

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand Inc.

He Pūrongo – Spring 2016 Edition

Welcome to He Pūrongo, Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

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EO CHAT ...

Warmest greetings to you all. Welcome to the Spring edition of our panui 'He Pūrongo'. Over the last three months Te Kahui Tumuaki (National Executive Board) and staff have been busy putting into motion a range of activities that will enable us to achieve our 2016 priorities of:

1. Ensuring that the leadership of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa remains in the control of our members – Governance Sustainability Project.
2. Growing our financial membership – Tangata (financial) Membership.
3. Building our peer support network – Rōpu iti.
4. Increasing the voice of tangata whai kaha Māori (Māori disabled) and their whānau – Establishment of the Tangata whai kaha Māori Whānau National Leadership Network.

For us to achieve the above priorities we need your input. Your voice and participation is important!

Activities that members have been involved in over the last six months were our member satisfaction surveys where we asked for members' feedback on how well Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is meeting the needs of our members in providing information, advice and support. This feedback has enabled us to improve what we do, when we do it and how we do it. The disability strategy review was another activity where we encouraged members to provide their views on how Government can improve its

services to our community. Through attending Office for Disability Issues regional consultation meetings and the Māori disability forum members have ensured that the voice of our community was heard about a strategy that will influence how government provides services and support to our community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Andrea Lamont, Lee Rutene and Tristram Ingham on their appointments to the Whaia Te Ao Mārama (The Maori Disability Action Plan) national reference group. Your participation continues the involvement of our members, which commenced at the inception of this plan's creation.

I would also like to thank those members who have shared their stories in support of our Wai Claim 2109 case, we appreciate the time you gave and the information you have shared, ngā mihi ki a koutou.

Other activities we have been working on is improving and developing alternative options that our members can use to communicate with us. We are excited about formally establishing the Kāpō Māori Aotearoa Facebook page and the refresh of our website, which has been a drawn out process, BUT we are nearly at the end! I encourage all of our members who can access these two on-line sites to go and have a look. For our members who are not on-line we have our 0800 freephone. Our staff monitor our freephone line – if you call and get our recorded message please leave your name and contact number as our staff will get back to you within 48 hours.

Our Kāpō Māori Aotearoa fridge magnet has our website and 0800 freephone number information on it. If you don't have one or know a member who hasn't got it phone our 0800 freephone number and we will ensure a fridge magnet is sent to them. We also have refreshed our pamphlet so if you know of anyone or organization that might be interested or want it, again phone our 0800 freephone number and we will courier some pamphlets to you.

The last activity I would like to update you on is Biennial Conference 2017. This will be held in Invercargill. I would like to thank Te Rōpu O Waiohāpu for their support and I look forward to meeting and working with the rōpu to commence planning. One change that will be introduced for our general meeting is the introduction of Tangata ballot voting so that those Tangata members who are unable to attend the General Meeting in person will still be able to contribute in the meeting decision process and election of Te Kahui Tumuaki. We will provide more details about this change and the conference itself once they have been finalised.

Lastly, I would like to re-affirm that your participation and involvement ensures that our organization continues to be member led and that your voice is important – Kāpō Māori Aotearoa **NEEDS YOU!** – “*You are made to make a difference so embrace every opportunity to do so.*”

Chrissie Cowan
Executive Officer

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Staff, Mere Courtis, Operations Manager

How did you get involved with Kāpō Māori Aotearoa?

A Tumuaki member spotted me while I was at an interview for the District Health Board. She advised Chrissie Cowan, CEO of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa and an interview was arranged. I accepted the position as Kaiwhakahaere... that was 15 years ago.

What was your first impression of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa?

That as Māori, we have a firm connection... we get each other... being Māori and working for Māori. To get the best possible outcome is still, such a high!

What might be someone be surprised to know about you?

In the late 1960s I worked for the Royal New Zealand Blind Foundation as a Nurses Aid and Kitchen hand. I lived on site in the Cottage – Hutchinson Home.

TUMUAKI TIMES ...

