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2014 Festival Line Up Announced

The biennial Ngāpuhi Festival was launched announcing a programme that promises to be one of the most spectacular in its 10-year history.

The 2014 Ngāpuhi Festival incorporates one of the country's most elite art exhibitions and will include works from some of the world's most sought after artists including Peter Jemison, Lillian Pitt, Sid Dominic and Bindi Waugh.

They will combine with Ngāpuhi and Māoridom's best like Bob Jahnke, Sandy Adsett, Fred Graham and his son Brett, Darcy Nicholas, Allen Wihongi and Manos Nathan to produce an international exhibition that could rival any exhibition in the world.

The festival is hosted by Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi and chairman, Rāniera (Sonny) Tau, said the 2014 Ngāpuhi Festival will be the biggest and best ever.

"We are literally, bringing the world to our doorsteps with some of the most recognised faces in the indigenous art community exhibiting at the 2014 Ngāpuhi Festival," he said.

The Ngāpuhi Festival will showcase Ngāpuhi culture, arts, history and entertainment.

The entertainment line up is the cream of Māori performing artists including the Honour Matariki group (Maisey Rika, Ria Hall, Whirimako Black and Betty-Ann Monga), Paua, Soljah, 1814 and Sons of Zion whose album Universal Love currently sits in the top 20 New Zealand albums on the NZ Music Charts.

Said Mr Tau, "We aim for the best and our people expect the best. Nothing less, and we've been fortunate that our sponsors recognise this and have committed to long-term partnerships to celebrate an event that grows from strength to strength."

The 2014 Ngāpuhi Festival runs from 25-26 January at Northland College, Mangakāhia Rd, Kaikohe.

It is a free, whānau-oriented event with free rides and activities for the children, a kapa haka super 12 competition, talent quest, wananga forums on Ngāpuhi culture and tikanga, over 100 stalls and a mass haka on the last night to close.

"With over 40,000 people coming to the Ngāpuhi Festival there's wide ranging benefits for everyone," he said.



Tautoro Celebrates its Fynest Loser



Promoting healthy lifestyles, physical and mental well-being for the whānau in Ngāti Moerewa and Ngāti Rangī is the kaupapa for Tautoro's 2013 Fynest Loser programme. "It was developed in response to the community's concerns about whānau who are struggling," said co-ordinator Sarah Matene.

Mahuhukiterangi Marae hosted Tautoro's Fynest Loser. Programme administrator Raechel Kopa said the marae supports the development of their hapū and are proactive in helping whānau grow and succeed.

"Our main focus is changing our thinking around eating and lifestyle rather than just pure weight loss. We are concerned with connecting people with free sustainable exercise in the community - as a lot of participants are on low incomes and can't afford the gym," said Sarah.

The sixteen-week programme included two-weekly Zumba workouts. "It was mean. We are so thankful for Jean Cook our local qualified instructor."

Sarah said the some of the highlights of the programme were the pamper nights, the awesome guest speakers and the Tautoro Whānau Ora Day on November 9. "It celebrated the health accomplishments achieved by whānau."

Tautoro's Fynest Loser and Mahuhukiterangi Marae thanked the Runanga for the supporting the whānau on their journey to good health.

TRAION Sponsors Kapotai Kaihoe

Ngā mihi atu o te waa ki a koe me te wehi atu ki a Ihoa kia tau ai wāna manaakitanga ki runga i a matou i nga waa katoa. Hoki atu ngā mahara ki te tini me te mano kua wehe atu haere atu ra, moe mai ra. Kaati.

“Ngā Kaihoe o Te Kapotai have been in existence for about 20 months, during which we have been able to involve a large proportion of our hapū in an activity that has helped the whole whānau of Waikare,” said Chair Vanessa Reti.

Treasurer Charmaine George said although they are from an isolated rural area, living next to the moana gives them the greatest opportunity to engage their taitamariki and their parents.

The roopū have been training since June for the Hui-ā-Waka event held in Rotorua last month.

Tamariki from neighbouring hapū, Patukeha and Ngāti Kuta have also joined Ngā Kaihoe o te Kapotai through their involvement with Waikare School.

