

# Ka Tangi te Kōkō

TE KARERE O TE RŪNANGA O MAKAAWHIO

MAKARIRI WINTER AUGUST 2011

## Hui-ā-Tau (AGM) and Special Meeting Notification

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, TAUTI MAI! Members are advised that our Hui-ā-tau (AGM) is to be held on Saturday, September 24th, 2011, commencing at 10.00am, at our marae, Te Tauraka Waka ā Māui, Maitahi (Bruce Bay). The business of the Annual General Meeting will commence at 10.00am and will be in accordance with Section 7 of the Rules of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio Society Inc. Directly following our AGM, a Special Meeting will commence to receive the Constitution Review Working Group report and to vote on Upoko and Deputy Upoko roles.

## Hui-ā-tau (AGM) 2011

Our AGM is scheduled for Saturday 24th September 2011 commencing at 10.00am with a Mihi Whakatau, before getting down to business. As there are no positions due for election this year, we plan to have the meeting business completed by at least 11.30am. We will then move into a Special Meeting to receive a report and to vote on the Upoko and Deputy Upoko roles (see article "Reviewing the roles of Upoko and Deputy Upoko" later in this edition), before breaking for lunch. We are planning a Hīkoi Whenua for the afternoon, with a trip across into old Mahitahi. Our wet weather back up plan is a session in our Whare Tipuna, learning the whakapapa of our whare, with other fun events being organised for the evening. Remember to pack some good walking shoes and warm outdoor clothing and bring your singing voices as we plan to learn some of our waiata hapū over the course of the weekend.



Old Mahitahi

## Kawe mate

On the Sunday morning following our Hui-ā-tau (AGM) we will be holding a Kawe Mate. These enable whānau to bring photos and memories of our loved ones, who have passed away, to be hung in our whare tipuna, Kaipo and provide the opportunity for all whānau to bring photos of our deceased direct descendants of Ngāti Māhaki, including those from generations past. Kawe mate - literally, carrying the dead - is a very personal and emotional experience, which allows us the privilege of reuniting our dead with their relations and ancestors, all of whom are represented in our whare. It is the ultimate experience in whānaungatanga - celebrating our family links. We ask that your framed photograph be no larger than 8 inches x 6 inches. It is also helpful if your photograph has eyehooks and string fitted ready to display, and note full name and any other information you want to share on the back of the photoframe. The Kawe Mate ceremony will commence at 10.00am and be followed by a church service to be held in Kaipo.



Kawe Mate 24 January 2005, following opening of our marae

# Graduation

Congratulations are extended to our long serving Kaipūtea (Treasurer), Stuart Barr, who earlier this year received his Diploma of Business Studies in Financial Planning. Stuart was one of ten graduates who received their tohu as part of the Māori Graduation Ceremony.

Stuart noted it had been a long journey for him to complete, with the last unit “hanging around” for 7-8 years. Rūaumoko didn't help either, but he got there in the end. Ka mau te wehi!



Sue and Stuart Barr pictured at Massey University's Wellington Campus

## We have moved!

Pauline Adams, Kaiwhakahaere-Komiti Whakamahi



Tumuaki, Susan Wallace and Kaiāwhina, Wai Scott

Exciting news! We have recently purchased a 2-bedroom house at 56 Brittan Street and as from 25 July we have been operating our office from there.

This is something we have been investigating for some time and has finally come to fruition. The building also has a 3-car garage, which will provide secure storage for records etc, and some much needed protection for the van. While we are now no longer in 'town' the new facility is fit for purpose, single door which makes much more accessible to all and it is ours. We now have an asset to be proud of. Telephone numbers and email remain the same, so call in and check out the new 'digs' and have a catch up with Susan and Wai.

## Whai Rawa - an exclusive Investment and savings scheme for Ngāi Tahu whanau

*Stuart Barr, Kaipōtea, Dip. In Business Studies – Financial Planning*

It is in everyone's interests to put some funds away today for future events in ones life. Whai Rawa has been set up as a medium to long term savings scheme to enable whanau to save and withdraw for some important life goals. This means withdrawals are normally restricted to the key goals of tertiary education, first home purchase and retirement.

