



HOKOTEHI NEWSLETTER

Rongo (July) 2018

Ta imi Moriori, tēnā kotou, hokomenetai me rongo

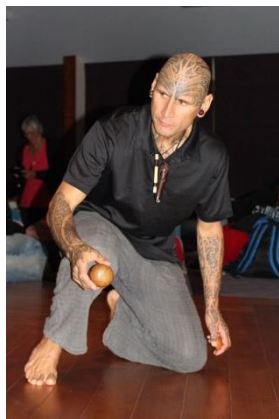
Ka nui te mihi ki a kotou kā hūnau Moriori. Moe mai kā mate Moriori, moe mai takoto mai. Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have lost loved ones in the last few months.

We wish to especially acknowledge the hunau of Patricia Preece who lost their Mother and Grandmother recently. May she rest in peace.

Our warm wishes and blessings go out to those who have welcomed new life into the world.

Shannan Mako

During the waka wānanga we were blessed to have the talents of taonga pūoro practitioners with us. These wonderful artists and musicians worked with our 3 schools teaching and creating, as well as putting on performances at Kōpinga. One of these bright lights, Shannan, passed away in June whilst free climbing in the Coromandel forest.



Our lives were hugely enhanced by Shannan's generous spirit and he will always be remembered.

Takoto rangimarie I runga I to waka karapuna I te rangatira a Shannan. Moe mai ra.

Moriori Calendar

July – the Moriori month of Rongo – was a time when the plants started to grow again and the soils starts to warm – the time of 'Tongapua being in Hukurangi'. But the Moriori calendar also notes that Rongo is the month of rain "He whiu tataki tumu"



RECENT EVENTS

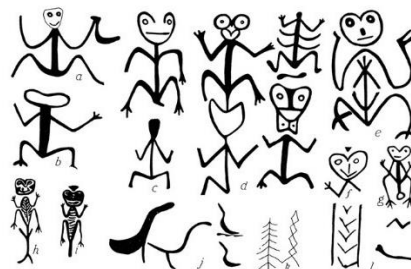


We would like to acknowledge and thank those members who have supported the marae and recent events through kaimoana, kai whenua, kitchen help, support for hokomaurahiri and event attendances. It has been great to have your support and iaroha. The kai that we produce for our maurahiri has certainly enhanced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

We have a Mātāriki event planned for 27 July. Photos to follow in the next newsletter.

Vision Mātauranga

We have also been awarded Vision Mātauranga support to get the Crown Research Institute reps back to the island to work with local landowners on a variety of projects to build local innovation and resilience. We hope to have a series of hui in November this year on the island.



Repatriation

On 13 July one Moriori ancestor was welcomed to Te Papa along with 16 Maori ancestors. The Moriori karapuna had been part of a collection at Yale University. Over the next 6 months HMT staff and rangata matua will be working on a scoping report for members to consider options for returning all karapuna Moriori held in NZ and international collections.

Language Grant

Hokotehi has recently been awarded a grant for developing language resources and running language hui – keep an eye out for hui notices. We plan to develop some language resources including a small phrase book/dictionary as well as a simple app for learning pepeha, mihi, Karakii and rongo. Exciting times!

WHATU}Island	
WIRI}Cold	
TCHARI}Quiet	
TINO}Body	
PO}Sad	
NGARO}Absent, lost, forgotten	
ONA}Taken	
INGO}Name	
	KOHU}Fog, mist
	TAKE}Reason
	TETUA}God
	WAIURU}Ghost
	WAHI}Fear
	MAHINE}Women
	POPOROKI}Farewell
	RANGATEHI}Youth
	HOKOARO}Conscience
	OHINATA}Dawn
	IMI}Tribe
	MOURI}Life Force
	HOKOMAUHIRI}Welcome
	HA}Sacred
	MANAWA}Breath
	AHI}Fire
	KARAKII}Prayer
	T'CHAKAT HENU}First People

Trustees in Training

The Trust Board recently agreed to start a trustee in training initiative in order to provide opportunities for our youth members to see how boards operate and get some experience in governance. The intent is to grow our future leaders. Trustees will notify members when Board meetings are scheduled and notify times for youth member attendance.



Treaty negotiation team (left to right)
Tom Lanauze, Susan Thorpe (research and claims manager),
Paul Solomon, Maui Solomon and Grace LeGros.