“The 6 adults and 21 taitamariki kaihoe team completed a swimming proficiency assessment and gained water life saving skills. We believe safety is paramount in this kaupapa,” said kaihoe Cheryl Meek.

Vanessa said that interest originally began within a wider Ngāpuhi kaihoe group but as it raised such a high level of cooperation within their immediate rohe the whānau took a direct responsibility in how they organised themselves across the wider kaupapa.

Ngā Kaihoe o Te Kapotai has participated in events like the arrival of Ngatokimatawhaorua to Waikare and the opening of Te Matau o Pohe Bridge in Whangarei.

“The tautoko we received from the Rūnanga to attend Hui-ā-Waka is very much appreciated by Ngā Kaihoe o Te Kapotai. It was a chance for us to demonstrate the skills and knowledge that we had gained,” said Cheryl. Ngā mihi aroha.



Rūnanga Books Shows Assets Up By 15%

It has been another successful year for Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi chairman, Rāniera (Sonny) Tau, said at the organisation's annual general meeting in Waimamaku in October, with the annual results showing a 15.46% growth in assets over the past year.

He said this was an excellent result, considering Ngāpuhi have not yet had a Treaty settlement and the weak Northland economy.

Among the highlights for Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi group in the 2012-2013 year were:

- \$6.7million total comprehensive income (net profit) - up \$.7million on the previous year;
- Growth in the group's assets from \$43million to \$50million.

Mr Tau said making up the total comprehensive profit figure was \$2.8million which was reimbursement from the Government for Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi's financial under-writing of Te Rōpu o Tūhoronuku, the entity mandated by Ngāpuhi for settling all Te Tiriti o Waitangi grievances and breaches by the Crown against Ngāpuhi.

He said this had been a critical investment in Ngāpuhi's future, with Ngāpuhi overwhelmingly giving their mandate to Te Rōpu o Tūhoronuku. The five-year Ngāpuhi settlement journey was now gaining momentum, with the Government stating it hoped to have settlement negotiations concluded before the end of 2014.

"Settlement will mean a new era for Ngāpuhi, bringing social, cultural and economic advancement, as well as the potential to transform the Northland economy, just as the Ngai Tahu and Tainui settlements have done for

their people and regions."

Ngāpuhi Asset Holdings Company has five property investments, the Kaikohe Caltex Service Station complex, Kaikohe Paper Plus as well as three units in the Butler Centre, Kerikeri.

When pushed on the question of whether Ngāpuhi was looking at investing in locations other than Kaikohe, Mr. Tau stated that "Ngāpuhi are now firmly established in Te Pu o te Wheke (the centre of Ngāpuhi) and investment in other areas is critical."

Mr Tau said the Caltex Service Station was performing well, while the global trend to online book sales was affecting the profitability of the Paper Plus store at this time.

He said the most important aspect of the good result was the increased ability of Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngāpuhi to invest in Hapu and iwi development, cultural events, scholarships and sponsorships.

"In the last financial year we invested \$400,000 by direct investment plus indirect investment in staff for iwi development, with more than \$3.3m invested over the past decade. With this year's good result, and with settlement on the horizon, we are looking at far greater investment in our people, our marae and our social and cultural organisations in the near future. From these excellent results we are well placed to manage Ngāpuhi Assets into the future."

Mr Tau said Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngāpuhi independent auditors had given the group an unqualified audit report, for the 13th consecutive year.



TRAION Chair Sony Tau presents his report at the AGM.



TRAION Chief Executive George Riley (with the glasses) enjoys a laugh.

Goulter Steps Down at AGM



New NAHC chair Leigh Auton.

Leigh Auton is the new Chair of the Ngāpuhi Asset Holding Company (NAHC). He replaces Sir John Goulter who announced his retirement at this year's AGM. Sir John has been chair of the subsidiary since 2007. "Ngāpuhi Asset Holding Company is the commercial arm of Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi and is charged with the responsibility of growing

its asset base," said Mr Auton.