It is important not to think of Whai Rawa as a rainy day fund, but rather as a personal benefit fund; a way of encouraging tamariki and mokopuna to think beyond today and to dream about and plan for the future. For older members it's a way of growing some pōtea for later years.

It is beholden on all parents to give tamariki a good basic knowledge of financial concepts early in their lives, which will stand them in good stead when they become financially independent in the future.

Ngāi Tahu have provided the edge to other savings plans by offering matched savings up to certain levels depending on their annual policy in addition to the funds actual earning rate.

In my case I have calculated that for each \$ I have contributed over less than five years I now have \$2.70. That is an outstanding return rate in recent financial markets.

For full details of how to start and how the scheme works I would refer you to the website [www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz](http://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz)

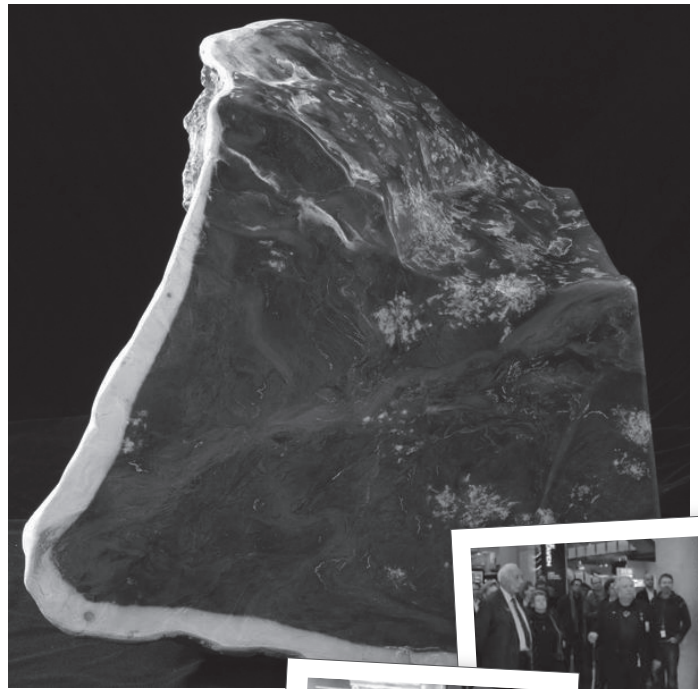
Should anyone wish to discuss features of this scheme with a person, you are welcome to contact me.

*Disclosure Statement: I am not an Authorised Financial Adviser. These comments given are of a general nature and not specific individual advice.*

# Kura Pounamu

The Kura Pounamu Exhibition, which was installed following our tribal exhibition, “Mō Tātou” was officially closed on Monday 11 July 2011. Our Upokorūnanga, Richard Wallace (who participated in the karakia), with his wife Mere and some of our Whanganui-ā-Tara based whānau joined other Ngāi Tahu Whānui at the closing ceremony.

Our contribution to the exhibition was Te Hurika-The turning point, a Tahutahi (Snowflake) touchstone. Te Hurika bears, its providence-beautiful face, crust intact with brown paint still evident. Part of the first tahutahi returned directly to the rūnanga, its name reflects and marks the turning point for our people and the hope of the start of a more positive direction for Makaawhio and its Kaitiakitaka Pounamu. With the exhibition finished, Te Hurika (pictured) will soon be returning home.



*He pounamu he takata, he takata he pounamu  
The pounamu and the people are one.*



## Reviewing the roles of upoko and deputy upoko *Jo Scott, Convenor-Constitution Review Working Group*

During the consultation process to develop new Rules for Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, some feedback received questioned whether the Upoko and Deputy Upoko roles should be retained within Rūnanga structures. At Hui-ā-Tau in September 2010, members agreed that further discussion of this issue was required, and the new Rules were constituted with the roles retained. The Executive was asked to facilitate a consultation process with members, culminating in an options paper (with remits as appropriate) being presented for consideration and voting at Hui-ā-Tau this year.

