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NGAI TAI KI TAMAKI ON THE ROAD TO SETTLEMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

Kua tae ki te marama o Paenga-wha-wha, He maha nga ahuatanga pai kua pa ki runga ia matou i nga marama kua pahure ake nei. Ka tuku mihi kia koutou kua kaha hapai i te Mana o Ngai Tai ki nga topito katoa o Tamaki Makaurau. Ko te tumanako kia hoe tonu i te waka i raro i te Mana o Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki ki to matou AIP.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.....

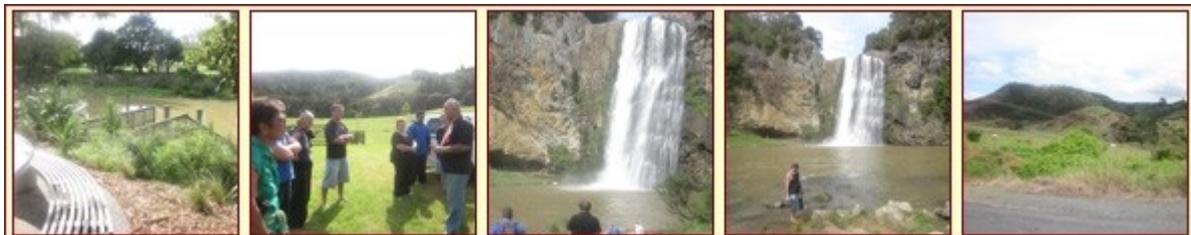
HUI-A-IWI TRIP TO WAIROA RIVER AND HUNUA FALLS

Our March Hui-a-Iwi started at Umupuia Marae. Although we only had a small group everyone was excited to be able to visit some very significant sites to Ngai Tai. From Umupuia we went straight to the Wairoa river in Clevedon and listened to a korero about its illustrious history as a significant port for Auckland's trading industry.

From the Wairoa we travelled through the Ness Valley and headed up to Hunua Falls. The Hunua Falls are absolutely beautiful. Just before lunch a handful of us went for a dip at the bottom of the falls. Although it was very cold the swim seemed to cleanse our body and our spirit.

We all shared a lovely lunch together before heading out on the road again. We visited several other sites before we all headed back to our own whanau. It was a great day for reflection and a good opportunity to visit and walk some of these sacred sites of Ngai Tai.

Our hui-a-iwi are always advertised on our website <http://www.ngaitai-ki-tamaki.co.nz>. This is the best way to stay up to date with the latest news, hui, documents for download and up and coming events. Also registration forms are here for whanau to fill out. We hope to see as many whanau members as possible at our next Hui-a-Iwi in May. Check below for full details as we continue to visit sites of significance to the people of Ngai Tai ki Tamaki.



The wonderful scenery around The Wairoa river, Ness Valley, and Hunua Falls

UPCOMING HUI-A-IWI FOR MAY 2011

Our next Hui-a-Iwi will be a site visit to MOTUTAPU ISLAND on the 8th of MAY 2011.

We will meet at the ferry terminal at 9:00am and head back mid-afternoon around 3 o'clock.

Please check the website regularly for any changes or updates associated with this hui.

ROUND THE BAYS 2011 AUCKLAND

This year Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki has been promoting whanaungatanga, kotahitanga and good health and well-being within the iwi. It was with this in mind that we entered a team in the Round the Bays Fun Run 2011. And what a great day we had. We had over 60 team members and support crew and of those at least 40 registered runners on the day. The proceeds from the event went to several very worthy causes.



Warm-ups before the start



Our youngest competitor



Whaea ready for the race...

We had walkers, runners, pram pushers and even a couple of bladers. The weather was magical and so was the scenery around Tamaki Drive. There isn't a better way to spend a Sunday morning than walking the whenua with the sun shining on your face.

After the race we all retreated to Glover park where we had set up a tent and BBQ area so we could all enjoy lunch together. This was our chance to renew old ties and catch up with whanau we hadn't seen in ages.



The Mayor with our rangatahi



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE EVENTS TEAM, SUPPORT CREW AND PARTICIPANTS FOR MAKING THIS A GREAT DAY OUT FOR NGAI TAI !!!

February – March 2011

The recent earthquakes in Christchurch and now Japan causes for moments of reflection in particular for the many whanau who have suffered the loss of a whanau member. Sadly, we remember Kyle Jack-Midgley, (27), who was killed in the collapsed CTV building in the Christchurch earthquake. Kyle was the eldest of four sons to Suzanne Jack, (Te Uri Karaka) and Neil Midgley. Kyle was also a previous Head Boy of Dilworth College and his final Karakia was held within the Whare Karakia of Dilworth College and will most certainly be sadly missed. To whaea Suzanne, Midge and whanau we convey our deepest sympathies.