Mr Auton has served on the board for five years. He is also a Director of Auckland Council Property Ltd and chairs mental health service provider Recovery Solutions Group and subsidiaries. He also consults on local government issues.

Mr Auton was formerly the Chief Executive of Manukau and Tauranga City Councils.

"I am looking forward to working within Ngāpuhi in my new role as chair of NAHC," said Mr Auton. In the next couple of years we will see some consolidation.

"Moving forward it is important that we continue to grow the asset base."

Leigh acknowledged Sir John's contributions to NAHC.

"He provided strong leadership to the board."

Sir John will remain as Chair of Ngāpuhi's joint venture fishing company.

Mr Auton has lived in Counties Manukau for 30 years but he spent his early childhood in Mangamuka Bridge, Tai Tokerau and has Ngāpuhi whakapapa.

He holds a Master of Arts (Hons) in Geography and a Master of Town Planning (Hons) degree.

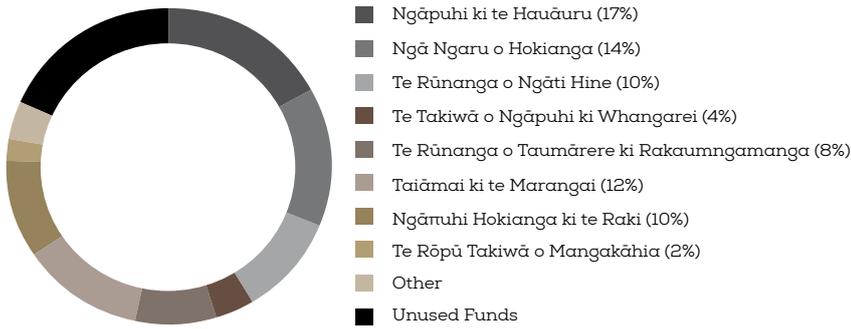


Former NAHC chair Sir John Goulter delivers his last report to Ngāpuhi.

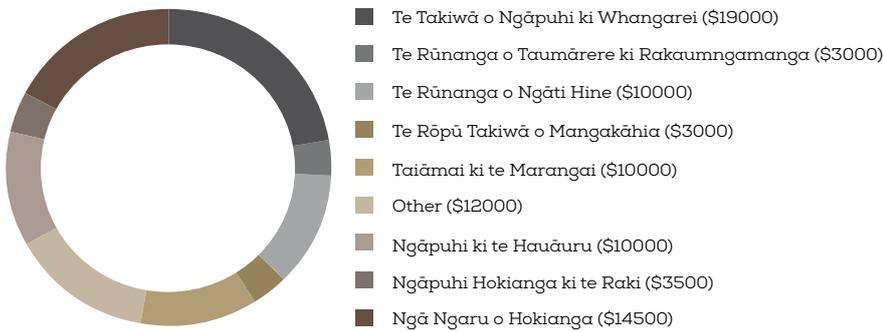
Mr Auton has the capability of developing strategy and translating it into action through business processes. He said that it is important to him that the board has an active relationship with the Rūnanga and that the company strives to translate the mission statement and vision into commercial activity.

"Working on a shared strategy, growing value and managing activities are critical for me," said Mr Auton.

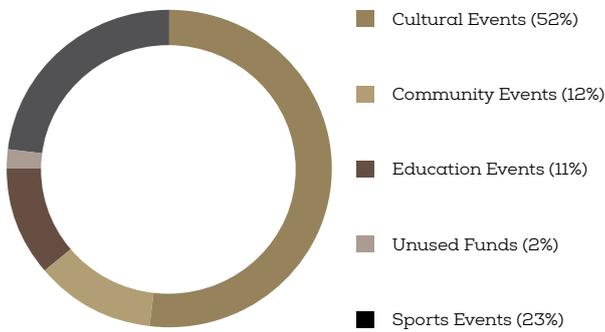
Discretionary Funding 2012-13



2013 Scholarship Disbursement by Takiwa (funds for Distribution \$85000)



Sponsorship Funding 2012-13 (Funds for Distribution \$25000)



Formalities begin at this year's AGM.

