

Hokotehi Newsletter

April Ta Upoko o T'etchi-Ao

2018

Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou, hokomenetai me rongō

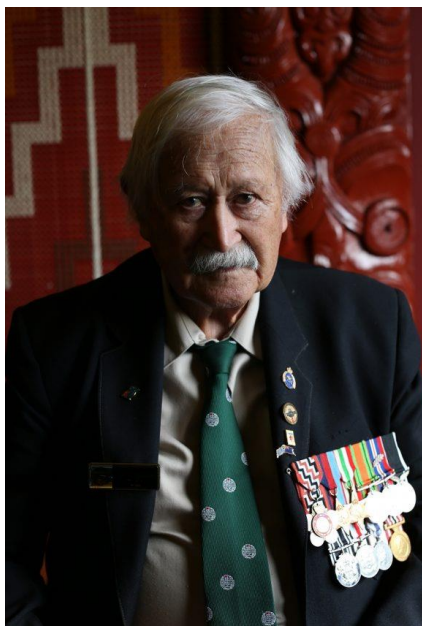
Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori. Moe mai kā mate Moriori, moe mai takoto mai. Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have lost loved ones in the last few months.

Our thoughts and best wishes go also to those who have welcomed in babies and the next generation.

Alfred Preece Snr 'Bunty'

Our oldest Moriori member, island identity and much-loved rangata mātua passed away in March, a few weeks after his 96th birthday. Matua Bunty was farewelled with speeches from family and islanders, along with full military honours to recognise his standing as the last commissioned officer of the Māori Battalion.

We miss you matua!



Eileen Soanes

Sadly, we also farewelled Matua Bunty's sister, Eileen Soanes, who passed away in Napier aged 87. Moe mai e kui and condolences to the Soanes and Preece hūnau.

The weekend that Matua Bunty passed away also saw the sad death of a young island man – Dakota Luger, who died tragically in a car accident. Our thoughts are with his hūnau and all Dakota's mates and colleagues.

All these deaths were marked by rongomoana, dolphin and other whale strandings on the island.

Moriori Calendar

April is known as the month of the shell-less crayfish. Apparently the saying "a na ko ro koura maunu was a saying of someone named T'etchi-Ao. March and April on Rēkohu are now months when cray take is prohibited – time to let the fish rest, recover and grow their new shells.

Recent Kōpinga Marae Events

Kōpinga has been busy through Jan-March with family gatherings, kōpi processing, a waka wānanga, taonga pūoro workshops, a welcome for the wharf opening dignitaries, and various school events.

In late 2017 the marae events included the rangata mātua xmas lunch, 2017 HMT hui a Moriori and the Te One school prizegiving.



Above are some photos of the xmas lunch. Top one is of chef Loretta Lanauze putting finishing touches on a lovely kai.



We would like to acknowledge and thank those members who have supported the marae and recent events through kaimoana, kai whenua, kitchen help, support for hokomaurahiri and event attendances. It has been great to have your support and iaroha. The kai that we produce for our maurahiri has certainly

enhanced the mana of the marae and has been well received. Thank you!

Wharf Opening

On March 14 a plane load of dignitaries arrived on the island to officially open the new wharf at Waitangi. The opening was on the wharf site but first our visitors were welcomed to Kōpinga, where our welcome party included our taonga pūoro musicians and Pitt Island school singing a rousing version of Te Rangimata!



Kaikaranga getting ready for the hokomaurahiri

Taonga Pūoro Research

The team of musicians led by Otago University's Jennifer Cattermole carried out research at Kōpinga on Moriori instrument making, involving the students from our 3 schools and also our Moriori researcher Ajay Peni. One of the highlights of the wānanga was a performance night with Ajay singing the Moriori rongo and some of his own compositions.



James Webster, Jamie Watson, Al Fraser and Shannan Mako spent long hours making swan bone flutes to every child staying at the marae



We have copies of the traditional rongo CDs free for members – contact the office if you would like one.

It was the favourite pic for young Navi Lanauze during his recent trip home to Rēkohu – a young man with great taste!



REMINDERS to MEMBERS

1. Grants

Hokotehi has education grants available for tertiary study and also grants for small cultural projects such as weaving courses, language courses etc.

During the envisioning hui the Board agreed to include applications to cover trade training and apprenticeships. Forms are available on the website or through the office.

Grants are available for children below the age of 18 but it must be for tertiary level study or equivalent course that meets the criteria of the Identity Trust (forms are on the Moriori website).

www.moriori.co.nz

If you have received a grant in the last 2 years and not completed your accountability report please get this to the office asap. Failure to provide these reports may affect any future applications.



2. Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are up to date. Have you moved recently? Do you know of friends or family not receiving newsletters or notices? Please keep the office updated. If we don't have your correct address you may not receive your voting papers.

During the lead up to the election many members contacted the office saying they had not received voting papers – all were because the addresses were no longer current. So, if you have a family member not receiving these newsletter it may be because we don't have current addresses. **PLEASE CHECK THAT WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED ADDRESS**

3. Registering Children

If you have not added your children's names to your own registration application we won't be able to contact them on their 18th birthday. If you have children aged 18 and over who are not members (and who wish to be) please contact the office so we can register them.

