

Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki

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Ngā Mate

John Smith
John Grimsey

Haere atu rā, haere ki tua o te ārai.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with
their whānau.

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Huirapa

Ko Hikaroroa to mātou mauka
Ko te papatuwhenua ko Puketeraki
Ko te awa a Waikouaiti
Ko te moana "Te Moana Nui a Kiwa"
Ko ngā waka a Huruhurumanu, Uruao,
Takitimu me Araiteuru
Ko ngā hapu, Kai Te Ruahikihiki, Kati Hawea,
hoki tonu Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Kathy Coombes – 28th October
Barbara Moerhuis – 1st November
Caroline Ruckstuhl – 4th November
Blake Kellas – 10th November – 2 years
Matapura Ellison – 12 November
Kevin Duff – 12th November – 46 years
Julene Purves – 15th November – 41 years
Hollie Brodribb – 19 November – 8 years
Rebecca Stewart – 26th November
Pamela Duff – 28th November – 55 years
Joy Smith – 29th November
Patrick Collings – 30th November
Stan Gilmore – 11th December – 69 years
Diana Mules – 14th December
Liam Ellison – 20th December
Jocelyn Hagan – 20th December
Huia Collings – 21st December
Rosalie Williams – 30th December – 60 years
Joe Apes – 31st January – 77 years

Happy birthday to all members who
have celebrated a birthday over the past
few months and those who will celebrate
one in the coming few months.



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TRoNT Putea Manaaki Fund (*Welfare and hardship/disability funding assistance*)

The key function is to distribute the Putea manaaki fund equitably to achieve positive outcomes for Ngai Tahu whanui.

- Must be registered with Ngai Tahu
- Limited to one application per person per year
- There is no closing date for applications

It is important to note that this fund is not an entitlement, but based on 'need'.

For further information please contact TRoNT on 0800 5 248 248.



He Pitopito Korero

It has been another full, varied and satisfying year for all of us who have been involved with the mahi of the rūnaka and hapū over the past 12 months. Though there are aspects that we will work to improve on next year, overall we are finishing the year with a general sense of achievement and jobs well done.

Life is much quieter at Te Taumata o Puaka (the Old School) now that the carvers have dispersed however we are looking forward to their return for the next stages of the Marae Adornment. The Runaka Executive presented the Strategic Plan 2007 – 2010 at the AGM and there are many dreams & aspirations for the rūnaka and hapū to be pursued in that plan.

During the year the marae has been busy with large groups of manuhiri, especially visits from schools as part of our LEOTC programme (Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom). Special thanks to Aroha, Huia & Kathy, who currently form our core kitchen kaimahi. Thanks also to those who have given their tautoko in the kitchen when the call has gone out. A special kia ora to Colleen who has moved to Christchurch for the next 6 months. We would love to expand the kitchen team so do contact Aroha at the Runaka Office if you are available to help out from time to time.

We wouldn't be able to have manuhiri regularly coming onto the marae if the paepae wasn't kept warm. This year we have benefited from the commitment to akona te reo Maori made by Brendan & Te Kore, and more recently Malcolm, who have bolstered the paepae team. Thanks also our wāhine who have stepped forward to karaka for the first time this year. He mihi nunui ki a koutou Aroha, Rangimarie, Rachel mā.

We've really enjoyed having Rachel project managing the Marae Adornment and Archives projects. As well as doing great work with those projects her skills in design have also been well used. Rachel is leaving in February to study dance in Auckland, we are definitely going to miss having her around but we wish her well in this new endeavour.

Keeping everything flowing (marae, runaka, Whare Mahana, Taiapure, community etc) is Sue. Thanks for doing a great juggling act & with such good grace & humour.

On behalf of everyone at the Runaka Office we wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. Meri Kirihimete me te huri tau hoki. Kia tau te rangimarie.





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Congratulations

Jesse Te Tau received a Mana Pounamu Young Achievers award in November.

Jesse is 14 years old and attends Otago Boys High School.



Dunedin City Council Art In Public Places

A new sculpture, titled *Kuri/Dog*, by Stephen Mulqueen has been selected as the DCC's Art In Public Places commission for 2007.

Kuri/Dog is a site specific sculpture that will be sited overlooking Otago Harbour adjacent to the Otago Yacht Club.

The budget for the commission was \$40,000. Proposals for the 2008 commission are open until noon Wednesday 30th January – for more information contact Cara Paterson, DCC Community Arts Advisor.

Na Suzanne Ellison, Runaka Rep, Art in Public Places.

