



MORIORITY NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2009

Chairperson's Comment

Tena kotou e te hunau Moriori,

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Kia maumahara kotou –

The trustee elections were closely contested. The final vote count is as follows:

South Island

Greg Preece – 112

Lin Entwistle– 108

Aaron Donaldson– 101

Patricia Rudolph – 81

North Island

Deborah Ashton - 115

Hana-Maraea Solomon – 97

Total votes 240

1 vote invalid because voted twice.

Congratulations to Greg, Lin and Deb on their successful election. Thank you also to Aaron, Hana-Maraea and Trish for putting their names forward and for the close result in the ballot. I encourage you to put your names forward again for the next elections which are scheduled for late in 2010.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Aaron and Deb Donaldson on the birth of Kera Whakarawa Te Mārie Donaldson – born on 4th April 2009, sharing her birthday with her cousin Tobias Lomano who turned 5 on that day. Adorable little sister to Te Teira and Ana.



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AGM and Consultation Hui

As previously advertised this years AGM will be held at Kopinga Marae, Rekohu on 8 November 2009. Trustees have received complaints from some members who would rather the AGM be held on the mainland so that more people can attend as more members live on the New Zealand mainland. While trustees have sympathy for that viewpoint, last years AGM was held in Christchurch and this year it's the turn of Rekohu to host the AGM. This is also what the Trust Deed provides.

However, trustees are aware of the importance of our members having an opportunity to meet with the Board and also conscious that due to the focus being on setting up the organisation, acquiring assets on the island and management of those assets, along with other demands placed on the Board, there has not been the chance to get around and meet with people as much as we would have liked. Funding constraints have also been an issue.

For these reasons, at a meeting of trustees held on Rekohu on 23 August 2009, trustees have decided to have a series of consultation hui with members in the South and North Islands, most likely in the main centres of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Dates and venues to be advised but likely to be in late November/early December. An application has been made for funding to assist with these hui.

Hokotehi Web Site

The long awaited website is finally online and can be viewed at www.moriori.co.nz. We hope that you enjoy the site and please provide feedback and comments on the Members Forum section.

Members will be able to provide comment and feedback on the site. We encourage our members to actively engage on the site but would ask that members observe proper etiquette when posting live comments. Remember any comments you post can be read by the rest of the world!

Opening of Peace Centre at Otago University

The Peace and Conflict Studies Centre will officially open on 24 September in Dunedin. Hokotehi has been a key partner in establishing this International Peace Centre and we encourage members (particularly those in or close to Dunedin) to attend this historic occasion. For information on the opening please contact the HMT Office at office@kopinga.co.nz.

Reminder to Update your personal details

Please remember that if you are moving or have moved, please notify the office on 0800 6674674 or email to office@kopinga.co.nz to let them know your new address details so that the membership database can be kept updated. Many thanks.

Rangatehi (Young people) Perspectives

Congratulations to Ania Solomon for making the finals of the IHC National Art competition. Ania is one of 30 regional finalists selected from entries from all around New Zealand. The four national IHC Telecom Art Award winners will be announced on Wednesday 23 September in Wellington. Tu Meke Ania! Hokotehi has helped sponsor Ania's art classes in recent years and it is wonderful to see that she continues to be successful in a field that she is obviously so passionate and talented.

You can check out the artwork on the web at <http://www.ihcartawards.co.nz/gallery/>. You can also bid for the artworks online as part of an auction that will help raise funds for the IHC up until 22 September so get in quick!!

Hunau News

Members are encouraged to send in any hunau news to the office for publication in the Newsletter such as births, deaths, marriages, special hunau occasions like graduations etc that celebrate who

and what we are as a people and let others know how we are doing out there in the big wide world!

Spring Wedding

On the 28th March, 2009 Keri Entwistle only daughter and second child of Lin and Brian Entwistle, of Redwood Christchurch married Daniel, (Dan) Jenkin, youngest son of Peter and Jo Jenkin from Watford, England. Keri and Dan were married at the magnificently beautiful 400 year old historical building in the Orleans Room Richmond, London followed by a fabulous reception held at Bruella and later on further celebrated their wedding with friends and hunau at the Inn at Kew, (Kew Gardens). Keri looked stunningly gorgeous in her designer made wedding gown, as did the flowers girls, page boys and the bridal party. Lin called Keri into the wedding venue, the Moriori karanga was specially written for Keri which Keri had asked for in acknowledgment of her Moriori hokopapa. Wedding participants were moved to tears by the significance of the karanga a truly unique experience. Although Keri has lived in London for 15 years she keeps up contact with regular texts, emails and telephone calls to her hunau along with the occasional visits home. Keri is the 5th eldest very much loved and cherished mokopuna of Aunty May Clarkson.



On the 5th September Keri and Dan flew to Santorini, Greek Islands for their well deserved honeymoon. An abundance of irohahu and warm best wishes are to sent to Keri and Dan in their married life. *(Contributed by proud mum Lin)*

“Meet the Locals” on Rekohu

‘Meet the Locals’ is a series of 6 minute clips on locals from all around the country. Earlier this year filming was done on Rekohu. To check out the film clips go to: <http://tvnz.co.nz/meet-the-locals/meet-locals-s2009-e42-video-2833574>. Scroll down and click on the segment you want to watch. There are 6 six minute segments on the Chatham Islands. Enjoy!

Other News

Katie Wolfe, perhaps best known for her acting roles as Amanda on "Mercy Peak" and Doctor Bridget Hastings on "Shortland Street" visited Kopinga Marae recently and met with Shirley King. Katie is researching and tracing her hokopapa from Taranaki to Rekohu. Shirley and Katie share an eponymous ancestor, Te Herewini Patea. Katie is tracing her McClutchie lineage and visited sites of interest on the island. The remains of the whaling station at Okawa, the old Mission House site and Matarakau.

Her journey was recorded by a film crew and will go to air next year. It was discovered that the area of land now owned by HMT and the site of Kopinga Marae was once owned by the McClutchie family.

Katie has traded acting for directing and is directing a pilot children's TV show called "Pukoro" for Maori Television. The show is all in te reo Maori and Katie is working hard to become fluent in the

language. On her visit to Kopinga Katie was accompanied by Bill Carter a well known researcher and genealogist. Bill is also a descendant of Te Herewini Patea.



Me rongō (in peace)

Kopinga Mare, 2005