

## TE HUI AHUREI A TŪHOE 2011



**CONTINUOUS RAIN** didn't deter up to 15,000 people attending the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Te Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe. There were few changes to the programme and the largest number of kapa haka to date took to the stage over the 3 days of cultural competitions.

Taneatua School won the junior kapa haka ahead of Mataatua juniors and Te Wharekura o Huiarau of Ruatahuna. Ruatahuna won the senior kapa haka title with Te Karu coming second and Poneke, third. Tawera took the debating trophy. Te Karu was the winning team overall when points from sport, kapa haka and debating were totalled. And congratulations to Tuhoe ki Kawerau who placed second, and the third place getters, Tawera, for their amazing wins.

Te Kaokao o Takapau gave it their all too.

Our kaimahi were involved in a range of activities including Te Komiti Matua, the Taiohi Talent Quest; the Whānau Tent - for infants & babies who need feeding, changing & rest; 'He Rau Maharatanga' - a commemorative booklet celebrating 40-years of the Hui Ahurei; kai & seating for kuia & koroua in the kaumatua tent; rugby; children's rides; setting up and clean up of the grounds.

And the highlights?

There was a long list but the most memorable were:

- Akuira Te Moana's smoked fish
- Marama Turei whipping up 102 pies and enough lasagna to feed a hundred more
- Merepeka Simpson's apricot squares which we didn't really want to share because we wanted to eat them
- The clever kids who retrieved rubbish from the bins instead of cleaning the grounds to earn free tickets on the children's rides.

- The dumb kids who got caught doing that.
- Colleen Walters wanting to stab paper clips in her eyeballs during planning for the taiohi talent quest, then pulling together with an amazing range of talent
- Hiria Te Moana managing to do everything she had to do despite falling off a ladder and fracturing her arm.
- The mud and rain keeping the sightseers away

On a final note, over the 4 days of the festival Te Kaokao o Takapau supplied 1800 cups of tea, coffee, water and juice; served 600 individual lunches; sold 6000 tickets on the children's rides; transported 80 individual chairs, 15 mattresses, 8 high chairs, 3 forms, a chiller, a roaster and heaps of boxes, to and from the site; compiled 4000 commemorative booklets celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; published and distributed programmes, posters, information leaflets and notices; and catered to all ages of our iwi. And if we'd been more organised, we could have sold our own wet weather gear too! We may do that for the next ahurei in 2013.



**Tekaumarua Tawhai** made a few adjustments before launching into his one man show during the opening of the Hui Ahurei by the Kōhanga kids.

# TE TOIORA Ō TŪHOE

## Tūhoe Health providers will meet this month to consider how it can contribute to a health plan for Tuhoe.

In August, the Crown and Tūhoe negotiators will work out a general approach for the phased devolution of Govt services, such as health, to Tūhoe. Chief Tuhoe negotiator Tamati Kruger says it's a transfer of authority over services rather than a shared arrangement with the Crown, recognising Tūhoe's desire to separate itself from Govt delivery. "This is an opportunity to reset and redesign the landscape of Tūhoe health services," he told the working group of Tūhoe health providers at a hui last month.

It's envisaged negotiations will look at what health services can be devolved quickly and what can be achieved in the future such as hospital services. But an immediate priority for health providers is the development of a Tūhoe Wellness Plan – what is needed for the good health and wellbeing of the tribe rather than illness based services.

Tūhoe who live outside Te Rohe Pōtae ō Tūhoe will also be part of an iwi health plan. One proposal is to strike a contractual arrangement with Te Whānau o Waipareira for subsidised healthcare for Tūhoe in Auckland.

A full and final settlement between the Govt and Tūhoe is expected by July-August 2012, but the upcoming negotiations with MoH and other Govt agencies including education, justice and welfare etc, will establish a pattern of negotiation and discussion that will continue beyond that timeframe.

Tūhoe Health providers and those of Tūhoe descent working in the health sector will meet at the Tūhoe Establishment Trust offices on May 16.

**NEW FIGURES SHOW THE IMMUNISATION OF MĀORI CHILDREN** in the Eastern BOP has increased to **95%**, a remarkable feat considering our area had the lowest rates among all DHBs in NZ. Interestingly, the Pakeha rate of immunisation is now lower than that of Māori at 85%. Our kaupapa Māori nurse Wini McLean is pleased too that all the running around we've been doing to ensure kids are immunised has paid off!