School of Business

I would just like to keep you informed with where the School of Business is and what we have planned for next year.

We have three main initiative on the go for 2008

1. Maori Business Mentoring.

We are looking at placing 5 senior Maori students with local businesses. From this we are hoping the students will gain some industry knowledge and contacts while the Mentors will benefit from contact with the students.

2. Maori Business Symposium.

Near the end of the year we are looking at holding a Maori Business Symposium here at the School. We are not sure exactly what the event will look like or any of the finer details but are excited at hosting an event that both discusses Maori business from an academic perspective and at the same shows off what we have in our communities.

We are looking at getting an Iwi rep on our organising committee. If Ka Runaka have someone available for this we would be most appreciative.

3. Marae Based Business Competition.

This one is very exciting and one that we want all Runaka to come on board with. We have noted that there is a lack of business knowledge in many of our Runaka and mata waka communities. We are looking at running a business competition that would enable local Marae to develop a business idea and compete with other whanau with it. The School could provide resources and expertise in helping to develop business plans etc and the Marae would gain valuable knowledge in the area of establishing and running a viable business venture. This one could be a lot of fun and, we believe, could have a broad range of benefits for all involved.

So that's what we're doing next year. It would be great to get your feedback or ideas on any of these.

*Ron Bull (Kai Tahu), Kaiawhina Maori, Office of the Dean
School of Business, University of Otago*

Representatives

Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu are calling for representatives for the following.

If you are interested please contact the Runaka office by 14 January 2008.

University of Otago – Biological Safety Committee

Telford Rural Polytechnic – Council

Lincoln University – Human Ethics Committee

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Ministry of Education and Te Tapuae Research

Research was undertaken this year between Te Tapuae o Rehua and the Ministry of Education.

The study looks at what matters for the success of first-time Maori students studying towards bachelors degrees. One of the factors may be iwi identity.

You can view this research at the following website:

www.educationcounts.govt.nz

Otago Polytechnic Scholarships

There are two full fees scholarships to Otago Polytechnic available for 2008 to registered members of the Runaka. *This closes on 18 January 2008.* Please contact the Runaka office for further information.



Out of School Tuition – Extra Places Available – Spread the word !

Due to an increase in funding we are able to offer more students extra tuition.

Out of School Tuition is a one-off programme that offers 10 tuition sessions (over 1 school term) to Ngāi Tahu children.

It provides additional support, both remedial (catch-up) and extension (for gifted children), and for senior secondary students sitting examinations in Term 4.

To be eligible to enroll, applicants must be:

- Aged between 8 and 18 years;
- Attending school; and
- Registered with Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.

For further information and to receive an application form, contact **Kiri Fraser:** 0800 5248 248 or email kiri.fraser@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

Graduation Congratulations

Rangimarie Mules for obtaining a BAHons (first class) in Maori Studies and Anthropology. Rangimarie is currently working at Te Puni Kokiri in Wellington, on an internship, as a policy analyst.





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Celebrating the Completion of Puketeraki Marae Artworks

On the 10th of November 2007, whanau and friends gathered from near and far to witness an historic moment, not only for the hapu of Kati Huirapa and Kai Te Ruahikihiki, but also for the district and for Otago. This was the first time a carved whare had been seen in this area since European settlement, and the first whare to be carved by Kai Tahu master carver James York.

The day started with a call to the light of the morning, and progressed with karakia and blessings to welcome the artworks. James York was able to enlighten whanau as to the meanings of the figures and patterns and who they all were. This gave the works an extra dimension to them, as they were brought to life by his korero.

After breakfast and a bit of waiata, a publication called "*Te Poho Kanikani o Huirapa; The Dancing Hall of Huirapa*" was launched. It celebrates the history of Puketeraki Marae and the adornment process and contains stories from local people about their memories of Huirapa Hall. Another publication by a local art history student, Rahbeka Palmer, was presented as well. It looks at the evolution of our artworks, their meaning and the context of Kai Tahu contemporary art in traditional settings. Both are available from the Runaka office.

Down at Te Taumata o Puaka, also known as 'The Old School', an exhibition was shown for the day, and contained artwork from the Ngai Tahu Artists in Residence program run by The Otago Polytechnic School of Fine Arts in conjunction with Ngai Tahu. We had work from Simon Kaan, Rose McLeod, Tania Todd, Rachel Rakena, Louise Potiki-Bryant and Kirsten Kemp.

