

Te Kotahitanga o Te Arawa Waka Fisheries Trust Board



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Standing (Left-Right): Ron Roberts (Chairman) - Te Ure O Uenukukopako/Ngāti Whakaue, Frank Maika - Tūhourangi, Awhi Awhimate (Deputy Chairman) - Ngāti Makino, Rawiri Te Whare - Ngāti Tahu/Ngāti Whaoa, Manu Malcolm - Ngāti Tarāwhai

Sitting (Left-Right) - Kiri Potaka-Dewes - Ngāti Rangiteaorere, Tangihaere Dodd - Ngāti Rangiwewehi, Punohu McCausland - Waitaha

Not Pictured: Willie Emery - Ngāti Pikiao, Maurice Raureti - Ngāti Rangitihī, Teia Williams - Tapuika

This is the first edition of our Te Arawa Fisheries newsletter - Takutai.

We intend to publish quarterly with the purpose being to keep you informed of our activities and outline what is coming up in the near future. In this, our first edition, we look to 'The Year Ahead' and detail the key areas that we will be focussing on.

\$30,000 of Scholarships Available



An exciting opportunity awaits 30 new recruits in a new education venture that aims to see 500 Te Arawa uri supported into skilled employment by 2020.



Pare Hakaraia (Office Administrator), Shane Heremaia (General Manager), Olivia Gibbons (Contractor)



Recipients will each receive \$1000 per annum, mentoring while on the programme, as well as assistance with job placement at the end of their tertiary studies.

Application forms will be available from 2 February 2009 and close on 20 March 2009. For more information, please contact our office on (07) 349 3227.

Maureen Ann Malcolm is one recent recipient of a scholarship from Te Arawa Fisheries and knows first-hand just how important getting financial help with her studies was.

Maureen (Ngāti Tārawhai, Ngāti Pīkiao, Tapuika, Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Rangiwēwehi and Ngāti Ruanui) who just turned 19 and is the daughter of Tere and Jan Malcolm, completed Te Tohu Paetahi (TTP) at Waikato University in 2008. TTP is a year long te reo Māori immersion course.

Maureen, who grew up in Ngongotaha, has always enjoyed learning and was Deputy Head Girl at Western Heights and served on the Rotorua Youth Council. She now plans to do a conjoint LLB (Law) and Bachelor of Māori Studies degree.

Once her degree is completed, she plans to work with Māori communities with a focus on rangatahi.

The scholarship was important because "everything costs money at Uni", says Maureen. The scholarship from Te Arawa Fisheries helped her pay for her accommodation at the University's Halls of Residence and important text books. Without her scholarships it would have been so much harder to get through.

He Poroporoaki ki a Hukarere Dulcie Mohi

Te Arawa Fisheries would like to remember and acknowledge the life and contribution of Huka(re) Dulcie Mohi (nee Malcolm) who passed away at Awahou on 2 November 2008.

Over 5000 people attended the tangi of Huka and the whānau were very grateful for the support given by Te Arawa Fisheries through the provision of kaimoana.

Huka, who was born in 1938, was one of fifteen children to Makarita and Tute Malcolm. She was a native speaker and shared a deep cultural heritage, bringing together the whakapapa of Ngāti Tārawhai, Ngāti Pīkiao, Tapuika, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Rangiwēwehi and Ngāti Whakaue amongst many.

Married to her soulmate and esteemed kaumatua, Mita Mohi, they raised six children and went on to support twenty mokopuna and six great grandchildren.

Annual Meeting

To be held on Wednesday,
18th February, 6pm, Te Ao
Marama, Ohinemutu

Register to receive your benefits

Register now and ensure all your family (who are Te Arawa descendants) have registered too.

If you have already registered you are welcome to check your contact details are correct so that any correspondence from us gets to you quickly.

Registration forms are now available from our office:

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In other news

Board to distribute \$110,000 in total to representative iwi organisations in 2009

Iwi organisations will be contacted shortly regarding accessing these funds.

Customary Fisheries

2009 will also see Te Arawa Fisheries co-ordinating hui with our iwi aimed at developing a collaborative body and approach to the protection of our customary fisheries. The Trust Board also intends to work with iwi to undertake an assessment of our customary fisheries.

Te Arawa Communication

2006 census data produced by Statistics New Zealand shows that 61% of people who whakapapa to Te Arawa live outside the region. Therefore, in the year ahead we plan to improve communications with our Te Arawa people residing outside of the rohe. We will keep you posted.

Aramoana, Huka's daughter, says that her mother was a passionate advocate of te reo Māori and tikanga. She had a strong belief that the whānau had to be raised with a strong sense of identity and of being Māori.

Māori Party MP, Te Ururoa Flavell, spoke very highly of Huka, saying, "When she said, "you are it", it was like having thousands of warriors behind you". He went on to say that, "Huka was reflective, and her facial expressions told you if you were not on track, while her smile was a sign of endorsement." E e kuia, moe mai rā.

We will continue to supply fish for each of our tangihanga held on a Te Arawa marae. In the event of a tangihanga, whānau should contact Pare Hakaraia at our office on (07) 349 3227 to arrange the kaimoana.

Whitebait Return to the Kaituna

"Efforts to restore wetlands along the Kaituna are boosting whitebait numbers and helping improve the river environment" said Shane Heremaia, General Manager of Te Arawa Fisheries.

The Maketu Taiapure Trust, with the support of the [Western Bay Council](#), held planting days at the Borrow Pits on the lower Kaituna River in late August 2008. The planting is part of a Trust project aimed at expanding the wetlands habitat for native fish by excavating four new ponds along the river.



Less than one per cent of the Te Puke lowlands, once containing thousands of acres of flax swamp, is left in wetlands today. The impact on the Kaituna River of flood control measures, straightening, run-off from industry and farms, sewerage and algae has further degraded the habitat of local fisheries, both freshwater and marine.

Project leader, [Peter Ellery](#), encourages the building of more ponds to entice the fish in and thereby increase their numbers enough to make a difference to our coastal fisheries. Already, the new ponds are being inhabited by inanga, smelt, bullies, kahawai, yellow eyed mullet, pareore, stargazer and juvenile and adult flounder. Newly arriving shoals of whitebait and smelt have flooded into the new ponds and stayed there. At the same time, these wetland ponds improve water quality, flood control and plant, bird and fish productivity.



The Maketu Taiapure Trust is a committee set up to manage a 60 kilometre long stretch of coastal water centred on Okurei Point and including the Maketu and Little Waihi estuaries on behalf of tangata whenua. Chairman, Willy Emery, says this project provides a valuable



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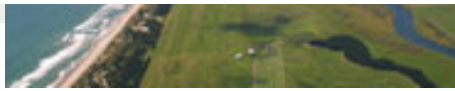
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opportunity for tangata whenua to support an initiative which will benefit fisheries in both the

freshwater and marine environments.

Ron Roberts, Chairman of Te Kotahitanga o Te Arawa Waka Fisheries Trust Board, acknowledged the responsibility of our iwi for Te Arawa's customary fisheries and supported the Maketu Taipure Trust's work on this project for the benefit of future generations. He observed that, "the ongoing challenge for the future will be to continue to work through such initiatives to strike the right balance between economic development and environmental protection".

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