## TE MATE HAREHARE

### Our favourite paediatrician Dr John Malcolm (right) will oversee a study on children's skin infections.

This includes eczema, rashes, school sores, boils, infected wounds and bites – conditions that can lead to children being hospitalised with serious illnesses such as blood poisoning and kidney damage.

John will be working with Louisa Blamires (right) a fourth year medical student from Birmingham University, and says the study will also look at early treatment of infections as well as rongoā and other home remedies.

Te Kaokao ō Takapau will play its part in the study by facilitating research among Tūhoe families, Kōhanga Reo and groups involved with rongoā Māori. This will help develop useful information such as leaflets for parents, Kōhanga kaiako and Health Providers.

It's believed child poverty is leading to a huge increase in severe skin conditions among Maori.

The incidence of skin conditions has doubled over the past two decades, with Maori children almost three times more likely than Pakeha to be affected. About 60 thousand children are being admitted to hospital every year because wounds are left to fester. The cost of transporting children to the doctor and the high cost of after hours consultation with a GP are some of the barriers affecting families.



Kia tere tonu te whāwhā harehare. Kia maumahara:

1. Horoi, whakamaroke ringaringa
2. Purua he kapu wai mahana, ½ pune paku tote ki rō ipu, ka pēhi ka horoi i ngā harehare i te tāora iti
3. Whakamarokehia ō ringaringa i te tāora mā—whiua atu te tāora māku
4. Pania ngā harehare i te rongoā mai i te tākuta
5. Tākaihia i te miro mā, i te rapa piripiri rānei
6. Horoi anō i ō ringa ka āta whakamaroke

He ora anō kei ngā rongoā ō te kāinga:

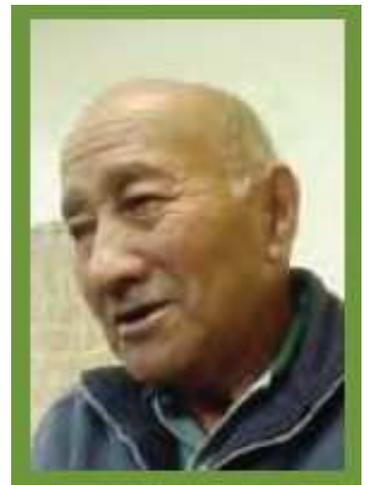
- ❖ Horoia te wāhi harehare ki te wai mahana, 1½ te taupoki o te *Janola* ki roto o taua wai.
- ❖ Purua he rau kawakawa ki rō ipu, ka putu wai wera kua korohū ki runga—pēhia ngā harehare i te wai kawakawa. Te werahanga atu te painga! Ka nui atu ngā rau, ka kaha atu te rongoā.

Tiakina tō kiri! Me kaha te whānau ki te:

- āta moe
- horoi, kaukau ia rā
- horoi ringa ka whakamaroke ka haere ana ki te wharepaku
- kai tōtika
- whakapotopoto i ngā matimati

# TE RINGA RAUPĀ O TE AHUREI

*Te Karu's whakawātea at this year's Hui Ahurei was a song dedicated to TIWI BLACK, the chairman of Te Manatū Ahurea a Tūhoe. It was memorable for three things – firstly, that this may be the first song ever composed about him; secondly, it was complimentary (!) and thirdly and most importantly, he's still alive! Tiwi featured in He Rau Maharatanga, the booklet celebrating 40 years of Te Hui Ahurei a Tūhoe Festival. Here's an extract of his story where he describes those early years and the job he says he took on because everyone else died or bugged off...*



**KAHA ANA TE NGĀKAUNUI O NGĀ TĀNGATA I TĒRĀ WĀ.** Ināiane kua kore e kaha te whakahaere he kaupapa ki raro i ērā tikanga. He nui tonu ngā mea kei te pātai he aha i tāea ai - kua i waenganui i ngā hui ā tātau - engari ētahi iwi ake kei te titiro koinei tētahi take i tino pakari rawa atu te whakatikatika ā Tūhoe i te whakahaere.

