



**Kāpō Māori Aotearoa
New Zealand Inc.**

He Pūrongo - June 2015

Welcome back to the next edition of He Pūrongo, June 2015. To all the new and current members, Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

EO CHAT ...

Ngā mihi nui to our members and supporters throughout Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our main focus as we head towards September is the Biennial Hui in New Plymouth. We are working hard to finalise the programme and plan a conference that will cater to all members.

If you'd like to attend and haven't made contact, it's not too late. Let us know how we can help by calling 0800 770 990.

Over the next month we will be conducting annual Customer Satisfaction Surveys. They are designed to evaluate the performance of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa in providing kāpō Māori and their whānau with disability information and advice services, and accessing and engaging in Blind Foundation specialist vision services.

The Operations team will be making contact and taking the survey with you or you can complete online.

I hope you enjoy the contents of this month's panui and look forward to catching up with you soon.

Chrissie

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Staff, Horiana MacGregor, National Fields Consultant

What is your Dream Holiday?

Right now – anywhere that's warm!

Your influences:

My parents have always been a huge influence for me.

Quote of the Day:

Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka

The kumara does not say how sweet he is

TUMUAKI TIMES ...

Te Kahui Tumuaki board members' meet quarterly to discuss a range of topics and issues. Board members also represent Kāpō Māori Aotearoa on a number of national and local committees and working groups.

DID YOU KNOW ...

If you are a Tangata member of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa you can vote at the General meeting in September. You can nominate and vote for Te Kahui Tumuaki board members and on other issues raised at this meeting. Make sure you have your say.

You can always phone the free phone 0800 770 990 at any time to get in touch with questions or just have a catch up.

BC BLITZ ...

The Biennial Hui planning is in full swing with just over three months till we meet in New Plymouth. The dates are 25th to 27th of September and the confirmed venue is the Quality Hotel Plymouth International. The conference will host some interactive workshops that will cater to everyone's taste, the General Meeting and a chance to catch up with other kāpō and whānau from around the motu.

The registration fee for Tangata members is \$495 for single or \$344 for a twinshare, remember that this covers two nights accommodation, all kai and conference registrations; your Tangata fee is \$40 on top. You can still make weekly payments or pay in full, it's up to you. To start payments the account is 06 – 0645 – 0420934 – 22 with the Reference BC2015 and your name.

There are limited spaces this year and you don't want to miss out. If you want to attend it's not too late, make contact on 0800 770 990 and we'll be able to help.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

➤ **ROPU ITI**

On 30th May 2015, members of the Christchurch ropu took part in the Christchurch Marathon and for most it was their first time, tino pai whānau. The Homai ropu are designing a hooded sweatshirt for the Biennial Hui, we look forward to spotting you at the Conference. If you want to join a ropu iti, contact 0800 770 990.

➤ **Tino Rangatiratanga Wānanga**

Part two of the wānanga took place in May with an awesome time had by all the Rangatahi who attended. Feedback included building confidence to communicate assertively, setting boundaries, delivering a pepeha, Māori protocol and tikanga. The next two-part wānanga will be held in August and November 2015.

➤ **Tumuaki and Staff Training**

In April, Tumuaki and Staff came together to take part in communications training with Native Voice. Staff then met to plan out the rest of the year, there's lots going on and we'll keep you in touch.

➤ **Surveys**

Over the next month the Operations team will be making contact to conduct Customer Satisfaction surveys with you. These surveys help us to help you and we'd appreciate your feedback.

What's the Happs? What's Coming Up @ Kāpō Māori Aotearoa?

- June – Homai ropu iti in Auckland
- July – Taranaki ropu iti in New Plymouth
- July – Christchurch ropu iti
- August – Tino Rangatiratanga Hui in Auckland
- September – BC 2015 in New Plymouth.

WEBSITE...

Keep checking out the website www.kapomaori.com to download the panui, resources and helpful information plus view staff and Tumuaki profiles.

WHAT'S YOUR FLAVA?

Remember to let us know how you want to get your panui – options are email, website download, text the link, audio CD, Braille or snail mail.

NEWS FLASH...

Do you want to submit something for the panui or let us know what's going on in your part of town? Contact Adele on adele.vukula@kapomaori.com to have your say.

If you've moved house or changed your contacts, please let us know by contacting Adele on 027 5999 081 or call 0800 770 990.

Any questions relating to the BC, contact Hannah on 027 776 3009 or Adelaide 027 776 5009.

We'll be back with more panui and news from the Biennial in October 2015.