The negotiation team met with the Minister of Treaty Settlements in February whereby further commitments were confirmed by the Minister to Ngai Tai in respect to ensuring the Crown and Ngai Tai meet the current AIP and DOS targets and milestones.

Unfortunately because of a range of weather warnings our initial February hui a iwi was postponed until 20 March 2011. The Auckland Council Mayor, his worship, Len Brown shall be invited again for a later hui a iwi possibly during the winter months as a result of postponing the February hui a iwi.

The Board conducted the rescheduled hui a iwi on Sunday 20 March 2011 and a great day was had by all on the Wairoa, te Hunua (East Wairoa Raupatu) tour of some of our significant cultural sites of interest. The dip and lunch at te Hunua Falls was refreshing and spiritually cleansing for those who entered into the freezing Falls pool. The Negotiations Update handed out at the 20 March hui a iwi and site visits provides an update to our iwi members on our settlement negotiations progress to the end of March 2011.

The Board shall conduct at least two or three hui a iwi in the month of April at Torere, Makarika and Motutapu Island, (accommodation permitting). The road show is also a strategic attempt by the Board in respect to promoting and increasing the Te Whatataui and Ngai Tai ki Tamaki registration enrolments for the treaty of Waitangi negotiations and settlement for Ngai Tai ki Tamaki.

Currently the negotiation team are heavily immersed in a range of tasks and milestones including but not restricted to, engagement with neighbouring hapu/iwi. Completing the Historical Account-Research for perusal, consideration and approval is also a priority task. Valuations to a range of specific Ngai Tai sites are currently being considered by external experts as well. Quanta is also a significant topic which the negotiation team is preparing to engage with the Crown negotiator on at the moment as well.

The negotiation team continues to meet fortnightly with the Crown negotiator and alternate Fridays with the Tamaki and Hauraki Collectives respectively. Waiohua Tamaki roopu who Ngai Tai are a part of within the current Pou Roopu, Nga Mana Whenua i Tamaki Makaurau also meet every Wednesday morning. With a mid-2011 AIP date in sight, timeframes are short for the Board and negotiation team to successfully complete negotiations with the Crown.

The Board continues to meet monthly whilst the Board Executive continue to meet on fortnightly occasions. The Board is fast approaching their end of Financial Year. In due course the performance of the Board 2010 – 2011 year will be Reported and accounted at the next Annual General Meeting, 2011. The High Court case has had a recent Order which at this time the Board is awaiting final legal advice as to the most effect legal options for the Board to consider engaging whilst the Board works diligently with the Courts and serves the iwi members.

In my January Report, the Board commented on the Post Governance Entity workshop process and inclusion of our registered members in designing and developing this component of works. The Board hopes to have these workshops starting between July and October 2011.

In the interim the Board remain encouraged and enthusiastic in their respective roles and responsibilities. The Board is also overwhelmed with the vast majority support it is receiving on a daily basis from many whanau members, registered and otherwise. We do encourage all those who affiliate to Ngai Tai ki Tamaki to register, either online or by requesting forms from the Board.

The recent Round The Bays and Dual Events have enabled our Board to encourage and support more whanau fun days for the tamariki. I see these types of whanau fun initiatives as a positive distraction reminding us all of how important whanau are.

The Boards next hui a iwi on Motutapu Island shall assist in identifying and advancing Ngai Tai specific interests to the Island. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Naaku iti nei naa

James Brown

Chairman, Ngai Tai ki Tamaki,

Chief Negotiator, Ngai Tai ki Tamaki.

MOTUTAPU DUAL EVENT 2011

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NGAI TAI participants at the DUAL event 2011

The Dual Event 2011 was held on Rangitoto and Motutapu Island. The DUAL offered mountain biking and running/walking options. The scenery as expected was breath taking. The day was slightly overcast but Ngai Tai represented the best way we know how, by participating. The second of our family fun days started with a Karakia and a mihi with some words of encouragement by our own Kaitiaki unit member and participant Jeff Lee.

It was then into the action with both Jeff and John Clarcken Snr capturing the DOC rat both winning spot prizes. John Clarcken Snr also finished 14th overall, a big effort from one of our staunch supporters and only 8 minutes from the eventual winner. Also of mention is Latham Lee who at the age of 7 completed the 10k run with his Aunty Jo.



These whanau fun days promote a positive attitude, good health and the importance of being active.

Through these fun days we can re-connect with whanau members who we may not have seen for a while and re-invigorate our whanaungatanga.

A special thanks always goes to those that help co-ordinate, delegate and initiate these events!!



PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU ARE OF NGAI TAI KI TAMAKI DESCENT

GO TO <http://www.ngaitai-ki-tamaki.co.nz/registration.html>
and download our **URI REGISTRATION** form if you believe you may descend from
the eponymous ancestor Te Whatatau.