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Ngāpuhi Festival 2012 - Bring It!



Toi Ngāpuhi.

The 2012 Ngāpuhi Festival is set to attract nearly 40,000 people to the Far North town of Kaikohe when it kicks off on January 28.

Organisers have been working furiously for the past six months putting together a programme that features a couple of new initiatives, including:

- Toi Ngāpuhi - an international class arts exhibition curated by Colleen Ulrich, a senior practitioner who is highly regarded in the arts community;
- A Hākari Atamira - traditionally, a display or platform to display goods.

Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi Chief Executive George Riley said the biannual festival is the largest event on the Northland events calendar.

“The Ngāpuhi Festival generates good economic returns for the Kaikohe-Mid North region not only for our local businesses, but our hapū, whānau and marae too,” he said.

Mr Riley said it is also a homecoming for Ngāpuhi who come from near and afar to join in the festival’s celebrations.

“This festival has gone from strength to strength as our people come together with the wider community to celebrate Ngāpuhitanga - the essence of what is to be from the

largest tribe in the country.

“People make a huge effort to return to their ahi kaa, the heartland of Ngāpuhi, and every two years we plan to put on an event that will keep them returning so we can showcase what’s going on here.”

This year’s festival is also making a conscious effort to accommodate and support local talent through its programme.

“Bring it! It’s going to be fantastic,” said Mr Riley.



Hākari Atamira.





The Governor-General arrives at Otiria Marae. He is flanked by Lewis Moeau.

New Governor-General Makes Ngāpuhi First Stop

When the new Governor-General, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, was introduced as the Queen's new representative, he received a number of invitations from marae around the country.

The first visit was to his home marae in Tuwharetoa. Following that he decided the next marae he would visit would be Ngāpuhi.

"I did so for a number of reasons," he said. "The peoples of Te Tai Tokerau and particularly Ngāpuhi played a prominent role during the earliest contact with pākehā, with the Bay of Islands at the centre of trade and commerce with the rest of the world.

"Ngāpuhi allowed the first Christian mission to be established on their land and were also at the forefront of political developments with the rest of the world."

The Governor General said many wrongs were committed by the Crown that resulted in land confiscations and economic, social and cultural hardship.

"And this needs to be addressed, especially in this rohe."

He said the Waitangi Tribunal process and the direct negotiations with the Crown aimed to achieve genuine truth and reconciliation to resolve Treaty grievances.

"It is a process that holds the promise of healing the past and building a new future for you, your tamariki and mokopuna. It is that notion that I put before you today and wish you all the best with your deliberations," said Sir Jerry Mateparae.

The Governor General was at Otiria Marae at the invitation of the Māori Women's Welfare League.



The Governor-General Lt Gen Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae (right).

Hone Wins Te Tai Tokerau

Hone made it four in-a-row winning the Te Tai Tokerau seat he first won in 2005 by 800-plus votes on the night. He had an uphill battle trying to stretch himself as both an electoral contender as well as the leader of the newly formed Mana Party - an inevitable task that also stretches the resources, but he came good. While Mana didn't gain enough party votes to get another MP into Parliament, Hone's promising he'll maintain his no compromise politics in order to give the party a lift come 2014.

Is this the end of Labour's Kelvin Davis? A first term MP elected to Parliament on Labour's list in 2008, he lacked the support of the party machinery that got him so close at the June by-election and as a result was also a victim of Labour's poor showing in this election. Time will tell if it's the end for him, but with another strong showing and managing to maintain Labour's strong party vote in Te Tai Tokerau, it's hard to imagine not seeing Kelvin Davis' name being touted again in 2014.

What the future will hold for another of the Te Tai Tokerau contenders, the Māori Party's Waihoroi Shortland, remains to be seen. It's hard to imagine that at No. 1 on the party list he didn't make it to Parliament, but the affable political aspirant was the victim of his party's unfortunate showing in the party vote stakes, with the Māori Party losing nearly half its vote in 2011. Wassie will be part of the party's rebuilding plans, albeit simply by virtue of his high list placing.



Te Tai Tokerau Election Results 2011

- Hone Harawira, Mana, 8,121 (4,844)
- Kelvin Davis, Labour, 6,956 (6,855)
- Waihoroi Shortland, Māori, 3,114 (2,208)

June By-Election Result 2011 - Hone won by 1,117 votes from Kelvin Davis

Te Tai Tokerau Election Result 2008 - Hone won by 6,308 votes from Kelvin Davis

School Protests Plans to Cut Seniors



The organisers of protest action against plans to cut Moerewa School’s request to become a composite year 1-13 school vow their actions will continue.

The group has orchestrated the campaign because Education Minister Anne Tolley has directed the school to close its successful senior secondary school class.

Moerewa School has a satellite campus arrangement with Kia Aroha School in Auckland. What that means is the school’s senior students can attend classes in Moerewa but the pupils are taught via the internet by a teacher based in Auckland.

The concept is not new. The Education Ministry’s website said there are 28 schools nationally offering the satellite teaching option for specialised teaching and services.