Te Kahui Tumuaki has the ultimate authority for establishing the strategic direction and ensuring the sustainable success of Kāpō Māori Aotearoa. As the elected leaders of the membership, there is a responsibility to exercise leadership through the development of a forward-looking strategic approach. (*Ref Governance Manual #2, 1.1 Board Authority, page 1*).

DID YOU KNOW ... Key Message

Communication training was held in 2015, staff and management developed a key message, put simply it is everything we are about: *Kāpō Māori Aotearoa – an organisation of **integrity** that **delivers** because it **cares** about its people.*

Governance Sustainability Project

At the 2017 Biennial Hui, three positions will be available for nomination to Te Kahui Tumuaki (National Executive Board). To be nominated for a position, candidates must be current Tangata (financial) members. To register your interest and find out more, contact 0800 770 990 or email adele.vukula@kapomaori.com

Tangata (Financial) Membership

General members have the choice to voluntarily 'opt in' as a Tangata member by paying an annual fee of \$20.00. Tangata member specific benefits include:

- Right to elect or be elected to Te Kahui Tumuaki.
- Right to vote at Kāpō Māori Aotearoa General and Special meetings.
- Biennial Conference discounts.
- Kāpō Māori Aotearoa memorabilia discounts.

You can start preparing now for the 2017 Biennial Hui by renewing your Tangata membership and receive discounted rates to attend. To renew your membership contact Adele Vukula on 06 878 9440 or email adele.vukula@kapomaori.com

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

- **New Facebook Page**

There is a Facebook group where you can keep up with us and have your say. Join the page by searching www.facebook.com/groups/KapoMaoriAotearoaNZ

- **Rōpu Iti**

There are three active Rōpu throughout Aotearoa: New Plymouth, Christchurch and Invercargill. If you would like to join a rōpu or get together with kāpō in your community, contact 0800 770 990.

- **New Zealand Disability Strategy Review**

A few Kāpō Māori Aotearoa members participated in a Māori forum to provide feedback for the national review. Over 150 individual and organisational submissions were received. For more information, visit www.jointheconversation.nz

- **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.

- **New Kāpō Māori Aotearoa Brochure**

A revised brochure has been produced, if you would like to get a copy contact Adele Vukula on 06 878 9440 or email adele.vukula@kapomaori.com

What's Coming Up @ Kāpō Māori Aotearoa?

- **Global Network of Indigenous Peoples with Disabilities Meeting**

Kāpō Māori Aotearoa will host the Global Network for Indigenous People with Disabilities meeting in November 2016. Delegates include Indigenous disabled peoples from Australia, Chile, Canada and the Sami people of Norway.

- **Tangata Whai Kaha Māori Whānau National Leadership Network**

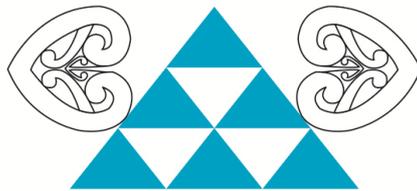
Kāpō Māori Aotearoa are coordinating the establishment of a network to build leadership capacity and capability in the Tangata Whai Kaha Māori (disabled Māori) community so that their voices are heard round the issues that matter. A flyer is attached to this panui. To register your interest and find out more, contact 0800 770 990 or email adele.vukula@kapomaori.com

WEBSITE... Coming Soon

The website continues to undergo review and improvement. These reviews will result in an exciting and responsive site with many new features. The current site is still active and has panui and other resources, visit the site at www.kapomaori.com

FINALLY ...

- Do you have something to say? Is there a panui you'd like to let us know about? To be a guest contributor contact Adele Vukula on adele.vukula@kapomaori.com
- 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 Rōpu Iti in 2017; you can register your interest by calling 0800 770 990.



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WE NEED YOU

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**Kāpō Māori Aotearoa are seeking 3
people to be part of Te Kahui Tumuaki**

To register your interest contact us

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Tangata Whai Kaha Māori Whānau National Leadership Network

Want to be involved, then...

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