The constitution sub-committee has undertaken this work on behalf of the Executive, however for a number of reasons (chief amongst these, the impact of the Canterbury earthquakes, workload and availability of committee members), our original timelines for this project have not been met, including the proposal to consider holding a Special Meeting to discuss the roles. With the Executive's approval, we have amended the process to allow members an opportunity to provide feedback via a survey – this has proven a useful mechanism, and has given us a good overview of the range of views held by members on this issue.

We very much appreciate the feedback from members gathered from the survey, however the final decision on whether or not to retain the roles in Rūnanga structures can only be made at Hui-ā-Tau this year. A report summarising the survey results has been provided to the Executive, and a further report will be circulated to members prior to Hui-ā-Tau, which also outlines possible options and any necessary Rule remits associated with these. After discussion at Hui-ā-Tau, members will vote for their preferred option, and any Rule changes will be incorporated once the outcome of the vote is known.

There remains a window of opportunity, up to Friday 9 September 2011, for those who wish to participate in the discussion to complete the survey on-line or by receiving a copy from me.

If you type into the web address area: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSQYVQ6> you will be able to access the survey.

Please contact me if this does not work via e-mail [Jo.Scott@teu.ac.nz](mailto:Jo.Scott@teu.ac.nz) and I will send a copy of the survey to you.

# Te ao o ngā rawa taiao/The world of natural resources.

*Terry Scott, Kaiwhakahaere, Komiti Taiao*

We as Kāti Māhaki have responsibility for one of the largest landmasses. Our exclusive Takiwā goes from the Poerua river (south of Hari Hari) to Piopiotahi (Milford sound) along with a shared portion with Ngāti Waewae from the South Bank of the Hokitika to Poerua. The current Komiti Taiao is Ginny Bannister, Maxie Duncan, Richard Wallace, Waikohatu Scott and myself. I act as Convenor/Chair, Wai for her sins is the scribe and Susan Wallace is our coordinator-in other words if anything goes wrong we blame her and of course when things are going well I can take the credit for that!

Jokes aside Komiti Taiao works well. We meet once a month normally via Telephone and schedule meetings to meet the needs of members. The komiti deals with a variety of matters, the pre-reading takes a good deal of time. To give you an idea of some of the work we have carried out recently, I have provided an overview below.

- We resolve to discontinue the sign off for Resource Consent applications received for 1080, noting our strong opposition to the use of the toxin 1080 in any form. "That is a succinct response to an application for us to sign off an application for the use of 1080. We agonised on how to respond to applications. The decision was taken that we just say we oppose its use."

- Butlers (Hokitika) Dump Site The Westland District Council is developing a dumpsite at Butlers crossing on highway No 6. They have invited both Rūnanga to have a representative on the monitoring Committee- Ginny is our rep.

- Dr Walker, Commissioner for the Environment recently released her report on the use of 1080. We were disappointed but not surprised by its content. It does however raise a number of points around predator control that we need to consider, particularly in relation to rats and stoats. They seem, in some areas, to be completely out of control!

- The West Coast Regional Council is one of the main players that we deal with in relation to consent and permit granting. A recent permit was granted for a mini hydro scheme. By the time we received it the permit had been granted! Komiti members thought it



was because we had let it through unnoticed. However, it turns out that in this case, our involvement under the Resource Management Act was classified as an "interested party" not an affected party. Executive resolved that we needed to develop a better relationship with the Council and particularly the concession staff.

We have started that process in that we met with the CEO and his staff to discuss a way forward. Although we have had only one meeting, it was very useful and hopefully some ongoing good will come from it. We have agreed to meet on a six monthly basis in the first instance

A proposal to heat the Welcome Flat Hut by a heat exchange system from the hot pools did not gain any favour with us. It was specifically on cultural grounds that we opposed. In all the years I have been in and out of the Copland I've been soaked to the skin more time than I can remember. I just dry off at a convenient time and change my clothes. I've been exhausted so I just rest (a little more often these days), when I'm cold I put warmer cloths on. The notion of having a central heated back country hut just doesn't sit well.