Moerewa School principal Keri Milne-Ihimaera said it has the results to prove its success.

“The feeling from the community was clear - they want us to keep this programme going,” she said. “We intend to listen to the wishes of our community.”

The group has set up a Facebook page - Save the Senior Class at Moerewa School - as well as mounting an active media campaign and painting placards and banners that were temporarily mounted near the school’s road frontage.

Ms Milne-Ihimaera said the school’s most recent ERO review (2009) commented on the success of the

secondary programme.

“We can believe the Ministry would want us to stop our programme when it is achieving better results than most schools nationally. It makes a mockery of the Ministry’s commitment to delivering better outcomes for Māori students,” said Ms Milne-Ihimaera.

Moerewa School is a decile one year 1-10 mainstream school and has been offering year 11-13 classes for the past three years.

Cutting the year 11-13 classes would affect 27 students.

The group’s action also caused a minor stir with the new Governor-General when he paid his first visit to the North mid October. His entourage made a hasty retreat on their way to Otiria Marae for the official visit when it appeared a conflict was apparent.

After some quick intervention by Te Tai Tokerau MP Hone Harawira, the Governor-General continued past the school noting the group’s action in his address on Otiria Marae later.

The interim NCEA pass rates for the Moerewa Year 11-13 classes are compared against a local school and the national statistical rates for Māori and non-Māori in the table below:

Moerewa School	Local College		National Statistics	
Year 11 - Level 1 - 93%	Maori - 54.8%	non-Māori - 92.3%	Māori - 60.9%	non-Māori - 82.9%
Year 12 - Level 2 - 83%	Māori - 65.9%	non-Māori - 100%	Māori - 70.2%	non-Māori - 85.7%
Year 13 - Level 3 - 100%	Māori - 30.8%	non-Māori - 100%	Māori - 62.3%	non-Māori - 82.9%
Year 13 - University Entrance 100%	Māori - 16.7%	non-Māori - 100%	Māori - 47.7%	non-Māori - 72.7%

Me Aro Koe ki te Ha o Hineahuone – Pay Heed to the Dignity of Women (The Hine Purotu Programme)



The Hine Purotu programme run recently at Otiria Marae by Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS) Social Workers in Schools gave 20 kotiro the opportunity to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem by promoting wellness in their wairua, tinana, hinengaro and whānau. Whānau were invited to the po whakangāhau to celebrate the achievements, learning and talents of their young girls. They were also encouraged to continue inspiring their kotiro onwards in their Hine Purotu journey.

Ngāpuhi Represents at 2011 Māori Sports Awards

Ngāpuhi was well represented in the winner's circle at this year's annual awards in Auckland early December. Ngāpuhi winners were announced in five of the 14 categories, with the overall winner going to All Black Piri Weepu. Here we celebrate their achievements.



World woodchopping champ Jason Wynyard and wife Karmyn were Māori Sports Team of the year for their success in the Jack n Jill event. Jason was also a winner in the Māori World Champion Awards category. Jason has been chopping since he was six and turned professional in 1996. The following year he broke the world record and won the 375mm standing World Championship at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. He and Karmyn have three children. *This is an earlier photo of the couple.*



Basketballer Reuben Te Rangi has consistently been part of Basketball New Zealand's junior programmes. Earlier this year he helped the New Zealand team to victory over Bulgaria in the final of the inaugural FIBA 3x3 Youth World Championships played in Italy. His success was recognised when he won the Māori World Champions in Teams Awards at the recent Māori Sports Awards. Reuben was last year's Junior Māori Sportsman.



BMX rider Trent Woodcock Takurua (above right) is this year's Junior Māori Sportsman. Trent got involved with the sport because his dad wouldn't let him race Moto X and there was a BMX track not far from where he lives. He lists pig hunting among the things he likes to do outside BMX and one day would like to meet Willy Apiata. Trent has won 13 national titles and was a world champ in 2005.



Tae Kwon Do teacher Luke Thompson (pictured left) was a member of the Senior Mens team at this year's ITF Tae Kwon Do World Championships in Wellington that was named the best overall team at the tournament.

Luke also did his part for the team placing first in the Senior Male Power Breaking category at the champs. He started training in 1994 under Brownie Kingi in Waiuku and a year later the club was affiliated to the ITFNZ.

His first international event was the world championships in Italy in 2001 and though he didn't place, it was an eye opener for the future. Four years later he won a silver in the individual Power Breaking and a bronze in the team Power Breaking at the world champs in Germany.

Since then he's got on to take golds in other events like the Pre Arranged Sparring as well as the Power Breaking.

Herbert Maori Slade, who fought John L Sullivan for the world heavyweight championship in Madison Square in 1883, was admitted to the Māori Sports Hall of Fame.

By the River Jordan

Jaron Redfearn's parents couldn't wait for him to reach Year 10. It's then that students have an opportunity to go to Israel as part of their curriculum.

Jaron, 15, goes to Elim Christian College in East Auckland. Last year he went on the Year 10 trip to Israel.

His father Rob was adopted by the Redfearn whānau when he was little, but is a Rewha by birth from Rawhiti. His mum Jacqui is a Pairama from the Hokianga.

