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## Crown confirms Ngāpuhi Mandate

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# Thousands Flock to Ngāpuhi Festival



Thousands flocked to Kaikohe for the sixth biennial Ngāpuhi Festival.

Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi chair, Sonny Tau, said 46,000 people made their way to the two-day event that, despite some drizzle on the second day, was hugely successful.

He said the festival theme recognised Ngāpuhi's place in the global economy.

"The Ngāpuhi Festival is all about Ngāpuhi reaching out to the world. Many have flocked to the festival to support Ngāpuhi, but to also see what Ngāpuhi is all about."

Mr Tau believes it's a time to put political agendas aside so that the entire tribe can come together as one.

"The festival is about leaving politics behind, and letting Ngāpuhi be happy with one another. In due time, those discussions will come to the fore."

The two-day event boasted stage performances featuring some of the biggest names in entertainment including Sons of Zion and the Honour Matariki Collaboration featuring Maisey Rika, Whirimako Black, Ria Hall and Betty-Ann Monga.

The centrepiece of the festival is Toi Ngāpuhi, the art exhibition. The exhibition featured art and design from the 140 artists across many disciplines: paint, clay, fibre, carving, sculpture, glass, print, ta moko, photography, jewellery and adornments. All of the work will be for sale.

Said Mr Tau: "Toi Ngāpuhi is truly the flagship of the biennial Ngāpuhi Festival.

"This exhibition now has an international standing, and has been acclaimed by critics, to such an extent that we now attract most of the biggest names in Te Ao Māori art circles.

"Toi Ngāpuhi is a way for Ngāpuhi and Iwi Māori artists to show off their traditional artistry and originality at an important exhibition, as well as an opportunity for visitors to experience the very best of the Māori and indigenous creative scene in one spot.

"In presenting Toi Ngāpuhi, it is our dream that we expand our understanding of the artistic world through the lens of Ngāpuhi."

# Ngāpuhi Fighter Goes to the Worlds



Fighting on the international stage will make her a better fighter, says kickboxer Janna Vaughan.

Janna went to the second World Combat Games in St Petersburg, Russia, in October thanks to some funding support she received from Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi.

The Te Kapotai lass was one of the three fighters being sent to the tournament to represent New Zealand. Nearly 1400 athletes from 62 countries participated.

"The Sport Accord Combat World Games will better me as a fighter, and also as a trainer," said Janna.

Sue Latta, Chairperson of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur said they are proud to have Janna representing Oceania and female Muaythai.

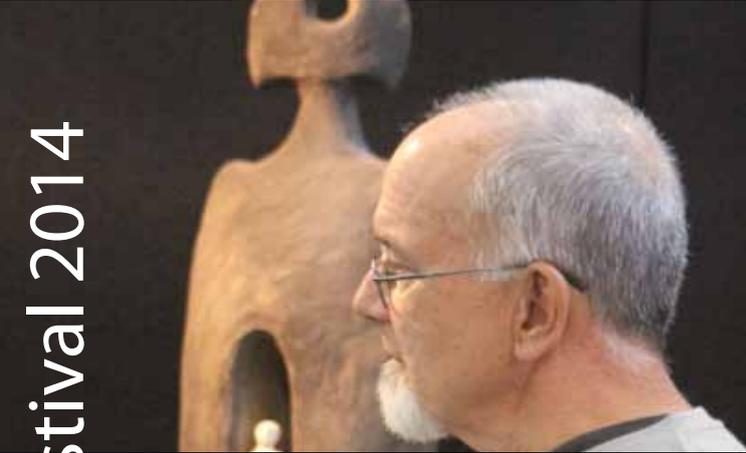
The competition is a level above the world championships and a stepping-stone into the Olympics said Janna.

"This is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity to compete at the highest level of my sport."

From competing and development to promoting the sport within New Zealand and world wide, Janna has been involved in Muaythai Kickboxing for 13 years.

"I feel that this event is important not only to better myself in my sporting career but also to show that even though you are from a small country and a small town you can still accomplish big dreams and great feats," she said.

Janna thanked the Rūnanga for the discretionary funding she received.



Ngāpuhi Festival 2014





## A New Era Begins for Ngāpuhi - Crown Recognises Tūhoronuku

A new era of economic prosperity and social and cultural advancement begins today for New Zealand's biggest Iwi, Ngāpuhi, and the Northland region.

One in five Maori proudly call themselves Ngāpuhi.

The Government has officially recognised the Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku mandate to represent all Ngāpuhi in Treaty settlement negotiations.

Ngāpuhi settlement negotiations are expected to begin in early to mid-2014, with the Government wanting the process completed by year end.

The Ngāpuhi settlement will be the biggest, and will include significant cultural, commercial and financial redress.

This will be the last big Treaty settlement, and its conclusion will mean up to 80 percent of Māori will have settled and Aotearoa will be entering a post-settlement environment.

