

# Inter Marae Sports

The Inter Marae Sports Festival is on again. The festival was an off shoot of the Ngati Porou C2000 celebrations that began in 1991. Events and attendance have grown over the years from a few to over 38 events and an expected 6,000 participants in 2007. The events are structured in such a way that all age groups are catered for from Nati Kids activities which is for tamariki 12 years and under to Euchre for the card sharps in the 60 years plus age group. We have designed the events to encourage as many participants as possible irrespective of age, gender, mental or fitness level.

The kaupapa of the Ngati Porou Inter Marae Sports festival is to:

- Strengthen our whanaungatanga as Ngati Porou.
- Create a fun, relaxed and safe environment for whanau (mokopuna, tamariki, matua and tipuna) to play together.
- Promote healthy life style practices.
- Fundraise for our marae whilst capitalising on friendly inter-marae rivalry.
- Run off some of the Christmas / New Year excesses.
- Increase Ngati Porou whanau and hapu participation in sports and recreation activities.
- Engage Ngati Porou in a forum that encourages their connectivity with their marae and inspires their interest and enthusiasm in whanau, hapu, marae and Iwi developments.

The 2007 Ngati Porou Inter-Marae festival will be held on the 3rd of January, at Ngata Memorial College, Whakarua Park and the Ruatoria Bowling Club. The timing of the event is ideal for capitalizing on the 'Ex-pat Nati's' who have returned home for the festive season, to join in a series of low impact but highly competitive events, catch up with loved ones and friends & enjoy the friendly and in some cases fierce rivalry between marae and hapu, while making some money for your Marae.

All marae should have received their 2007 Inter-Marae information packs and should be gearing up in preparation for the festival. A list of all confirmed activities follows. The entry fee per Marae is \$50.00, which must be sent in with your registration form, which is due by 5.00pm on the 20th of December. Please carefully select the events you are participating in because there will be a penalty for marae who register for an event and then withdraw on the day. As you will appreciate there is a lot of effort that goes into putting the draws together



Selwyn Parata & Leeanne Morice receiving the SPARC Award for Best Community Initiative for the Ngati Porou Inter-Marae Sports at the 2006 Maori Sports Awards.

wish to run a stall but an endorsement letter from your marae committee is required, there will be varying rates for other groups, individuals, and commercial enterprises. Marae sites will be allocated in the morning so please ensure you bring along your own shade, gazebo's etc. If you have any queries, please contact Leeanne Morice or Lillian Tangaere-Baldwin on (06) 864 9004 or 0800 833 502 or email [lmorice@tronp.org.nz](mailto:lmorice@tronp.org.nz).

## Ngati Porou 2006 National Maori Sports Award Winners

On the 18th of November a delegation from the Ngati Porou Inter Marae Sports Festival Committee attended the National Maori Sports Awards held at the Telstra Clear Events Centre, Manukau City.

The 2006 Ngati Porou Inter Marae Sports Festival won the 2006 Maori Sports Award for Community Initiative. This award was sponsored by SPARC and was presented by Dallas Seymour, Runanga Deputy Chair, Selwyn Parata and Ngati Porou Inter-marae sports administrator, Leeanne Morice accepted the award on behalf of all the organizing committees and marae that have supported the Ngati Porou Inter-Marae sports festival over the years.

This award recognizes the increasing participation and involvement of our marae and the huge effort and mahi that a core group of volunteers contribute year after year to ensuring that the event is a success. Recognition is also given to the principal sponsor and event administrator Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, plus all the Ngati Porou business's and land block that sponsor the event along with the Lion Foundation and Te Puni Kokiri. Tena tatou katoa.



Selwyn Parata, Leeanne Morice and former Rugby Sevens great, Dallas Seymour.

and people withdrawing on the day, really throws things out and can create some very tense and trying moments.

If you wish to hold a stall, please contact Leeanne Morice at Te Runanga O Ngati Porou on (06) 864 9004. There is no fee for Marae who

### Activities for 2007

Team Parade, Fun Walk, Tennis, Nati Kids, Touch Rugby, Basketball, Karaoke,
Nati & Healthy, Chess, Trivial Pursuits, Athletics, Line Dancing, Swimming,
Volleyball, Tug-o-war, Darts, Bowls, Ripper Rugby, Pakeke Euchre 60+,
Horse Sports, Pool, 7 a side Rugby League