Both Rob and Jacqui were excited when the opportunity came along for Jaron to go to Israel and put in a lot of time and effort fundraising and looking for support from organisations like Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi to get their boy there.

"Growing up in Christian homes you live and breathe the stories of Jesus, the Apostles and Paul etc and their journeys in, around and throughout the Middle East that to be able to go there and see and touch those places in person is something we've always dreamt but never been able to," said Rob.

"That Jaron was able to do that with the help we got from the Rūnanga was a blessing and we appreciate every cent."

Jaron said there were many highlights, from fishing in The Red Sea to his baptism in the River Jordan.

Eighteen people, 14 of them students, went on the trip. The group flew from Auckland to Korea, spending a day shopping and taking in the sights including the King's Palace, before flying into Israel's capital, Tel Aviv.

The first night was spent in Haifa, just North of the capital, before moving on to Jaffa and visiting places like the Templar Temples of Acre and the Caesarea Amphitheatre. Other sites visited included Hippodrome and visiting Lebanon.

He said it will be an experience he'll remember for a lifetime.

"We need and want for lots of things, but God directs our steps, and who knows what He had in mind when He made the way for me to go to Israel. Time will tell," said Jaron.

Jaron received funding from Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi through the Discretionary Fund, a one off application where a child/adult represents their region in a successful event or participates in a special event.

Jaron Redfearn was a recipient of Discretionary Funding, one of the funding streams available from Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi. Details on how to apply are available on our website www.ngapuhi.iwi.nz



Jaron (far right) with (from left to right) dad Rob, mum Jacqui and brother Connor.

Schools and Parents Witness Changes

Nine schools (approximately 130 students) from Hokianga to the Bay of Islands took part in the Student Leadership Conference organised by Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS), and student leaders from Karetu Primary School and Bay of Islands College. Held in Moerewa, the conference provided an opportunity for pupils to interact, engage and learn about pathways to growth, skills to negotiate the world, a positive sense of the future, how to improve their communication skills and how to cope with challenges.

Speakers Ngahau Davis, Joel McKenty, Jonty Hosson and Kihi Ririnui shared their experiences and knowledge with the students about the skills and qualities of good leaders.

One of NISS' Social Workers in Schools, Soro Ramacake, said the Student leadership programmes that have been run in Karetu Primary School had

done extremely well and is thoroughly enjoyed by the school and tamariki.

"Schools and parents have witnessed positive and significant growth in their tamariki since being on the leadership programme. The programmes have been really successfully, that is why this school has decided to continue rolling them out year in, year out," said Soro.

"Highlights of the day were the wonderful venue, excellent speakers, good food, tamariki enjoying themselves, having fun and learning a lot " Soro added.

The conference was sponsored by Health Promoting Schools (Ministry of Health), BIC Graphics, Smoke Free and NISS.



Soro Ramacake (above left) addresses the participants in the Student Leadership Conference held in Moerewa recently.

Other photos feature activities from the day's programme.



Tamariki Shine at Nationals

More than 30 schools from around the motu participated in the 2011 National Kapa Haka Primary School competition held in Whangarei during November, including six from Te Tai Tokerau.

The Te Tai Tokerau schools that performed were Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rangi Aniwaniwa, Kaikohe Intermediate, Moerewa Primary School, Kawakawa Primary School, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe and Kamo Intermediate.

The organisers said It was an exciting and inspiring four day event that celebrated the successes of taitamariki and te reo Māori, with an average 3000 people attending the event daily.

Although only Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rangi Aniwaniwa of the Te Tai Tokerau teams placed in the top three at the prize-giving, the experience provided the opportunity for all of the students to learn and to shine.

Te Kapa Toa o Te Motu (the overall winner) was Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae (Te Kapa o Puawai). *Te Manakuratahi Primary Schools National Kapa Haka was a recipient of funding from the sponsorship fund available through Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi. Details are available on the website: www.ngapuhi.iwi.nz*



(Left) The leaders of Whangarei-based Ngā Tipuranga from Kamo Intermediate.

(Right) Kaumatua and Kuia enjoy the performances at Te Manakuratahi Primary Schools National Kapa Haka.



(Left) Kamo Intermediate's Ngā Tipuranga were one of six Tai Tokerau schools taking part in the kapa haka competition.

Rūnanga's Paper Plus Relocates: New Development Hub Opens in Kaikohe



The Runanga's Paper Plus franchise reopened with a bang late November at its new development hub called Kowhai Court in Kaikohe. The new hub incorporates the Runanga's Caltex service station next door. The Rūnanga has owned the Paper Plus franchise since April this year and it has been successfully integrated into the iwi's development plans.

Photos: Governor-General's Visit



Photo Gallery



(Left) The signs go up at Moerewa School highlighting their fight to retain senior pupils (see story page 6).

(Middle) Te Tai Tokerau MP Hone Harawira talks to voters after placing his vote in Whangarei (see story page 5).

(Bottom) More from the Youth Leadership Conference held in Moerewa (see story page 11).





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