



Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc.

He Pūrongo - December 2015

Welcome to the final edition of He Pūrongo for 2015, Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

EO CHAT ...

Ngā mihi nui to our members and supporters throughout Aotearoa.

As we conclude the year, we take the opportunity to evaluate the successes achieved, while also looking ahead to the New Year and the goals we have set as an organisation.

This year staff supported members to navigate local community services and participate in first aid and Rangatahi programs, with the pinnacle being the Biennial Conference held in Taranaki during September.

On behalf of the Society, I was able to strengthen international connections in the disability community at the Pacific Disability Forum in Fiji and the Indigenous Peoples with Disabilities Global Network Conference in Thailand.

As we look forward to 2016 there will be a focus to hold regional hui with members throughout the motu, to update you on the next steps for Kāpō Māori Aotearoa and seek feedback on initiatives we are wishing to introduce. Further information will become available in the New Year.

Well whānau that is all from me except to say **Meri Kirihimete me te Hape nū la** (Merry Christmas and a happy New Year) to you all. I hope you enjoy the contents of this month's panui and look forward to catching up with you soon.

Chrissie

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Staff, Hannah Pascoe, National Fields Consultant

What is your Dream Holiday?

A world marathon tour.

Your influences:

Difficult to single out as there are many who enrich and bless my life in so many ways.

Quote of the Day:

Dream it, believe you can and go for it.

TUMUAKI TIMES ...

We are pleased to announce that the five Tumuaki members were re-elected at the General Meeting held on 26th September 2015 and will hold this position till 2017.

They are:

- Nigel Ngahiwi, President
- Gaylene Te Rauna, Vice President
- Stevie Stevens, Executive Board Member
- Victor West, Executive Board Member
- Lance Girling-Butcher, Executive Board Member

DID YOU KNOW ... Our Logo

The triangle represents the mountain – tatou maunga. Contained within that triangle is the representation of the three Māori baskets of knowledge and on each side of the triangle is a kowhaiwhai pattern, which represents on the left, male and on the right, female.

BC BLITZ ...

The Biennial Conference held in Taranaki during September was a huge success with 100 delegates including members, whānau, presenters and external organisations from throughout the motu. We were treated to interactive workshops showcasing Kai Rongoa, Mau Rakau and Our Rights under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. An original waiata by Natalie Te Paa, translated by Nigel Ngahiwi, “Kua tūtuki tāua” was debuted and shared with the delegates at the Conference – this left everyone humming in the corridors.

Trenton Martin shared a thought-provoking history of the Taranaki region, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Entertainment was outstanding with Patea Māori Club performing their hit 'Poi E', Te Kahuirangi Webster serenaded with his keyboard and Natalie Te Paa and Tarryn Wallace bought the house down with their vocal talents. There were even a few impromptu performances.

The Wai Claim 2109, was presented by Peter Johnston. This is a significant piece of work that looks to hold the government to account under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, on how their policies have affected kāpō Māori and their whānau. We will be discussing this at the regional Hui throughout 2016 and encourage whānau who wish to share their story to make contact on 0800 770 990.

Here are a few things that came out of the General Meeting:

1. The current Tumuaki were successfully re-elected for the 2015 – 2017 term and a rotation policy was introduced. This means serving Tumuaki members may only sit for 3 terms (6 years) at a time.
2. Staples Rodway Hawke's Bay Ltd were confirmed as the Society's financial auditors for the 2015 - 2017 term;
3. The Tangata membership fee remains at \$20 annually; and
4. Invercargill successfully bid and won the hosting rights for the 2017 Biennial Hui – congratulations!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

➤ **ROPU ITI**

The Homai ropu proudly wore their custom made 'eyebrows' hooded sweatshirts at the Biennial Hui in September. All of the ropu are winding up their last functions of 2015 during November and December. We're looking to create new ropu throughout Aotearoa during 2016, so if you're keen to join, contact 0800 770 990.

➤ **Tino Rangatiratanga Wānanga**

The final wānanga concluded on 9 and 10 November with six successfully completing; a total of 16 completed this hui during 2015. This is a great opportunity for Rangatahi to build confidence, set goals and communicate assertively, research and deliver a pepeha and learn about Māori protocol and tikanga.

➤ **Surveys**

Thank you to all those who provided feedback during the surveys this year. This feedback gives us the opportunity to understand how we can support you and your whānau.

What's Coming Up @ Kāpō Māori Aotearoa?

- 18th December 2015 – office closes for Christmas
- 5th January 2016 – offices re-open

WEBSITE...

Lots of mahi has been happening in the background during this year to update the current site which will result in the launch of a newly designed website in early 2016. Watch this space! You can still check out the site www.kapomaori.com to download panui, resources and helpful information.

WHAT'S YOUR FLAVA?

If you want to get the panui in a different medium, please get in touch by contacting Adele on 027 5999 081 or adele.vukula@kapomaori.com - options are email, audio CD and print.

NEWS FLASH...

- Do you have something to say? Is there a panui you'd like to let us know about? Contact Adele to be a guest contributor.
- If you've moved house or changed any details, please let us know so we can keep in touch.
- We are looking for members to participate in the Tino Rangatiratanga wananga and Ropu Iti in 2016; you can register your interest by calling 0800 770 990.

**On behalf of the team at Kāpō Māori Aotearoa,
Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!**