



Moriori Newsletter

June 2011

Tēnā kotou te imi Moriori, hokomenetai me rongo

Welcome to the autumn edition of your 2011 newsletter.

This comes with all the best wishes from the Board of Trustees and Hokotehi staff. The newsletter is late reaching you this year due to staff work-loads. Our apologies for this – but please keep those items of news coming through to the office for future newsletters – this needs to be a collective effort in order to share news and information.

Remember – our karapuna sit on our shoulders in order to keep our feet on the ground.

School Journal Launch at Kōpinga

In March a set of special edition school journals were blessed at Kōpinga. The evening was attended by hūnau Moriori on the island, students and families who had contributed to Journal articles, the 3 Rēkohu school principals along with staff from Learning Media who assisted with writing and journal production, and the Minister of Education, Hon. Anne Tolley.



Students, Principals and the Minister at Kōpinga

Copies of the Journals have started arriving in schools but Hokotehi has copies available for members. Please contact the Office if you

would like a set. We would particularly like to see hūnau who were involved in the stories for the Journals receive copies. If you have not already please get in touch with our Office Administrator, Amanda Horler.



Rangata mātua at the Journal launch

Regional Round-up

Here are your local co-ordinators, so far:

- **Auckland** - Annette Rudolph [a.rudolph@hawkins.co.nz, 09 9310339]
- **Sth Canterbury** – Jade Lomano [jadelomano@xtra.co.nz]
- **Southland** - Lew Dawson [lewd1@woosh.co.nz, 03 9310339] and Ina McNeill [mereine.qt@xtra.co.nz, 03 2160225]
- **Top of the South** - John Swain [jdors_ent@yahoo.co.nz, 03 5791139]
- **Perth** - Glenn Scrimgeour [g.scrimgeour@hotmail.com]
- **Christchurch** – Gloria Verweij [gdandjver@xtra.co.nz]
- **Northland** – Steve Retimana [SteveR@kol.co.nz]

Amendment to last newsletter

In the last newsletter we had a small piece on the December gathering for the rōpu at the top of the South. Some of the details were inaccurate. The following amendment comes with our apologies:

"In December some members of the Davis hūnau travelled to Marlborough to share a pre-Christmas lunch and visit the area where their Moriori ancestor, Kurapa, her Native American/African American husband, John Davis, and daughter, Ani Davis, once resided.

For many years the Davis hūnau has attempted to confirm reports of where their Moriori rapuna (ancestor) Kurapa is thought to have been buried in Haka Haka Bay. Much ground has been covered on this area (while successfully fending off developers) but to date all efforts to confirm Kurapa's burial site have been unsuccessful.

It is known that Kurapa's daughter Ani is buried in the Omaka cemetery in Blenheim and her husband, John Davis, is in the Picton cemetery. In the 1990s members of the Davis hūnau from throughout New Zealand (and Australia) travelled to Picton for a hūnau reunion and to lay a plaque at John Davis's previously unmarked grave. One day it is hoped that a similar event will be held for his wife. In the meantime, the search for Kurapa's burial site continues".

Regional Hui in Wellington

On May 8 a regional hui was held in Porirua, organised by our two Wellington Trustees, Dennis Solomon and James Matenga. The hui provided information to members on work of the Trust and also allowed time for questions and debate. As a reminder to members – you don't need to wait for hui if you have queries or concerns, please feel free to approach the Board or General Manager directly. We would be happy to hear from you.

Hūnau News

He Mate - Iarohahu me rongō

Sadly, Charles Cedric Preece passed away on June 4th after a long illness. Charlie had been a long time advocate for the rights of Moriori and was a former Chairman of Te Iwi Moriori Trust Board during the 1990's. He is survived by his wife Patricia and six children and grandchildren. Iarohahu me rongō i te hūnau pani. E te Rangata Matua, moe mai, moe mai, haere atu ra i to ka rāpuna o Rēkohu.

On the 7th May the unveiling for Jeremy Condor was held. Our thoughts and aroha were with you all.

Birthdays – Ra Hūnau ki a kotou:

Snooky Forster - 9th February

Amelia Black - 29th February

Tre Cook - 2nd March

Sophie Scholes - 3rd March.

Judy Wheal for the 19th March (60th)

Lin Entwistle - 21st March

Mikaire Tuuta - 23rd March

Ahinata King - 31st March

Julian Entwistle and Corbin Cook - 8th April

Chloe-Lyn Edwards - 10th April

Tina Begg - 20th April

Manu Clarkson - 14th May

Tamarau Solomon – 14 May

Damon Cook - 20th May

Rose Solomon - May 20th

Tracey Leybourne - 28th May

Roberta Burt, (Peps) who is celebrating her 60th birthday in June.