A scientist friend of mine who knows the Welcome Flat Hut well came up with what I thought was a great idea. Have some hot water bottles available. Seriously we considered that the removing of the heat by transfer could put the pools at risk in that the heat is constant with very minor fluctuations. As you can see, there's a whole range of consents that are reviewed by Taiao. We are trying to stream line our processes and our responses to them. Not that easy as although many are straight forward and don't impact on our cultural responsibilities we have to be vigilant.

# Tohu Whakamaharatanga - Memorial Plaque unveiled

Rūnanga, school community members, whānau and locals joined together at Westland High Schools recently opened Whare to bless the newly installed Pare (door lintel) carved by our whānauka, Fayne Robinson and to unveil a memorial plaque dedicating the whare in memory of Monique McLaren, who had been a sitting member of the schools Board of Trustees at the time she passed away.

Upokorūnanga, Richard Wallace undertook the karakia, with waiata tautoko provided by Hokitika Primary School Bi-lingual unit students and Westland High School students. Moniques whānau were moved by the occasion and humbled by the acknowledgement the school had made in dedicating the Whare to her memory.

E te tuahine, moe mai tonu I te rakimarie, haere atu rā.



Monique's mum, Pat Eastern and daughter Jasmine Parker-McLaren in front of her memorial plaque



Hokitika Primary School, Bi-lingual Unit Tamariki sing a waiata tautoko.



Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao" The bird that partakes of the miro berry, inherits the forest. The bird that partakes of knowledge, inherits the world



## Whakaahua Tawhito

This picture, taken about 1902 shows Te Naihi and Hera Bannisters whānau on the beach at Makaawhio.

If you have any old photographs, up to the 1960's of whānau life in the Makaawhio district (Bruce Bay/Jacobs River) that you don't mind being published in Ka tangi te kōkō to share with the rest of the whānau, please contact the office. Perhaps your photo will be featured here next time!

# South Westland Health Clinic - He ara ki te ora opens

On Wednesday 27 July 2011, rūnanga representatives together with representatives from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, St Johns Ambulance and the District Health Board gathered in the dark, to participate in a dawn blessing of the new Health Clinic in Waiau/Franz, undertaken by Upokorūnanga Venerable Richard Wallace.

Surrounded by bush, the facility is a joint project between St Johns and the West Coast DHB, combining the needs of each service, under one roof and will provide excellent access to services for those living in and around Waiau.

Later that afternoon, we joined a crowd of at least 150 made up of staff, community and officials to celebrate the opening of the clinic, watch a



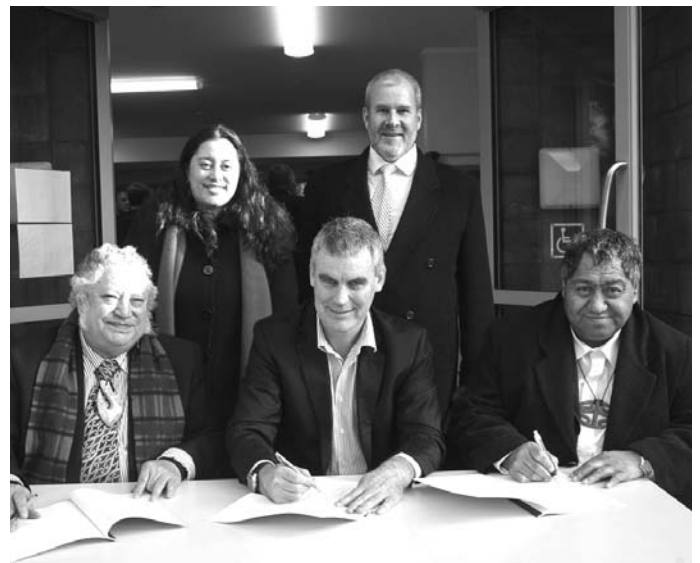
*Celebrating the clinic opening from left to right, Ben Hutana, Karera Wallace-Jones, Susan Wallace, Gary Coghlan, Mere Wallace and Richard Wallace*

demonstration of a specialist consultation from Christchurch to Waiau via the latest technology-tele-medicine and to eat cake!