Iwi Development Funding 2012-13

Figure 1: 2013 Hapū Funding distribution by Tākiwa

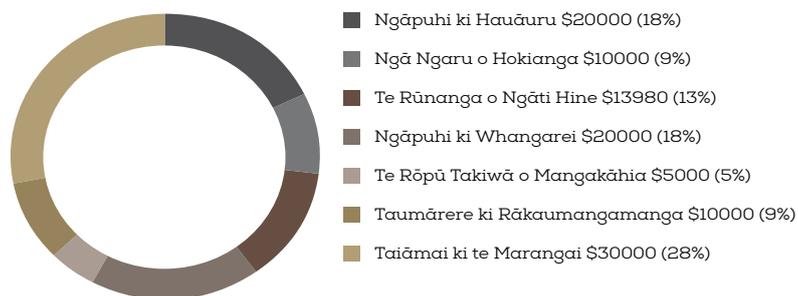


Figure 2: 2013 Hapū funding distribution by HD/NRM/Mātauranga

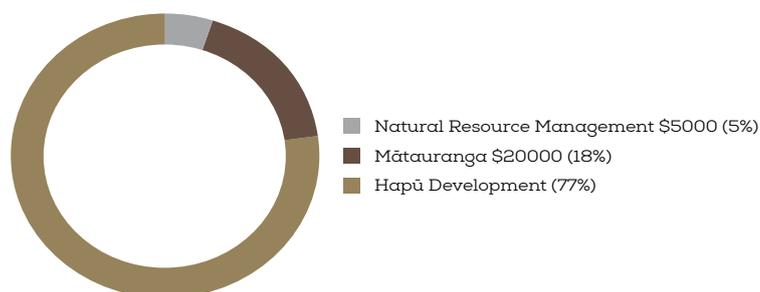


Figure 2: 2013 Hapū funding distribution by category



Questions are posed at the annual meeting.

Poroporoaki ki a Denis Hansen QSM



Hūtia te rito o te harakeke

Kei hea te kōmako e kō?

Whakataerangitia

Rere ki uta

Rere ki tai

Māu e ui mai,

'He aha te mea nui o te ao?'

Māku e kī atu,

'He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!'

E te tama a Kahutianui, a Ngāpuhi nui tonu, Denis, takoto, takoto, e moe. Auē, taukuri e!

E kore mātou e rongō anō i tō reo orooro! E kore mātou e rongō i te whiu o tō kohete mo te mahi kūware! E te rangatira, e te pakeke, ka noho mokemoke mātou i a koe e ngaro atu nei. Ka nui te tangi ki a koe, me te aroha ki tō whānau e mamae ana.

E te Whānau o Waipareira, e ngā iwi o Waitakere: kua hinga tō koutou toka tū moana, kua ngaro tō koutou whakaruruhau, kua kati te ringa āwhina, kua pani koutou katoa. Ko koutou e tangi ana, ko tātou katoa.

Ko ngā mahi a Denis, e pā ana ki ngā kaupapa nunui o te ao Māori, ēngari e tika ana tana kōrero mōna anō: "he tangata mo ngā whānau rawakore, taimaha, mamae, pōuri, e tūroro ana". E te Pāpā, e te rangatira, haere, haere, haere ki te Pō!

The Māori Party is shattered to hear of the sudden death of Denis Hansen.

Tāmaki Makaurau MP Dr Pita Sharples said "Denis has been a towering figure in the lives of Māori in West Auckland, the wider region and in te ao Māori, as an indomitable champion of the alienated, the dispossessed, and those in distress.

"He was awarded a QSM in 2010 for outstanding service to Māori and the community, and it is testament to the love and support he earned from his communities and organisations that 1500 people attended his 80th birthday party just a few months ago."

Denis was born in Kaitaia of Ngāti Kahu and Ngāpuhi descent. He was a Māori All Black and a New Zealand Māori Rugby League rep, and served in the NZ Army in

Korea and Japan, before spending most of his adult life in West Auckland as a leader of the post-war "urban migration". As a Department of Māori Affairs Community Officer he helped families with housing, adoption, education, restorative justice and victim support.