Caleb Clarkson - 14th June

Christie -Lee McIntyre - 23rd June

Kyrrah Clarkson -
26th June

Births

Rose Solomon has just passed the impressive milestone of having more than 100 direct descendants. Two of her grand-daughters recently gave



The twins Renée and Lily

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birth. Erin Jones had twin daughters (Renée and Lily) and Jade Lomano, a son – Solomon Rene Filisi.



Solomon Rene Filisi Lomano

Congratulations Rose, Erin and Jade and best wishes to the proud dads and grand-parents.

Sporting News, Physical Fitness:

Tracey Leybourne has just passed her 2nd Dan (degree) at the Auckland Taekwon-Do Black Belt Grading after a gruelling two day test physical and mental challenge. Tracey keeps in shape for her Taekwon-Do by also working as a Boot Camp Trainer with *Fitness Evolved* in Auckland.

Sporting prowess must run in the family because Tracey tells us that Emily has just won the Howick Tennis club Junior Girl Most Improved Beginner for Tennis for 2010-2011. She got a lovely trophy and shield.

Congratulations to Deavon Clarkson who has been selected for the Canterbury 1st Division under 13 years old Rugby Team for the Burnside Rugby Club, and the 1st 15 Christchurch South Intermediate School Rugby Team. Deavon plays half back and full back. On the 1st June Deavon participated in the Cross Country race for his school. There were 128 participants and Deavon came 16th.

Sophie Scholes is playing in the under 6 years old Ripper Rugby for the Burnside Rugby Club.

Tiara Esera is a trialist for the under 13 year old Canterbury and New-Zealand Development Netball squad. Tiara made the under 13 years Canterbury Māori Netball squad. Tiara may be our first Moriori Silver Fern, watch this space.

Well done to you all.

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Members in the Community

While waiting for the next Police Force Intake, Letesha Clarkson has been making good use of her time. Tessa works every Tuesday with Blue Light, which is a Community Service for the Police. Tessa goes to various Primary Schools in the East Sector of Christchurch. The East Sector suffered a lot of damage with the September, 2010 and February, 2011 Earthquake. Tessa and another community Youth Town Group provides a sausage sizzle and then take the children for Rugby, T ball, Netball and Basketball. Tessa said the children look forward to seeing them there each week and the teaching staff appreciate the positive relationship between the Police and community.

On the 14th May the Smoking Jackets Band got together to support the children and families in the New Brighton community at Thompson Park. Rangatamatua Joan Jayet's son Andre was the Soundman, Dennis Abbit on electric base, Ken Ackroyd was the guitarist and Muddy Waters was the vocalist. Joan and Andre said it was a wonderful warm day and everyone who came enjoyed themselves. The Smoking Jackets started in the early to mid 90's; they are a highly skilled group of musicians.

Hokopapa Identity:

Congratulations to Snooky Forster who recently undertook having a tā moko on her chin. Snooky has been planning this for some years and said her tā moko has 3 albatross feathers that represents her Moriori - Ngāti Mutunga and Rēkohu links. Snooky is very proud of her Moriori lineage to Rēkohu. Tino rawe e kui!

Christchurch Earthquake

Our thoughts go out to our many members in the Christchurch area affected by the earthquakes. In September last year care packages were sent out from the island. Earlier this year a team of people headed over to Christchurch from the island bringing meat, kaimoana and a bulldozer to assist with the clean-up. A kitchen and distribution centre was set up at Alfred Preece's, who worked along with our Chair, Shirley King, Shirl's mum Aunty May and many others to deliver food to members. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Glen King and his team for the meat and bulldozer, as well as your kindness and dedication to helping others.

Get well soon:

Our Iarohahu, thoughts and best wishes to everyone who have been sick, recovering from an operation or generally unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Best wishes to Chubb (Tom) Lanauze who was injured recently. We wish you a safe return to the island and to wellness.

Best wishes to for our members who have recently undergone or are having hospital care, and to those who have been ill, including: Val Mete, Aunty Eileen Soanes, Carole Ashton, Lil Brownsey, May Clarkson, Yvonne Kerehoma and Noreen Quarterman. Our thoughts are with you all.

Don't forget to send us your Hūnau news or articles for publication in the next edition in 2011. Email information to office@kopinga.co.nz

Hokopapa Unit:

A reminder to people to keep sending in applications for registration or affiliated membership. Please inform the office when you change your address and contact details. A reminder to the young people who have turned 18 to contact the office with regard to eligibility for adult registration.