*Dawn ceremony*

The Terms of reference for the Manawhenua Relationship Group, Tatau Pounamu was signed on the day. Unfortunately, this could not be signed off at the same time the Memorandum of Understanding between Poutini Ngāi Tahu and the West Coast DHB was signed the previous month due to the unavailability of the CE.



*Signatories to the Tatau Pounamu Terms of Reference, (Seated-Chair Richard Wallace, CE-David Meates and Deputy Chair Ben Hutana) watched by Māori Board member Susan Wallace and Board Chairperson, Dr Paul McCormack*

## He whakamihi atu Congratulations

Our congratulations are extended to our Tumuaki, Susan Wallace, who at the end of this month will take up the position of Te Waipounamu Māori Women's Welfare League (MWWL) Area Representative at the MWWL National Conference in Napier. As one of eight regional representatives, Susan will represent Te Waipounamu MWWL on the National Executive, at a time when the league is receiving heightened media attention. We are confident Susan will avail herself well. Karawhuaia e te tuahine!

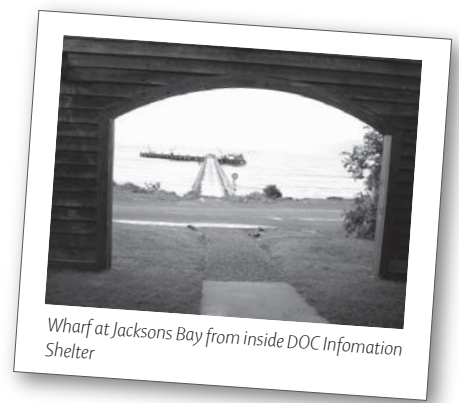
**Check out the Rūnanga website - [www.makaawhio.maori.nz](http://www.makaawhio.maori.nz)**

# Focus on whitebait

After working closely with the Hokitika Museum on the design and completion of the 'Pounamu Room' at the entrance to the museum four years ago, the Rūnanga has resumed its close relationship with the museum. In the past few months we worked, together with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, to bring the national exhibition Treaty 2 You to Hokitika, while importantly providing a Poutini Ngāi Tahu context to this in terms of background and photographs. Lately, we have been working on the national whitebait exhibition, which will open in time for the Rugby World Cup. This is the first time so much information and visual display about whitebaiting has been brought together – and a large component of that traces Māori involvement with fishing through the years, acknowledging the origin of modern whitebaiting! The exhibition includes lots of information panels, photos and even some video footage of kaumatua talking about early whitebaiting on Te Tai o Poutini. Check it out!

## New era for Māori health delivery

A decade after the Rata branch of the Māori Women's Welfare League set up Rata Te Āwhina Trust – the only Māori health provider on Te Tai o Poutini – it has now been brought into a true partnership with Poutini Ngāi Tahu. After encountering issues with its main funder, the West Coast District Health Board, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio took the initiative to convince our Poutini relations in Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae to work co-operatively with us to give Rata a new Poutini Ngāi Tahu focus, rather than set up an alternative Māori health service. Our motivation was twofold: the need for continued health delivery, and the security of 20 jobs at Rata, many of whom are Ngāti Māhaki whānau. The transition has been completed and the trust deed changed, with the full support of the Rata board, former members, and management. While this ensures a seamless delivery of Māori health services to our people, most importantly it will have a fresh Poutini Ngāi Tahu focus, which has already been welcomed by the DHB. It is an exciting new era! The new board of Rata Te Āwhina Trust is: Tim Rochford and Nigel Ogilvie (Rata MWWL appointments); Susan Wallace and Paul Madgwick (Makaawhio); and Francois Tumahai and Ben Hutana (Ngāti Waewae).