Co-leader Tariana Turia said that Denis's experience and commitment to community led to many leadership roles, as Chair of Te Whānau o Waipareira Trust, Chair of NZ Māori Rugby, kaumātua for the National Māori Urban Authority, Police, Corrections and the Auckland DHB.

"He was always there for those in need, at the Rangatahi Court, at Parole hearings, Whānau Court hearings and the Waitakere District Court. He saw himself as a servant of those in need. Every time I saw him at his office in Māori Affairs he was feeding the rangatahi. He did not ever wait for the government to act, he himself cared for others and he took his responsibility seriously," she said. Co-leader Te Ururoa Flavell said everyone who met Denis was struck by his direct manner and powerful personality.

"My first encounters were at Auckland University, where Māori gathered around him and he looked after us young students. We loved his easy-going manner and his infectious humour. But Denis spoke his mind, and you were never in doubt what he thought. You might disagree – he loved a debate – but he could certainly back up his opinions. That made him an awesome advocate for people confronting injustice."

Pita Sharples says Denis Hansen will leave a huge gap in the leadership of Māori groups in West Auckland, and whoever steps up will have to fill some very big shoes. "Denis represented the first wave of urban migrants, and his experience of the hard times of the 60s and 70s made him clear about the issues and strong in support of the people. In his work and among the community, he addressed all the issues that the people faced, he fought hard for Māori, and the people loved him for it. Denis will be sorely missed, most of all by his family, and our thoughts go out to them."

Denis was also a member of Tūhoronuku, representing the West Auckland rōhe.

Marae Development Fund Launched

Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi has launched a new pilot fund to assist marae to upgrade the physical structures and immediate capital works of their marae.

The Major Marae Project Assistance Fund is worth \$20,000 per application with four applicants approved in two funding rounds during each financial year.

Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi Chair Sonny Tau said the new fund supported Ngāpuhi marae to overcome funding shortfalls.

“Marae are the centre of our Ngāpuhi communities,” he said. “They serve many purposes when addressing our cultural obligations to our whānau, hapū and iwi and by and large are often providing the platform for wider discussion on all manner of issues important to Ngāpuhi.”

Major marae capital works projects have become hamstrung or drawn out due to funding shortages and Sonny said the Major Marae Project Assistance Fund will help to reduce the time marae are either out of operation or not fully functional.

“This new fund is the Rūnanga saying we hear our people and we’re stretching to meet their needs,” said Sonny.

“The Rūnanga has enjoyed another successful year balancing the books and coming out on top and it gives us the ability to share some of that wealth with our people through initiatives like this.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Major Marae Project Assistance Fund is an addition to the Hapū Development Fund. Hapū Development planning grants and minor capital works grants of up to \$5,000 will continue to be distributed five times annually
- There will be two funding rounds per financial year for the Major Marae Project Assistance Fund: December 2013 and May 2014
- Each funding round for the Major Marae Project Assistance Fund will approve up to four applications per round worth up to \$20,000 each
- The new fund is a pilot project to see how it assists marae in the future.

Water Ready for Te Tii

Ngāti Rehia Wai Trust is preparing to move to the next phase of their drinking water project for Te Tii.

“Work is finished on the water treatment plant,” said Ngāti Rehia Wai Trustee Te Huranga Hohaia. Connecting the villagers houses to the new water supply is the next stage.”

The trust was established four years ago to meet the criteria of the Ministry of Health’s drinking water assistance programme.

When *Pono Marika* last spoke with the Ngāti Rehia Wai Trust they had started drilling to source an aquifer for the Te Tii village.

Eighteen months on the trust is finalising their preliminary report to the Ministry.

“It has been a steep learning curve for us but the health gains for our people makes it worthwhile,” said Te Huranga.

He said it is gratifying knowing that the people of the Te Tii village have access to clean drinking water and that they can give their manuhiri at the marae, water of the highest quality. “This is what the project really means to me.”

“The priority for us now is to find assistance for our people to hook their homes up to the water supply. We are considering what options are available to them.”



Ngāti Rehia Wai Board Trustees Te Huranga Hohaia (left) and Tom Brown