Applications need to be sent to the office at Kōpinga. Ph or email Amanda Horler 03 3050450 office@kopinga.co.nz

FACEBOOK

Hokotehi has several presences on facebook. Check these pages out for regular updates on events and for keeping in touch with hūnau:

1. Hokotehi Moriori Trust
2. Moriori Auckland
3. Moriori South Canterbury
4. Me Rongo
5. Henga Lodge

KAINGAROA AND TAIA HOUSE CLEAN-UP

In the last newsletter we featured an article on the planned clean-up at Kaingaroa. We are pleased to announce that this has started. Future development of the village may include

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housing for members and tourism accommodation. Your thoughts and creative ideas on how to enhance the township are welcomed – as are ideas for the currently unused fish factory.

Hokotehi will also soon begin work on restoring the house at Taia. This is the perfect location for people doing ecological work in the area or for hūnau interested in staying there.

Members Addresses Still Needed

In all the recent newsletters we have been publishing a list of names of members for whom we have no contact details in the hope that hūnau would be able to assist. Sadly, we have had very little response and so all those listed in the last newsletter remain un-contactable.

If you hear of members grumbling about not receiving voting papers or pānui, ask them if they have updated their address details at the office. Our system is only as good as you make it.

Staff Appointments:

In January this year Lorraine Norris (Rua) and Kelvin Carter were appointed as Henga Lodge Managers. They have worked extremely hard to make Henga sparkle. Business is now picking up, with conference and group bookings on the increase. The Henga café is receiving rave reviews from guests which have been enjoying fresh, local cuisine lovingly prepared by Lorraine.

Mark Tuuta has been appointed to the position of Hokotehi Maintenance and Repairs Officer. It is great to see Mark back on the island after a lengthy absence and to have his skills at Hokotehi.

Competition – bumper sticker design

We are always on the look-out for ideas of how to raise awareness about Moriori identity and think that a bumper sticker might be something our members would be proud to display. Innovative designs are being sought from members – send your drawings or ideas to office@kopinga.co.nz by 1 August

Henga Lodge Update

After taking over the management of Henga Lodge on January 1 2011, Lorraine Norris (Rua) and Kelvin Carter previously of Hamilton are optimistic about the future.

With a high level of hospitality at the lodge: personalised guest hosting, a fulltime restaurant café, full bar facilities, individual or guided tours, tourist souvenirs and vehicle hire, plus the peaceful environment of Henga Farm and Henga Reserve with the ocean behind the lodge there is a lot to offer any type of guest.



Lorraine and Kelvin's vision is that in terms of accommodation Henga Lodge is a haven of peace and comfort for guests - right in the heart of the Chatham Islands. Emphasis is on guest comfort, and going that extra mile to make sure clients are comfortable, well fed and happy.

Some initiatives to support this include Egyptian cotton sheets, new bedding, heavier drapes and a new contemporary look to freshen up bedrooms. There is more to be done but this will happen next year. Vegetables are grown on site in the greenhouse and although this is still early in development eventually all produce should come off the property. Fish and lamb is local, all drinking water is filtered and coffee available in the café is organic fair trade and delicious. The café is producing beautifully presented meals with a focus on 'health' and 'abundance'.

Upgrading that was initiated during the last two managers' tenures has been continued with the result now that Henga Lodge sports a refreshing outer coat of paint, many areas around the site

have been improved and the building is looking more peaceful; less stressed.

Furthermore, in the last week about exotic 12 trees behind the lodge have been removed to allow light into the area destined for the new Moriori Ethnobotanical Nursery. The lodge has benefited also with more light into the rear courtyard in what was often a shaded area.

Marketing is also bringing results with hundreds of locals and off shore Chatham Islanders – some as far away as USA keeping contact online with via Henga Lodge's Facebook pages and the website www.hengalodge.co.nz.

Tentative plans are in place for dine and dance evenings for tour groups and also locals and monthly Sunday luncheons with live music (depending on uptake of the local community and whanau). There have been enquiries for weddings, private parties and in the last 2 months Henga Lodge has hosted a number of small conferences for government agencies and local interest groups with more booked in during winter. The recent Mothers' Day Brunch brought half a dozen families out to celebrate at Henga Lodge – a first for all of them.

If you are thinking of a special event on the island give Lorraine and Kelvin a call and discuss your ideas or to get a no obligation quote. With their experience in event management, from the menu to the marquee, planning and budgeting you can be confident that they can help make your special event a 'winner'.