After all the excitement of the morning, there was still more to come, with a powhiri for the wider community happening at 11am. This brought in many people from around the Karitane and Waikouaiti district as well as Dunedin and Otago, and it was great to see familiar faces coming to be a part of the day. After the welcome, we took the opportunity to take a big group picture in front of the newly adorned wharenuui, and this will be a great record of the day for years to come. The programme for the evening included a beautiful meal and entertainment from two local bands.

The day was a great success as were the artworks themselves, and they were all made possible through the support of many people and organisations. These included Te Waka Toi, The Community Trust of Otago, DCC, The Ngai Tahu Fund and especially all the whanau who have given their time and energy over the years, as well as on the weekend. We are looking forward to the next stages of the project with a waharoa and painting of the inside of the wharenuui porch.

He mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa.





Christmas – Whanau Day





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Whanau Day – 8 December 2007

The sun was shining, the wind was blowing, and the fun was had all 'round. There was a good turn out to our whanau Xmas and fun day at the Karitane Foreshore on Saturday the 8th December.

Right from the beginning the balls were being kicked around, and once a few more people came, we had the opportunity to try out Kiorahi again. This proved quite challenging, although after a while, people got used to the rules and had a really good game.

Lunch was a BBQ beautifully cooked by Jim Williams, thanks to you Jim for your cooking skills. Aroha Ellison had a great idea of setting up a home-made slip-n-slide with a tarpaulin, some water and some dishwashing detergent. This got most of the kids very wet, and even some of the adults managed to be part of the action.

Sack races got people going again after lunch, and there was some very inventive ways of getting up and down the course. As a treat for all the kids, Santa came out and showed off some pretty cool dance moves before handing out presents to everyone who had been good that year. It looked like most of the parents hadn't been good enough this time to get a present, but all of the kids were very happy with their lot.



Thanks to all who
helped out before and
on the day.

Have a great Christmas
and New Year Season.
Kia tau te mauri, he mihi
o te tau hou.



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Archives for the Future:

Did you know that the Runaka holds many valuable items documenting the history of our Hapu and Whanau? Are you interested in finding out more about Kati Huirapa history and whakapapa? Do you want to be part of a project that will create a safe and accessible space for our archive collection to be housed in?

Earlier this year, we contracted a firm to do a feasibility study looking at the options for creating a better environment for our collections to be stored in. The option they recommended to us is to build on to the current Runaka office building. This space would be environmentally controlled, and have enough room for people to look at the archives, as well as for some to be displayed.

We need people to be part of a working party that will progress this project to the next stages. The party will look at what we really want, how it could happen, who should do it, how it could be funded and where it should go. This will be in more detail than the last proposal and will involve some exciting thinking. We need people who are able to think outside of the box, without forgetting what's in the box!

The first date for meeting will be in January, and we would like to hear from interested people as soon as possible. If you would like to know more about this opportunity to be a part of an exciting project, or to have a look at what we have in the archives, please contact Rachel on the contact details below.

Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann, Work: 03 465 7300, Cell: 027 336 0431, Email: rachel.r.m@gmail.com



Logan Forrester batting here for the CJCA Year 6 team recently during 3 games played in November at Ilam Fields in Christchurch. The team has 3 further games to be played in North Canterbury mid-January. This is the second time that Logan has been selected for CJCA age group teams and the experience has led to a huge improvement in his cricket for the Halswell Club.

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Otago Settlers Museum

The Otago Settlers Museum opened its first permanent exhibition dedicated to the social history of Otago Kai Tahu in 1994. In 2007 it was updated and extended with support from representatives of local runaka. *Kai Tahu Whanui ki Otago* is the first exhibition a visitor encounters in the museum's Hall of History, and as one walks through the space the history of the 4000 Kai Tahu who live in the Otago region today unfolds. The exhibition explores a very local and regional story, but links this to the wider history of the Kai Tahu colonial experience.

Whakapapa ties people and land together, and it also binds together the range of settlement histories of Kai Tahu in the Otago region. This is reflected by the display at the centre of the exhibition of wahi poupou, or special places in the Otago region, grounding the exhibition in the landscape and personal ties to them. Five posts representing the history of five settlements – Puketeraki, Moeraki, Waihou, Taieri and Otakou – surround the centre posts. Each post has a screen showing a series of images of the place and people connected to it. The photographs, which display the evolving history of each settlement over time, highlight one of the key concepts in which this exhibition is grounded, that the past and present are intertwined. This concept ties the exhibition's disparate components into a united whole.