Kei te pātai mai, 'he mea pēhea nā koutou i eke ai ki tēnā taumata roa?' Nā te korehanga pea i āta hui mārikahia. I tukuna noangia atu ko ngā tamariki noa iho. Koirā te pupūhanga

ake. Karekau he tangata i kī, 'ko mea, ko mea, ko mea ngā kaiwhakahaere.' I waiho noa iho mā ngā mea e hiahia ana te whakaoti. Arā ka tūpono koirā te tino aumere i te whiwhi ā Te Tirahou me Te Ika ki te hokihoki mai ki Rotorua i te tuatahi mō ā rāua whakatūtakitahanga. Ana ko te pupūhanga ake o te mea, me hari mai ki konei ki te kāinga nei. He tino tika i pērāka noa iho i te mea karekau ana he mea nā tētahi i moemoeā me peneiki, me pērā. He mea tiki noa atu nā te mea ka romiromihia. Mōhio ana i te ekehanga ki te tekau tau, ka pānuhia te mea he hui mō te rā anō, kia paku nei te rahi ake i tētahi, i ētahi ra, nā te mea kua eke ki te tekau tau. Ka kōrero a Kupai (McGarvey) ki tana ripoata, ahakoa pērā, kei a ētahi o ā tātau taonga e mahi ana. Ko ngā mahi haki - ko te hira o Tawhirangi tērā, nā wai rā karekau pea i eke ki te tekau tau, ana, ka pupū ake ko te hira o Arihia. Kāore anō tērā ka eke ki te tekau tau, kua mahue ki te taha. Pēnā ka pēhea rā tēnā, kātahi anō tēnei ki te tekau tau kua whaia. Koirā te ripoata, ā, he nanakia, kua tae ki te tekau tau. Mihi ka roa atu.

Koirā tonu te kīhanga ake ā ētahi o ngā tamariki i tērā wā. Ka taea ai e rātau pēnā ki te tika ana. Ana, kua whā tekau tau e ngana ana, kei te haere tonu. Me te mutunga atu, taku mōhio koinei tētahi o ngā taonga ā Tūhoe i tika katoa tōna whakahaere, i eke ki ōna taumata. Kei a ētahi o ā tātau na whāwhā nei, kei te taukumekume kē tātau, kei te pakanga.

He whakahau tōna utu ki te haramai ki konei. He hua anō tō te whakataetae. He hua anō te hoki mai. Koirā noa te kitekite - ki te whakatūtakitaki, ki te whakangahau, ki te piri tahi. Koirāka pea e paitia nei tā tātau hui ahurei. Māmā noa ngā tikanga. Ka mutu he pau iho ki a tātau anahe anō. Ehara ko te Pākehā kei te haramai ki te whakatau tikanga ki a tātau, ehara ko tētahi atu. Ko tātau tonu kei te whakahaere i a tātau anō. Kāre hoki he take o te mähunga pakaru noa ki te haere ki reira. Ka mutu mōku, ētahi kē, kei te kite i te hua. Ka mātaki kē atu koe ā ētahi mokopuna e mahi mai ana. Ko āu kei te kāinga e noho māngere ana. Te mea kei te kite atu anō rā, i ētahi o āu anō kei reira, kei te āhua pei tonu anō kē te whakahōhā!

He pukumahi katoa ngā mea o te kāinga. Ko te mea kē, mā tētahi ra anō hai kī atu 'Na, mahi atu koe i tērā'. 'Ara tāu mahi, mēngia mai e koe tērā'.

A, koirā noa iho te mahi māku, he mea atu, 'Tēnā whakatikatikahia mai e koe tēnā.' Kua nei hai kī atu koirā tō take, koirā tō whakawhiu. Me whakamanamana tonu atu i te whakawhiwhi ki te mahi. Ka pai anō te kōrero ki te tangata, kotahi noa iho te tono atu kua oti i a ia tērā. Ka ākina atu ana, ka tohutohuhia atu mārika ana e koe, kua hōhāngia mai koe, kua kōroiroi!