Treaty Negotiations

As you will know, your negotiators signed an AIP with the Crown in August last year. Since then we have been meeting monthly with the Crown alternating between Rēkohu and Wellington. The main obstacles to settlement are negotiating our way through the overlapping claims with Ngāti Mutunga. In May this year, OTS produced a series of memos on each of the DOC reserve properties on Rekohu that are scheduled for return to Moriori. These reserves contain Moriori wāhi t'chap. The Ngāti Mutunga Negotiators (NMN) are opposed to the Crown vesting land in Moriori on the basis that they claim we are a conquered people and do not have mana whenua on our own Island. NMN claim to have exclusive mana whenua on the Chathams and that they must either consent to Crown land being returned to Moriori or they must be co-owners of any such land with Moriori. Obviously, your negotiators are vigorously opposed to this position being adopted by NMN on the basis that it is both culturally and morally wrong but is also not in accord with the findings of the Waitangi Tribunal in its Rēkohu Report 2001. Similar arguments were made by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri trustees (NMOW) in the recent Taia case which is explained further in this newsletter under the section on Taia. Your negotiators are working with OTS to find a way through this impasse as we head towards a settlement of our long-standing historic claims.

What is sad about the stance being adopted by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri (NMOW), is that they appear to be more concerned with stopping Moriori making progress than focussing on their own settlement objectives. Sadder still, is that we had hoped that we could move on from the past and work constructively towards a common future. However, when we are faced with repeated claims that we have no customary authority over our own land and that we are a 'conquered and assimilated people', we have no choice but to stand our ground and continue to fight for the justice that our karāpuna first sought when they wrote to Governor Sir George Grey in 1862. We will not give up the hope NMOW and Moriori will one day resolve our differences for the betterment of all our peoples moving forward but that day seems a bit distant at present. We have more that unites us going forward than divides us looking back. However, for this to happen, there must be mutual recognition and respect shown to each another. One trying to always dominate over the other is not an option for peaceful co-operation. The wrongs of the past need to be addressed which is what this Treaty settlement is about. Moriori, as the Waitangi Tribunal found, have "by far" the greater injustices to be settled. The injustices of the past must be settled so that the Island can move on. But then we need to leave those events where they belong

– in the past and focus on building a better future for all.

To end on a positive note, we are looking forward to the series of consultation hui with members in the last 2 weeks of August. These hui are important as they will be discussing ratification/approval of members to the Post Settlement Group Entity (PSGE) which we have named the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust (MIST). The hui will explain the purpose of the MIST and how it relates to HMT. Officials from Te Puni Kōkiri will be attending each hui as observers. A postal and electronic vote will be held and voting will open on 15 August and close on 15 September. Voting packs will be sent out to all members aged 18 and over.

Your Negotiations Team



Taia Legal Proceedings

In 2001, the Department of Conservation (DOC) agreed to transfer 1200 hectares of land on the east coast of Rekohu to Moriori. This was supported by the previous owner of the land Ted Hough. Attached with this newsletter is a notice that Ted's father, Sunday Hough, distributed as a householder on the Rekohu in 1988 which recognises the importance of Taia to Moriori. Ted Hough (the son of Sunday Hough) supported the purchase by the Crown (DOC/Nga Whenua Rahui) of Taia for vesting ownership and management back in Moriori and wrote a letter of support to DOC in November which included the following three paragraphs

"It is my belief that if Moriori had ownership of Taia they would be trustees, looking after the land for future generations as well as holding onto it in respect of past generations. Input into the management of areas of cultural significance, Taonga, Urupa and Midden sites, their Mana would be strengthened. By having the opportunity for free access to the land of their ancestors and a place available for all Moriori to stand upon, regardless of Hapu, would help restore and enhance their Spiritual Wellbeing and sense of belonging. It would also give Taia back it's status of being a Moriori sanctuary Papa Kainga.

It should not be forgotten that the most prized and treasured Taonga are the bones and spirits of the ancestors and that the land must be kept warm for

future generations. An old saying 'When we look at the water and the land, it is not just a tree or a hill, but our spiritual ancestors standing before us'.

Members of my family have been Kaitiaki of this property for the best part of the last 100 years. John Renwick, my Great Grandfather for approximately 45 years was followed by Fred Hough for 6 years, then my father Sunday Hough for approximately 30 years. I have been Kaitiaki for the last 16 years and as current owner of Taia, now wish to offer the property for sale to Nga Whenua Rahui on behalf of Moriori, so that they may acquire the role, once again, as Kaitiaki in their own right."