Many aspects of Kai Tahu history are explored, including the natural resources and environment, the harvesting of food from the ocean and the land, and mutton birding. Culture is also on display in the form of material objects, and the story of its survival, particularly the southern Maori dialect, is celebrated. Success is also celebrated in a section on the new world, in which Western education and new forms of knowledge were integrated into Kai Tahu culture and way of life.

The history of Kai Tahu is one intimately connected to the colonisation and settlement of Otago. This story is depicted in the context of the history of Te Kereme/The Claim, the New Zealand Company land purchase, the failure of the Crown to honour commitments, and attempts by Kai Tahu to seek justice since the mid-nineteenth century.

This is an excerpt from a review completed on 21 July 2007 by Angela Wanhalla. The full review can be viewed – www.otago.settlers.museum/exhibitions

Dedication of Routeburn road end shelter and opening of Whakaari Conservation Area

The new Minister of Conservation, Steve Chadwick will be coming to open the Routeburn road end shelter and opening the Whakaari Conservation area on 17th January 2008.

If you would like to attend this function, please contact the Runaka office by 11th January 2008

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Treaty Festival 2008

This is being hosted by Te Runanga o Otakou 6th February 2008.

At Otakou Marae

Powhiri – 9.30am
Morning tea – 11.00am
Sunday Forum – 11.30am
Kapa Haka – 12.30pm
Kai – 1.00pm
Poroporoaki – 3.00pm

At the Octagon

Iwi participation in Chinese New Year celebration – 7pm

The kaupapa for the Treaty Festival is “Sustainable use of Resources”

If you would like to attend this festival please contact the Runaka office by 25 January 2008.

Pounamu Sentencing

The date of the Pounamu sentencing has moved to 17 January 2008. At 10.00am in the Christchurch District Court, Durham Street.

This is a nominal date and could change according to the Court programme.

Te Korowai o Mihiwaka - Orokonui Ecosanctuary

Pest Eradication at the Ecosanctuary

The next challenge is to assess whether any pests remain inside the fence.

150 tunnels have shown no pests. Dogs have found no scent of possums or stoats.

Vandalism

Vandalism has occurred so a fence monitoring programmes is being set up. If the vandalism continues then video monitoring will have to be considered. To date the cost of vandalism has been \$700.

Birds and Reptiles

The plan is to get some South Island Robins from Flagstaff and Silverpeaks. Under consideration is Takahe, Kiwi and Weka. The breeding pair of Kaka have been fed a nectar mix and huhu grubs.

A site has been prepared for the Jewelled Gecko. This is subject to pest monitoring data. There is a possibility of introducing native frogs, but need to determine if habitat and environment is suitable.

Planting

Planting along the track fringes with zone appropriate species is commencing.

Trust Membership

Honorary membership in perpetuity has been give to the Runaka. Trust membership is now 720.

The Trust has now past the 900 mark for fencepost sales. Track sections sold have reached 79.

Barbara Moerhuis
Runaka Representative





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Hui Te Rangiora Church

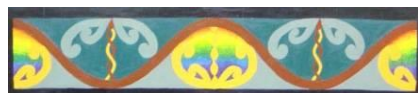
December services:

23rd December – 10.00am

25th December – 10.00am

20th January 2008 – 10am

Everyone Welcome



Runaka Office hours

This is to advise that the office will be closed from 3pm Friday 21 December 2007 until 8.30am Monday 7 January 2008.



Annual Report and Strategic Plan

The Annual Report for 2006-2007 and the Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 are available from the Runaka office upon request.



. . . P O S I T I O N A V A I L A B L E . . . Part Time Communications Contract

As you will all know, Kati Huirapa Runaka is a Runaka that moves with the times, embracing innovation and technology within all spheres of its interest. It also wishes to improve the communication lines between the Runaka and the whanau who belong to Puketeraki and the wider Kati Huirapa and Kai Te Ruahikihiki rohe. These reasons, among others, have spurred the Runaka to investigate future communication strategies.

One of the plans to be implemented is to create a website that will be another way for members to be updated with information and communicate with the Runaka, and the general public to find out about Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki. This will be in conjunction with other measures to increase the ability of the Runaka to get in touch with members and vice versa.

In order to do this, we need to find a person who is technically minded, in touch with what is happening around the runaka and able to communicate easily with all members of our whanau.

This job would be good for someone who has a bit of spare time on their hands and has easy access to the internet. They need to be able to handle different file types, including photos, video, pdfs and word docs. They also need to be a reliable and motivated worker. Depending on the situation of the person who gets the contract, it could lead to other project work with the Runaka.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann on the contact details below. The position closes on 16 January 2008.

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