



**Kāpō Māori Aotearoa
New Zealand Inc.**

He Purongo - March 2015

Welcome back to the next edition of He Pūrongo, March 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.

We are now fully into our year with staff supporting members to navigate local community services and participate in our first aid and rangatahi programs. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support provided by the Ministry of Social Development through the 'Making a Difference' initiative. This support has enabled members to complete our St John tailored and Level One first aid courses in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. We have one course remaining, which will be facilitated in Tauranga at the end of March.

Also during March we rolled out our Tino Rangatiratanga – Self-determination through Communication wananga in Auckland. This course introduces rangatahi aged 18 to 25 years to tools by which to enhance their communication skills as well as their knowledge in Te Reo me nga tikanga Māori. I would like to acknowledge Te Pou, Ministry of Health whom have assisted us to resource this program.

The collaboration of the agencies and training providers involved in both programs will assist fifty-two of our members to obtain skills and experience that they can apply in their day to day lives and interactions with their whānau and community.

Preparation for our Biennial Conference in New Plymouth 25 to 27 September 2015 is in full swing. The conference theme as determined by our Taranaki members is "Piki ake te maunga teitei e mau ana i te rangi." (Climb your mountain and touch the sky).

A number of our members have taken up the opportunity to pay their conference fees through our 'painless payments' initiative that gives both Tangata and non-Tangata members the opportunity to pay regular installments versus lump sum payment.

A key focus of Te Kahui Tumuaki over the last six months has been completing a strategic review of our organization. This review will assist the Board to determine our priorities over the next five years. In February 2015 Te Kahui Tumuaki affirmed the organizational vision, this is noted in the "Did you Know ..." section of this month's panui.

Another important change has been the introduction of our name from Ngāti Kāpō O Aotearoa Inc. to Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. This name change became official in November 2014. The transition to our new name is being introduced in stages so to minimize confusion. We need the assistance of you our members to help us inform our communities about our name change and until everyone has got used to it we will be promoting our name as (short version) Kāpō Māori Aotearoa (Ngāti Kāpō).

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

Chrissie

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Staff, Adelaide Hollis, National Fields Consultant

What is your Dream Holiday?

West Coast of Aotearoa.

Your influences:

My whāngai mum, and at age 17 I met my birth mother.

Quote of the Day:

Treat others like you want to be treated.

TUMUAKI TIMES... Who are they?

- Nigel Ngahiwi, President Iwi Ngati Maniapoto from Levin.
- Gaylene Te Rauna, Vice President, Iwi Tuhoë from Wellington.
- Stevie Stevens, Treasurer, Iwi Ngapuhi from Christchurch.
- Victor West, Executive Board Member, Iwi Ngai Tahu from Invercargill.
- Lance Girling-Butcher, Executive Board Member from New Plymouth.

DID YOU KNOW ... the Vision has changed

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand – Illuminating the darkness with hope, self-determination, independence, individual and whānau well-being.

BC BLITZ ...

Gentle reminder the dates are 25th to 27th of September in New Plymouth. The time is getting closer and we're moving from painless payments into painful payments if you don't start now. The registration fee for Tangata members is \$200 for Twinshare or \$400 for Single.

This includes two nights accommodation, conference registration and all meals. It doesn't include travel to and from New Plymouth or the \$40 Tangata fee. Paying the Tangata fee means you can get these great discounts.

We have limited spaces this year so get in quick. Thanks to the feedback from the last conference in Auckland, we've got some cool stuff happening this Hui so watch this space. You won't want to miss it. To start payments the account is 06 – 0645 – 0420934 – 22 with the Reference BC2015 and your name. We'll keep you updated with receipt of payments at the end of each month. If you'd like to pay in full right away, even better!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

➤ **ROPU ITI**

The Taranaki ropu have begun preparing for this year's Biennial hui and look forward to having manuhiri from around the country visit their rohe. If you want to join a ropu iti, contact 0800 770 990.

➤ **First Aid Courses**

Everyone had a great time passing their Level One Certificate in Christchurch in February, thanks to St John and Make a Difference. Another course is scheduled for Tauranga in March. To join or find out more call 0800 770 990.

➤ **Tino Rangatiratanga Wānanga**

This hui empowers our Rangatahi to gain self determination through communication. Ten Māori vision-impaired Rangatahi completed the first session, thanks to Brown Elements, VV Training and BLENNZ in Auckland. Updates to come in the next panui.

➤ **Staff Training**

In February all staff met in Hastings, the calendar is fast filling up and you'll be hearing from us over the next few months. Staff will meet up again in April.

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

- March – Tino Rangatiratanga Hui in Auckland
- March – First Aid Training in Tauranga
- May – 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...

Have you got a question or something you want to share? Do you want to have your say in the next panui? We'd love to hear from you, contact Adele on adele.vukula@kapomaori.com to contribute.

Do you want to stay updated? Have you moved house or changed your number? Please keep us updated by contacting Adele on 06 878 9440, text 027 5999 081, email adele.vukula@kapomaori.com 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 for you in June 2015.