The Ngāpuhi settlement has the potential to transform Northland by creating:

- a powerhouse of economic development for Ngāpuhi
- urgently needed jobs and housing
- improved health and education opportunities
- cultural rejuvenation and advancement
- opportunities for Ngāpuhi hapū to reclaim taonga and sites of significance

In 2011, Ngāpuhi overwhelmingly gave their mandate to Te Rōpū o Tūhoronuku ("Tūhoronuku") to represent them in negotiations with the Crown on settlement of all historic Crown breaches and grievances against Ngāpuhi and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Of those who voted, 76.4% gave their mandate.

Since then – following consultation with Ngāpuhi, hapū and the Government - the Tūhoronuku structure has been strengthened and increased, to give hapū a majority voice (15 of the 22 representative trustees) and has included regional representation within the model.

In their official recognition of the Tūhoronuku mandate to represent all Ngāpuhi in Treaty settlement negotiations, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Hon Christopher Finlayson and the Minister of Māori Affairs, Hon Dr Pita Sharples said:

"The Crown has agreed to recognise the mandate of Tuhoronuku to be the mandated entity for Ngapuhi and to elect negotiators who will negotiate a settlement of the iwi's historical Treaty grievances with the Crown.

"Ngāpuhi has been going through a lengthy and robust mandating process since 2009, the longest and largest in the settlement process to date. 76% of those who participated in the ballot were strongly in favour of granting mandate to negotiate with Tūhoronuku.

"...Tūhoronuku has agreed, as a result of the submissions process to take additional measures to enhance hapū participation in the negotiation process."

It is time for Ngāpuhi to move forward as an Iwi, determine our own future, build a strong economic base and take our rightful place as a powerhouse, influential in the development of our nation.

The Ngāpuhi Treaty settlement will strengthen New Zealand's largest and poorest Iwi, and help transform the struggling Northland economy.

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This will be a significant development not only for Ngāpuhi, but for Northland and the whole of Aotearoa. Once we have settlement of Crown breaches and grievances against Ngāpuhi and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, it will mean the majority of the Māori Iwi population are settled – with Tainui, Ngai Tahu, Ngāti Porou and Tuhoe going before us.

Aotearoa, New Zealand will then be advancing into a post-settlement environment, with Iwi developing their tribal economic base, having real political and commercial clout, so we can create jobs, tackle poverty and strengthen our people in the areas of housing, health and education.

Most importantly, we will be able to advance our Ngāpuhitanga - our reo, our tikanga and restore our marae that are falling into disrepair.

For Ngāpuhi - as the first to sign Te Tiriti o Waitangi and destined to be the last big settlement - we cannot in all conscience delay the settlement another day, let alone another year or even ten years.

When we have the Prime Minister coming into Ngāpuhi and saying he sees “poverty beyond belief” in parts of Northland – as he did in June last year – it is incumbent on every Ngāpuhi leader to advance settlement without delay.

We encourage all Ngāpuhi to unite and stand firm behind Tūhoronuku as it fights the Crown for the best possible settlement. This settlement will drive our tribal growth and development into the future ... for our mokopuna, and generations of Ngāpuhi to come after that.

You only have to look at the commercial and cultural successes the Ngai Tahu and Tainui settlements have generated to know that this too can happen for Ngāpuhi, which is in fact significantly larger than these Iwi. Therefore we will be looking to an even bigger settlement quantum.

In September 2011, Ngāpuhi overwhelmingly - 76.4% of those who voted - gave their mandate to Tūhoronuku.

Since then, Tūhoronuku have worked hard to strengthen the Deed of Mandate, increasing hapū participation.

The process has been a rigorous one, and we are confident the amendments enhance and strengthen the mandate Ngāpuhi conferred upon Tūhoronuku.

On 8 April 2013, the Hon. Christopher Finlayson, Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations said: “The people of Ngāpuhi have been extensively consulted on the proposed Tūhoronuku mandate and have voted on it. The vote indicated a significant level of support for the Tūhoronuku Deed of Mandate.”

For those claimants who had concerns, the Government has long signalled it was open to entering into Ngāpuhi settlement negotiations alongside Ngāpuhi Tribunal claimant hearings.

Having claims heard by the Waitangi Tribunal has always been supported by Tūhoronuku – this position hasn’t changed.

Also, we reiterate that the number of representatives on Tūhoronuku has been increased from 15 to 22, with hapū representatives forming the majority membership.

Much will have been done in preparation for the Tribunal hearings, but more mahi is needed. Our taonga – places, mountains, rivers, lakes and oceans – and our relationship with them are what shape us as Ngāpuhi - they are the foundations on which we will build the future of our Ngāpuhi nation.

This is the most important moment in the modern day history of our people. It is the dawning of a new era for Ngāpuhi.

We encourage all Ngāpuhi to be part of this historic journey.

Ki a tutuki ai te moemoea o Ngāpuhi-nui-tonu, “ki a tū tika ai Te Whare Tapu o Ngāpuhi.”

That the aspirations of Ngāpuhi are met, “that the house of Ngāpuhi stands firm.”