*kia Tūhoe te āhua, kia Tūhoe te whakaāro, kia Tūhoe te wairua, kia Tūhoe te reo, kia Tūhoe ngā mahi*



Niwa Short plays Kohine Ponika in the film 'Ka Haku E'

**2** short films by Tūhoe films makers will feature at the Wairoa Maori Film Festival on Queens Birthday Weekend.

Kararaina Rangihau is showing her film *Taku Rakau E*, which depicts the story of composer Mihikitekapua. The film was one of the last works produced by the late Merata Mita.

*Ka Haku Au*, a biography of another Tūhoe composer, Kohine Whakarua Ponika, is also part of the short film programme. The film was directed by Kohine's mokopuna Ngahuia Wade,

Showings will also include the first marae screenings of *Kawa*, Katie Wolfe's adaptation of Witi Ihimaera's *Nights in the Garden of Spain*, the Rangimoana Taylor vehicle *Hook Line and Sinker*, and Temuera Morrison's new feature *Tracker*.

The festival will be held from June 3 – 6.

**NO, THIS ISN'T A STORY ABOUT PETER JACKSON'S MOB.**

But it does concern an insect whose appearance is more likely to inspire horror movies. Researchers from the Ecology Group at Massey University have been tramping around Ōwaka and Ōhinenaenae in a bid to find out more about the ecology of the tree weta. For instance, *Putaputaweta*, a tree named because of the many holes in its bark made by *Pepetuna* (Puriri moths), are inhabited by weta once the moths emerge. So researchers undertook the painstaking business of finding and counting weta in the trees, measuring the holes and comparing weta populations in other trees. The study, led by researcher Dr Priscilla Wehi PhD, will help inform the Ōhinenaenae Wetland Restoration project.



**WETA**

You may remember **CHRIS CASEY**, who worked for Te Kaokao ō Takapau as our physiotherapist. Chris looked after the sports teams at the festival and says most injuries he treated were among the netballers.

**TE ĀIOTANGA O NGĀ URUPUIA**, the Maori martial arts club, provided night security at the festival and did a great job on site. The po whakangahau went off without incident and a courtesy van was available that night. But there was some amazement at the number of adults (not kids) who tried to jump fences rather than pay...

Our young Tūhoe role models **NIKA TEMARA, HOPE PIRIHI, DYLAN TE WHETU, LACEY TUHAKA, STACEY WAAKA, TROJAHN TUNA AND BENJI MARSHALL** who featured on our posters promoting CAYAD (Community Action on Youth, Alcohol and Drugs) were well received and we'd like to thank those who stole them where ever we plastered them (seriously – it's very cool that people liked them so much that they took them).

**TE AO HOU TRUST** were in the kaumatua tent at the hui ahurei and reported heaps of people took advantage of their offer of free health checks. In fact the 514 checks carried out exceeded the 400 they were contracted to do. Te Ao Hou runs the Whānau Ora centre in Opotiki and Te Kaokao ō Takapau is one of its affiliated providers.

**NGATAI RANGIHAU** distributed 500 questionnaires which surveyed people's interest in setting up a mau rakau school for Tūhoe. The project is supported by Te Kaokao ō Takapau as part of our work promoting Physical Activity. Ngatai says he had strong interest in the idea from the kapa haka who performed at the ahurei with questionnaires being completed via email and on site at the festival.

We teamed up with a few health professionals at the hui ahurei including **SUE GULLIVER-BIRKETT**, a midwife and lactation consultant who handed out info and giveaways on breastfeeding; **TE PUNA ORA Ō MĀTAATUA** who gave advice on becoming smokefree; and the ladies promoting **KANGEN WATER**.

Pity **RUATOKI** and **TIRAHOU**, two heavyweights in Tūhoe rugby who missed out moving up in the competition. After each team drew their games, the winner was called on the toss of a coin.

The documentary **OPERATION 8** by film-makers Errol Wright and Abi King-Jones, was shown at the hui ahurei—five days after its New Zealand release. The film is a firsthand account of what occurred during the raids while exploring the political, historical and social contexts of how and why they took place. Meanwhile Te Kaokao ō Takapau staff supported a petition calling on the Solicitor-General to exercise a stay in the proceedings against the Urewera 18 who are due to face trial this month, three and a half years after their arrest in 2007. More than 150 prominent Māori, academics and social justice campaigners, say the police have wasted millions of dollars trying to justify their so called terror raids.