Ted Hough, November 2000

Due to various delays by the Crown over the past 17 years, the vesting of Taia in HMT has not yet occurred. Late last year the trustees of Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust (NMOWIT) filed proceedings in the High Court to stop DOC vesting the land in Moriori. They claim (among other things), that the Crown cannot vest land in Moriori without NMOWIT consent as they are the Iwi who hold "exclusive mana whenua" (loosely translated as authority over the land) on Rekohu. They further claim in their evidence filed in the Court (via Thomas McLurg their chief Treaty negotiator) to have "totally subjugated and assimilated Moriori" into the Ngati Mutunga tribe. These claims are extremely disappointing, and in our view, a huge backwards step in our relationship and which have necessitated a strong response and active defence from HMT. Not only that, the large sums of money being spent by both tribes on legal fees could have been more usefully spent on more positive tribal developments for our Imi/Iwi.

The case was heard in the Wellington High Court before Justice Collins on Thursday 19 July 2018 and a decision is expected in the next several weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Trustee elections

4 Trustee positions come up for re-election this year. There will be 2 Trustee positions for voting on Rēkohu, 1 in the south and 1 in the north. Nominations will be called for later in August and voting packs mailed out in October, should there be more nominees than positions vacant

2018 AGM

This will be held on Saturday 24 November at Arowhenua Marae, Temuka. Start times to be confirmed by direct mail out to members. The results of the 2018 Trustee election will also be announced and ratified.

Member Consultation Hui

In August your Treaty negotiators will be on the road to provide information on the ratification process for the Treaty Settlement entity. The hui are opportunities for you to learn more about the proposals and ask questions. Information will also be on the website. Please RSVP to office@kopinga.co.nz if you wish to attend your local hui.

Voting for the ratification process will commence mid August and close on 15 Sept. Voting packs will be mailed to you. So, if you don't receive one by mid August contact the office urgently.

Hui will be held in the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 15 August	6.00 pm	Aotea Lodge, Porirua Wellington
Thursday 16 August	6.00 pm	Kingsgate Hotel, Whanganui
Friday 17 August	6.00 pm	Sudima Hotel, AKL Airport, Auckland
Saturday 18 August	6.00 pm	Naumai Marae, Ruawai, Northland
Sunday 19 August	6.00 pm	Captain Cook Motel, Gisborne
Monday 20 August	6.00 pm	Vista Motor Lodge, Wairoa
Tuesday 21 August	6.00 pm	Fountain Court Motel, Napier
Wednesday 22 August	1.00 pm	Gillies residence, 151 East St Greytown
Friday 24 August	6.00 pm	Marlborough Quality Hotel, Blenheim
Saturday 25 August	2.00 pm	Hintons Function Centre, Christchurch
Sunday 26 August	5.00 pm	Arowhenua Marae, Temuka
Monday 27 August	6.00 pm	Oaken Café, 538 Great King Street, Dunedin
Tuesday 28 August	6.00 pm	Ascots Hotel, Invercargill
Tuesday 4 September	5.00 pm	Kōpinga Marae, Rekohu
Wednesday 5 September	11.00 am	School house, Rangihau/Pitt Island (weather dependent)



We are currently working to re-open Henga Lodge in November this year. Visitors to Rēkohu will be able to experience Mori culture of peace and hospitality, along with a focus on Eco-tourism and traditional kai. There will also be Job opportunities available.

All enquiries can be made to info@hengalodge.co.nz or by phoning: (03) 3050196



Member Spotlight

Janaya Preece

Janaya has just competed for Hawke's Bay netball at the U15 nationals in New Plymouth where she captained the team to a semi final which saw them come 4th. She then flew to Wellington to compete for Hawkes bay in the basketball nationals.



Janaya is now training back at the NZ Elite Academy in Hawkes Bay focusing on her 3rd NZ trial in October for U 15 basketball squad and looking forward to NZ Secondary Schools Nationals for netball and basketball in September. Congratulations Janaya! We wish you the best in your tournaments to come.

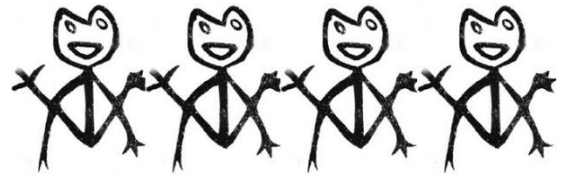
Remember that members can send items in to be included in the newsletters.