Social Media Changes for HMT

HMT is in the process of **updating our website**. Shortly a new version will be released which will include online registration, on line forms and a timeline for the Treaty negotiations. We hope that you like it and like the feel of the more engaging site. We are also developing further social media outlets:

Instagram – on its way shortly full of vibrant photos

You tube channel – this is now set up. We have a dedicated Moriori youtube channel. Contact the office if you have suggestions for video to upload or have ideas of things you want to see on the channel. Simply open youtube and search on MORIORI, filtered by a 'channel' search

Face book groups. We have an HMT facebook site but we also use group pages for specific events such as the waka wānanga – Ta Ara a Hopo.

WAKA WĀNANGA – Ta Ara a Hopo

Hokotehi has just concluded an amazing wānanga with the crew of the waka hourua Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti and the Taonga Pūoro musicians and local star Ajay Peni. Ta Ara a Hopo (pathways of the albatross), so named for the importance that the hopo has across the Pacific and also because of our concerns regarding the impact of ocean plastics on bird and marine life. We were joined at the marae by the kids from Pitt Island school and had workshops on taonga pūoro and navigation with Kaingaroa and Te One schools as well.

Well done to the two HMT members that put their names forward to sail to or from NZ to Rēkohu on the waka hourua Ngāhiraka Mai Tawhiti this month. Vance Steele sailed from Wellington to Rēkohu and Michael Gardyne sailed back to Tauranga via Gisborne. Both

trips took about 4 days and involved learning the basics of navigation, sailing and wayfinding. Both sailors also took part in the Ta Ara a Hopo wānanga at Kōpinga and helped out with all aspects of marae life. Well done you two. All you other prospective sailors and navigators keep an eye out for future wānanga and training courses because this will be a regular event.



Master navigator Capt Jack Thatcher and his waka hourua Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti



Ngahiraka is welcomed into Waitangi



Musicians Shannan Mako and Jamie Watson on board Ngahiraka

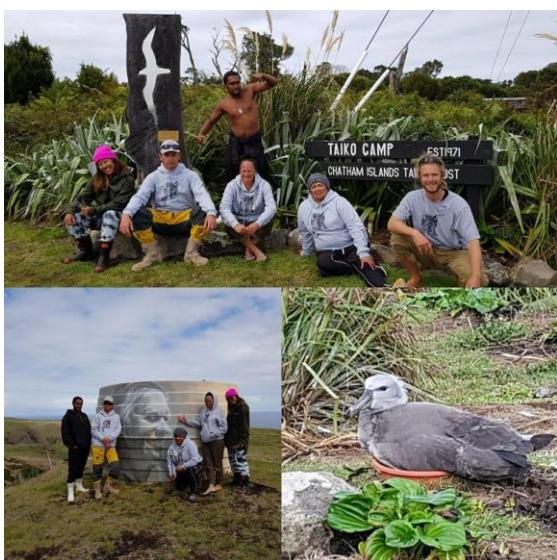


Chef Kani Manakura and the koura waka!

albatross shape and did an audit of the content. Sadly, most of it seemed to be local. **We can do something about this people.**



Te One school on a beach clean-up



Some of the crew from Ngahiraka at Taiko camp after visiting the hopo translocation colony



The trash-atross – one wing is all fishing industry waste and the other land-based waste like bottles, bags etc

Ocean Plastics

One of the central kaupapa of the Ta Ara a Hopo wānanga was to assess the impacts of ocean plastics. Early this year Tāiko Trust staff recovered a bucket full of plastic from albatross nests on Rakitchu (The Sisters). Most of the plastic seemed to be from deep water rubbish, possibly from long liners – things like bottle tops, cigarette lighters and fish hooks dominated.

Whilst the waka crew were in they took our school kids to the beach to talk about ocean plastics and micro plastics. In one hour 60 children picked up large amounts of plastics, glass and other rubbish. We shaped it into an

Working with our Island Schools

In March we have the pleasure of having Pitt Island school, plus their teacher Wendy and parent help, Eva-Cherie Tuck join us for a week at the marae. The kids became fully immersed in marae life and enjoyed a trip to Port Hutt to go on board the waka, learnt about celestial navigation and the star compass and worked with the Taonga Puōro team making and playing instruments.

Kaingaroa School join us regularly too and we have had a few fun sessions on Moriori art and rākau momori, as well as studying taonga in the HMT collection.

Te One school will have three days at the marae in May whilst their school is refurbished and we are welcoming their new principal on April 30.

UPDATE ON TREATY SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiation team continue to meet with OTS staff on a monthly basis. We are working to complete draft statements of cultural association, protocols and relationship documents with government departments and ministries, such as DOC and MfE as agreed in the Agreement in Principle signed last August.

The draft deed for the Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) is nearly complete and will shortly be available for members to read and ratify.

The ratification process will take place through member hui on Rēkohu and in NZ. Timing for these will be advised through the website, facebook and member emails – so keep your contact details current.