03 3050196

info@hengalodge.co.nz

Special Offer for HMT Members and their Guests

During the months June to 31 August accommodation ½ price (special conditions apply). Offer available for limited time so call now to make your bookings

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Otago University/HMT collaborative research

In January 2010 HMT started a collaborative research project with DOC and Otago University, which involved laser scanning of the rākau momori and archaeological investigations at sites associated with the kōpi groves. Preliminary results will shortly be available to members. This type of research partnership is proving to be very rewarding for all parties and is resulting in some interesting research.

Rākau Momori Recovery at Hāpūpu

As part of the research with Otago, several trees at Hāpūpu were identified as being at risk from fungal invasion which then results in the death of the tree and loss of any carvings. We involved a team from Te Papa, DoC, Otago University and post graduate researchers on kōpi DNA to explore options for saving the carvings and possibly the trees. In some cases carvings that were in perfect condition a year ago were rotting and falling of the trees. The recovery project required urgency.

Hokotehi called public meetings on the island to discuss options. Sadly these were very poorly attended. However with support from island rangata mātua and expert advisers we decided to remove the dead trees for conservation treatment on the island. This was not an easy decision to make, but at least it will result in the preservation of those particular rākau momori.

On the 26-27 May a team of tireless workers safely extracted 6 kōpi trees. Special thanks are due to the extraction team: Maui Solomon, Tom Lanauze, Paul Bennett (Tussock), Mark Tuuta, our interim Police-Officer Steve Cavanagh, Ken Hunt (Area Manager from DOC), an arborist and kōpi tree specialist Lindsay Hatch, and also to our advisers from Te Papa (Nirmala Balram), and to Richard Nester, Dr Ian Barber, Justin Maxwell and Susan Forbes for work on the NZHPT Authority and guidance on protection and care of these taonga. Even though the death of the trees is a sad event; the way in which the rākau momori have been cared for and now protected is an example of kaitiakitanga in action.

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The trees were carefully recorded, then wrapped in cling film and bubble wrap before being cut. They were transported through the forest on a special trolley designed and made by Tom Lanauze. The whole operation was filmed for archival purposes as another chapter in the story of the trees.

The trees are now in freezers to ensure all insects and eggs are destroyed. They will then be transported to dry storage to await conservation treatment. When the trees have dried out the Te Papa bark conservator will return to the island to run a conservation workshop at Kōpinga. Everyone is welcome. More news on dates will follow in the next newsletter. **HMT would like to stress that the trees are not and will not ever leave the island.**



Tom and Mark fine-tuning the trolley

Vandalism of Rākau Momori

This month also witnessed the senseless vandalism of one of the healthy rākau momori in Hāpūpu. One tree was attacked by a machete or knife that resulted in damage to the karapuna face. Hokotehi has offered a reward for information leading to the successful prosecution of whoever did this.

In the interim karakii have been offered for the healing of the tree, with hopo feathers offered as a gift of peace.



We are exploring options for track diversion at Hāpūpu with DOC to allow this tree to rest. It is also part of a suite of options for remedial work in the groves to try to help the remaining trees recover from the effects of canopy damage and fungal invasion.

Sperm Whale Stranding

In April a sperm whale was found dead on the beach at Hāpūpu. Hokotehi participated in the recovery of the jaw and niho. No decisions have yet been made about how these will be distributed.

Tree and Gorse Removal at the Lodge

Over the past few months Hokotehi has been engaged in gorse eradication from Henga farm and exotic tree removal from behind the Lodge. The gorse removal has resulted in paddocks now clear of gorse. The work was carried out using a heavy tractor and mulcher under the guidance of Tom Lanauze. The results are very pleasing.

Trees have been removed from behind the Lodge for the creation of facilities for the Moriori Ethnobotanical garden (MEG). It has

also let in much needed sunlight to the back of the Lodge and tunnel house area.

Chatham Islands Wild Food Festival



Hokotehi entered the Chatham Islands Wild Food festival for the first time this year and won a prize for most original stall. A big thanks to Lorraine and Kelvin at Henga Lodge for the stall concept and all the work in cooking and setting up. Lorraine's delicious green curry cod was a big hit as was Shirley King's gorse flower cake – which was a sell out!



Dunedin Seafest

Hokotehi is also looking at adding a stall to the Dunedin Seafood Festival in October – look out for Greg Preece and his team if you are attending.

