Wai Ra- Marae Toolkit
- The launch of the 'E Nati' – Marae Websites
- Ngati Porou Fisheries Presentation
- Ngati Porou Takutai Moana Presentation
- Highlights from 2005 Nati Awards

It was a day of many launches with the first being the launch of the book 'Meeting Houses of Ngati Porou o Te TaiRawhiti written by historian David Simmons . We were fortunate to have David and members of his whanau in attendance along with representatives from Reeds Publishers, Professor Tamati Reedy, who was a key contact for the preparation of the book and the. Minister of Maori Affairs the Hon Parekura Horomia, Local book

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distributors, Muirs Bookshop were on hand to sell the books and donated 10% of all the book takings from the day to Iritekura Marae.

The launch of the Ma Wai Ra – Marae Cultural Audit Toolkit signified one of the key achievements from our 2006 Whanau Development Action Research Project. Runanga CEO Amohaere Houkamau described the Ma Wai Ra Toolkit as a timely and useful planning tool for Marae. The audit tool enables whanau to take a snap shot of their Marae's current circumstances, in terms of cultural capital and capacity, infrastructure and demographic profile .Marae are able to identify their strengths, weaknesses and any gaps and using the planning tools provided, develop their cultural capital restoration strategies and succession planning. The beauty of the Ma Wai Ra tool is that all the information is the property of the Marae, no one else will have access to their information unless they agree, they can choose

which parts of the tool they want to use, and the regularity with which they want to update their information. To



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