

TE IWI O NGAITAKOTO HONOUR THEIR OWN



Figure 1: Tarei Patuwairua (pictured left) with Rangitane Marsden both attend Te Hiku Iwi Ball at Te Ahu Centre, Kaitaia.

An announcement made online during the Queens Birthday weekend revealing those who were awarded Queens honors for 2014 listed one recipient as NgaiTakoto's very own Rangitane Marsden, CEO of Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto and lead negotiator for the Iwi. Rangitane was awarded The New Zealand Order of Merit: for services to Maori.

Rangitane accepts his award on behalf of whanau members who initiated the claims and other journeys of political, social movements in order to recognize Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its place in our lives to improving the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of our people. This journey is not yet complete, but the recognition and achievements to date are a substantial milestone.

He also goes on to say, we are now embarking on the next stage of the journey and we can now look ahead to the opportunities our younger generation will create within their time.

Rangitane specifically wants to recognise the following who initiated the treaty settlements journey: Wiki Karena, McCully Matiu, Simon Snowdon, Matiu Rata, and specifically for NgaiTakoto - Rev Maori Marsden, Rev Harold Petera, Lance Brown, Walter Erstich, Hiraina Marsden, Laddie and Harriet Cook and Rev Bert Karaka amongst many others and for those who lead the early trails of social change through Puao Te Ata Tu, may our journey end with the realisation of those aspirations.

Rangitane was a guest of honour at what was to have been the annual Te Rarawa ball but became the Te Hiku Iwi ball, where the night also acknowledged two other guests of honour Haami Piripi and Hekenukumai Busby who were also named Officers of the New Zealand Order of Merit this year.



The night was shared and enjoyed by Kaumatua and Kuia of Te Hiku Iwi.

The Official Investiture (formal ceremony) takes place this month in Wellington.

- RAPIATA HOKIANGA - AIMING HIGH

Throughout the month of June Rapiata Hokianga represented Te Rangi Aniwanuiwa at the NASA (Northland Area Schools Association) Rugby tournament. Over this period he played numerous prelim games which involved



demonstrating his ability to play the sport and working with teams from different schools. During one of his prelim games he was selected to play for the NASA rugby team as a 'Prop' representing the northland region in the South Island.

Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto supported Rapiata in his endeavors to travel to the South Island where he was joined by other young boys selected throughout Aotearoa, and given the opportunity to travel to Nelson for a week with the hope of being selected at a National level. He says being his first visit to the South Island and winter at that, the early mornings and late evenings were freezing, but the Southern Alps that surround Nelson were an awesome view to wake up to. He spent each morning in training and played 5 highly competitive games against teams of a professional level.

"I have learnt so much about team work as well as the skill and talent on the field and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the challenge"

There were two Rangatahi who were selected from Te Rangi Aniwanuiwa in Kaitaia, and although they were unsuccessful in making National level, they were both selected for the Northland Team, where members stretch from Brynderwyn to the Far North.

Rapiata would like to thank Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto for the opportunity to be able to play

the sport at a professional level and be able to meet and play with a team that he is proud to be a part of.

E nga Matua, nga Whaea, me nga rau Rangatira mo Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.



NGAITAKOTO YOUTH TAKE CHARGE

"Knowing I have a place, I am nurtured, there is a role for me in the bigger tribal picture and I have the support to make my dreams happen"

In August, Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto ran a series of Youth Hui in Whangarei, Kaitaia, and Auckland, lead by Missy Marsden, Awhi Marsden and Kaio Hooper.

These hui were set up to allow our Rangatahi to visualise and interpret their own perception of what the Vision and Purpose of the Iwi means to them and what that looks like within the bigger tribal picture. They were an extension of a workshop held earlier this year with the Board of Trustee's and influence future strategy and development of the Runanga.

Each hui focused on our Vision and Purpose of NgaiTakoto; Understanding Te Ara Hapara (The business plan) and Youth development - (what the next 20 year vision looks like for our Rangatahi and also the future generations of NgaiTakoto).

Our Vision:

"He iti pioke no Rangaunu he Au tona"

"If we live as we ought, we shall know things as they are, and if we see things as they are, our vision will help us to live as we ought"

- Rev Maori Marsden

The enjoyment of participating and contributing thoughts/ideas was shared amongst the Youth with regards to gaining a better understanding of the vision and purpose.

A good start to what is known as a first for NgaiTakoto Youth, with many more Hui to be planned to allow for our Rangatahi to share their vision within the Iwi.



- Te Wai Moho -

*Flensing Process of the 10m sperm whale
Te Wai Moho, meaning the "Reflection" - named by local
Iwi members.*

On August 13th, the body of a 10m long sperm whale washed up at Hukatere, about halfway up Ninety Mile Beach.

Its teeth and jaw were removed in a process known as flensing, by experts led by Ngatiwai's Hori Parata. Its flesh and viscera were buried while the jaw and other parts of the whale are in the care of NgaiTakoto Iwi, until a date set between Iwi in the area is established to hold a Wananga around how to utilize these taonga.

Benjamin Marsden from Whangarei - who was part of the crew who lead a hand in the four day flensing process - when asked about his experience said, *It was a awesome experience that I'm glad I made the trip for, a bit of history for our Iwi (NgaiTakoto) that me and my kids can proudly say that we were apart of.*

A big thanks to Kaio Hooper for his leadership role, Dale Mehana, Matiu Whatarau, Ihaka Korewha and Ngati Wai support crew for their help and other Te Hiku Iwi members.

If you have any queries regarding this terms Panui or you have news/updates that you would like featured in our next Panui email: Awhirangi Marsden - awhi@ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz





FESTIVAL

26 – 28 December 2014

Every year Te Iwi o NgaiTakoto come together in celebration of our past and present achievements and to strengthen our tribal identity by celebrating who we are. NgaiTakoto Whanau are invited to attend the three day NgaiTakoto Festival, 2014.

Programme

Hakinakina Netball, Touch, Ki-o-rahi, League, Basketball, Waka Ama, Kaumatua & Tamariki activities.

Registrations Registrations are available from the office, or email festival@ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz to request a form. Registration is \$15 per adult, \$2 per child, which includes entry into the sports activities and Saturday Awards dinner.

Merchandise A range of merchandise will be available to purchase from the office and also the festival from November.

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