MEG

The Moriori Ethnobotanical Garden (MEG) is well underway, under the care of Sylvia Eyles. MEG is situated at Henga Lodge and will soon feature a labelled garden of native plants. Sylvia has been working hard on the propagation and potting up facilities and has recently won a contract for selling seedlings for ecological rehabilitation on the island.

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Me Rongo Congress

As signalled in the HMT Annual Report and Business Plan, an International Congress for *Peace, Sustainability and Respect for the Sacred* will be held at Kōpinga this November. The Congress will be preceded by workshops on the arts, writing, sustainability and conflict resolution to which all members are welcome. More details will follow in the next newsletter. Watch the soon to be launched Congress website too for information www.merongo.com

Reminder about Merchandise

Hokotehi has a selection of merchandise for sale:

- Pens - \$2 each
- Rēkohu landscape cards - \$5 each or \$20 for a set of 5
- Rongo Moriori CDs - \$12 each
- DVD of the 1980 documentary - \$20 each

T-shirts, hoodies, polar fleece jackets and beanies will also soon be available. Contact Amanda at the office for details. These items will also be added to the website.

Māori TV documentary on Hatitimatangi

In January this year a film crew from Māori TV came to Rēkohu to make a documentary about the taonga Hatitimatangi, currently in the Auckland Museum. The documentary, will screen on Māori TV on July 14. The taonga series starts on the 30 June and runs for 13 weeks.

Call for Expressions of Interest – Farm Manager

HMT has undertaken a review and restructure of our farming operations at Henga and Kaingaroa on Rēkohu. This involves looking at ways to increase productivity and to diversify our farming operations in a move towards ensuring that the farming side of HMT becomes profitable and sustainable in the long term. In accordance with our HR policies we are providing members with an opportunity to express an interest in this new management role. Applicants will need to have demonstrated prior experience in management; farming; financial management; budgeting; practical farming experience (e.g. fencing/cropping/trees etc). The objective is to run the farms as a stand-alone business operation. The applicant should ideally also have a prior knowledge and commitment to Moriori kaupapa and the values and objectives of HMT.

Any member who wishes to obtain an application form for this position please contact HMT General Manager at 03 3050450 (office) or 04 2365499 or email to office@kopinga.co.nz or mauis@xtra.co.nz

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Part time Casual Chef (winter)

with opportunity for full time work during Summer

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Part time housemaid / kitchen help

You'll be happy to work with us in every area of our accommodation venue.

Training and support will be provided

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Tertiary Education Grants

Hokotehi Education Grants are available to all registered members wherever they may live. The criteria for making an application are:

- 1) All applicants must be registered members of Hokotehi Moriori Trust
- 2) Students must be enrolled in a tertiary institution (NZQA registered or international equivalent thereof) or special needs education facility to be eligible for grants. This applies to full or part time study
- 3) There is no age limit for applicants
- 4) Applicants may apply for assistance, regardless of any previous financial support from Hokotehi
- 5) Proof of acceptance into a tertiary or special needs programme must be supplied with your application
- 6) Tautoko from a Trustee or rangata mātua is required

Recent applications have been submitted incomplete. Please read the form carefully and fill in all sections. Be mindful that the section on reciprocity is particularly important. If you are unsure about what is required, please contact the office. Forms are available on the website.

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Rongo Moriori

The CD of Rongo has been copied again. CDs are available through the office for \$12 each. Here are the words to another rongo Moriori, written by Whiu Wharemate

Hāpūpu

Hokorongō
He turanga toa
Kei mua ake
Mo te imi
Moriori e (he tikane)

*Take heed/listen
There is a strong
Future for Moriori people
(their attitudes, values, behaviour)*

He Tangata rangimarie
Kei roto Hāpūpu
He tauira nui
He wāhi tapu
Wāhi orange
E kanapanapa
Mai ngā huarahi

*They are a peaceful people
Evidence of which can be found in Hāpūpu
A sacred place
A place of healing
Where pathways glisten*

I to haerenga
Ki waenganui
Ka pa mai
O ratou aroha (ko ngā whakairo)

*As you walk
Through (Hāpūpu)
The love of the ancestors can be felt
Even in their carvings
Their tikane prevailed
They were gently tapped
Into the bark of trees*

Kare ratou
I tapahia rākau
I ata hamahamahia
Ki a u (he turanga toa)

*Listen, take heed
There is surely a strong future
For Moriori in our society
We will take our rightful place
In this society*

Hokorongō
He turanga toa
Kei mua ake
Mo te imi
Moriori e
Kei mua ake
Mo te imi
Moriori e

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