## Taonga Okahu returns home

Jackson Bay, Okahu, at the very bottom of the West Coast and at the end of the road, was a favourite home of our Ngāti Mōhaki tīpuna. Tutoko, Wharekai and many others lived there at various times. Their pō was at the mouth of the Arawhata River, while a much older one was located right in the bay, directly opposite the current wharf. History has not been kind to this site, which was built upon during European settlement and then partly covered by a landslip in the 1930s. However, the ultimate indignity followed in the 1980s when the Department of Conservation built a new information shelter – and toilet block – atop the pā site. This met with a big fight from the Rūnanga at the time but did not stop the contractors from dumping the excavated spoil on the roadside and on the beach – leading to a scavenger hunt for taonga! Dozens upon dozens of taonga were churned up, souvenired by the locals. Fast forward to 2011. DOC had planned to extend the toilets by sinking septic tanks – right on top of part of the remaining pā site. Thankfully, the Rūnanga was consulted this time and by negotiation agreed to have the tanks installed in an already modified part of the site (the car park) instead of the unmodified pā site. On June 14, an ope from the Rūnanga was present for a whaka-watea and karakia by Upoko Richard Wallace before the excavator started work. We were also fortunate to have archaeologist Brian Allingham on site to keep an eye on every scoop of the digger, just in case. As it turned out, the excavation was harmless and did not disturb the remaining pa site, however ...two months later, we were contacted, via DOC, about the return of a large collection of taonga, mostly from Okahu/Jackson Bay and taken away at the time by DOC archaeologist Ray Hooker. Coincidence? Ray moved to the North Island many years ago and died recently after a battle with cancer. His family wanted to return the taonga in his possession, and on August 5, Kara Edwards (Ngāti Mahaki), on behalf of DOC and the Rūnanga, returned the taonga to our marae. Dozens of beautiful pounamu adzes, pendants, earrings and broken pieces were among the returned taonga, which were welcomed home on the marae.

# Maramataka - Calendar

## Hui Rūnanganui Executive meeting

Generally held the first Saturday each month. The next Hui is scheduled for 3 September 2011 commencing at 9.30am in the Office Boardroom, Hokitika and the following month, on 1 October 2011 at our Marae. Please contact the office if you are intending to attend a meeting, for catering purposes and to ensure meeting details have not changed.

## West Coast DHB at Marae-8/9 September 2011

West Coast DHB will be holding their next meeting at the Marae. They will be arriving at 2.00pm on Thursday 8 September 2011 and will spend the afternoon in an open forum discussion in regard to Māori Health and then hold their board meeting the next day. Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!

## Waiata

Waiata sessions are being held in our office in Hokitika every second Tuesday of the month from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!

## Hīkoi Whakapapa

Our apologies for not progressing this! With current weather conditions we will be looking for a date in summer to carry out this hīkoi. More details will be available as the Hīkoi plans are firmed up. Watch this space!

## Xmas Pool Party fun!

We have booked the Hokitika Pool for our Xmas Party! Come and join us there from 12.00-4.00pm on Sunday 11 December 2011.

Bring your togs, towels and a wrapped, labelled gift for each of your tamariki/mokopuna (up to \$10.00 only please).

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# Keeping in touch

We have a couple of ways for you to keep in touch, catch up on news or keep abreast of what's happening. There's our quarterly newsletter, Ka tangi te kōkō, monthly articles in the tribal newsletter, Te Pānui Rūnaka, we also place updates on our web page-[www.makaawhio.maori.nz](http://www.makaawhio.maori.nz), you could "friend" our Face book page or join our e-mail whānau group. You could also give us a call in the office on 0800 955 007, or send us an e-mail. If you are not receiving our newsletter, we may not have your correct address details and this may also apply if you were receiving e-mail updates, but have not for some time. Please contact the office on 0800 955 007 to update your address details, or do so by e-mailing [wai.makawhio1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wai.makawhio1@xtra.co.nz). If you want to be included on our whanau e-mail group, please e-mail me on [makawhio1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:makawhio1@xtra.co.nz)

## Komiti Whakamahi-Komiti member vacancy

Dyan Hansen recently resigned from our komiti to undertake some further study - we wish her well and thank her for her contribution to the Komiti. We are therefore carrying a vacancy. If anyone interested in joining this komiti, which meets every second month, please contact Susan at the office or Pauline.