We would be happy to include your news and photos.

Lost Members

We have lost contact with some of our members and we would love to be back in touch with them. Do you know any of the below people or how to contact them? Please contact the office on Ph: 0800 MORIORI or Email: office@kopinga.co.nz if you can assist.

Ahkuoi, Shane	Gardyne, Catherine
Ahkuoi, Waymen	Godinet, Christopher
Armit, Nicholas	Godinet, Flora
Ashton, Che	Goomes, Sharon
Autheman, Shane	Gray, Zachary
Begg, Katrina	Henry, Sheryl
Bennett, Rawinia	Hohaia, Ranui
Brown, Joshua	Hunter, Theresa
Casey, John	Jackson, Darvee
Cope, Angelita	Kahukore, Tarei
Cope, Selwyn	McKenzie, Alexander
Crawford, Nathan	McManus, Bradley
Day, Winifred	McManus, Richard
Foster, Cameron	Noanoa, Matthew
Foster, Hayden	Noanoa, Sandra



Nohotima, Hinematiaro	Sheeran, Skye
Nohotima, Pinerete	Solomon, Michael
Nohotima, Te Tau Hou	StoneWalker, Erihapeti
Nohotima, Verdun	Thomas, Jasmine
Preece, Cindy	Tume, Liam
Preece, Darren	Vercoe, Bruce
Preece, James	Wainui, John
Preece, Kara-Lee	Watty, Melanie
Raihi, Jacqueline	White, Vicki
Ramea, Ana-Marie	
Remihana, Cedric	
Rereti, Junessa	
Ryan, Duncan	
Searle, Catherine	
Searle, Kieran	



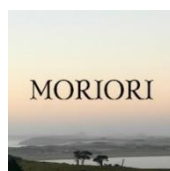
Contact Details and Communications Survey

Thank you to all those who have responded to the survey with contact updates and also feedback on HMT services to members. We have taken your ideas on board and will be making changes to the website and other social media. Many members responded to the survey asking for newsletters etc to be emailed rather than posted – this will save HMT a lot of money and enable faster communications. So if you are keen to save paper and trees let the office know your preferred form of contact is via email.



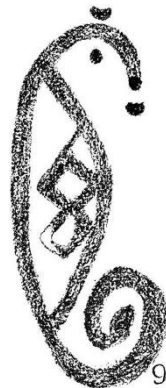
Social Media

The new website will go live very soon www.moriore.co.nz. Watch out for the launch date coming soon. You can also connect to Hokotehi on Facebook and HMT Instagram is also on its way soon.



Don't forget to subscribe to our Moriore Youtube channel to watch lots of videos of members.

Te Keke Tura 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 Moriore website). www.moriore.co.nz

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.

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ME RONGO

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TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

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Waitangi
Chatham Islands
16 May 1988

To support my belief that the moriori is another tribe of Maoridom, my wife and I, in 1960, decided to have Taia Bush made into an Historical Reserve to preserve the Moriori tree carvings and shell middens.

The bush was dying fast and as our aim was to encourage regeneration of the bush to save the tree carvings and prevent stock destroying the shell middens, we fenced off one hundred acres for the reserve.

We both felt that we were doing something to preserve some of the history of the Moriori, the first settlers of these Islands.

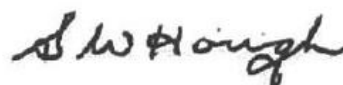
Thirteen years later our wish became reality, Taia Bush, an area of one hundred acres was made into the Historical Reserve that we wanted so much. Eight years later we offered to the Crown another Sixty acres of bush, known as Kairae, which also became an Historical Reserve. The creation of these reserves is our recognition of the Moriori people.

The spirit of the land is held by the natural inhabitants. In Wharekauri the natural inhabitants are the Moriori.

The statement that, "No Government or Court can decide Tangata Whenua", is true.

While there is disunity no claim will go before the Waitangi Tribunal. Unity is possible only when the Moriori is recognised as Tangata Whenua.

I hereby acknowledge the Moriori as Tangata Whenua of Wharekauri. I agree with the statements and aims of the Rekohu Claims Committee.



Sunday^w Hough

KAUMATUA